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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Jim Larson
2139 Stage Coach Road
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RE: One Call Violations – Hamilton County

Dear Mr. Larson:

It has come to our attention that on or about May 4, 2017, you conducted excavations to look for a broken tile in rural Hamilton County, Iowa, near the intersection of Erickson Avenue and 210th Street, without providing 48-hours notice of the planned excavation to the owners and operators of underground facilities. Underground facilities, including a 4-inch diameter natural gas pipeline under 344 pounds per square inch of pressure (psi) and a 4-inch diameter natural gas pipeline under 50 psi, were not located and marked prior to the excavations. During the May 4, 2017 excavation, you hit and damaged the 4-inch diameter pipeline, resulting in remediation costs to the pipeline company.

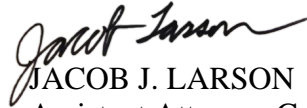
Failure to provide 48-hours notice of the excavation constitutes violation of Iowa Code sections 480.1A, 480.4(1)(a), and 480.4(1)(c)(1)-(8). Failure to notify the owner or operator of damage to an underground facility as a result of an excavation constitutes a violation of Iowa Code § 480.5 Iowa Code section 480.6(1)(a) authorizes the Attorney General to seek civil penalties up to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) per day of each such violation involving natural gas pipelines. Iowa Code section 480.6(1)(b) authorizes the Attorney General to seek civil penalties up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per day of each such violation to all other underground facilities. Injunctive relief is also authorized pursuant to Iowa Code section 480.7.

Notice of a planned excavation must be given by either filing a ticket online at www.iowaonecall.com or calling the One Call Notification Center at 1-800-292-8989 or 811 at least 48 hours prior to the excavation.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the Iowa One Call statute must be strictly complied with. Failure to comply may result in judicial enforcement proceedings initiated by our office pursuant to Iowa Code sections 480.6 and 480.7.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jacob" being more prominent.

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