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Dale Louk  
Owner  
YALE TILING, INC.  
311 Railroad Street  
P.O. Box 20  
Yale, Iowa 50277

RE: One Call Violations – Guthrie County

Dear Mr. Louk:

It has come to our attention that on or about November 7, 2017, Yale Tiling, Inc. (“Yale Tiling”) conducted excavations in Guthrie County, near 2332 Elm Avenue, Guthrie Center, Iowa, to install drainage tile, and the excavations occurred within twenty-five (25) feet of an underground natural gas transmission line without a representative of the transmission line owner or operator present. The excavations resulted in damage to a 26-inch natural gas transmission line operating at 709 pounds per square inch of pressure.

Although you requested a timely locate for the excavation and made several successful crossings with pipeline personnel present, you failed to adequately determine if there were any locate markings in the area of the excavation on Nov. 7, 2017—and consequently needed to have a representative of the natural gas transmission line on site—prior to commencing the excavation that day. You are fortunate that this incident did not result in injury, or worse, to any of your employees, pipeline employees, or first responders.

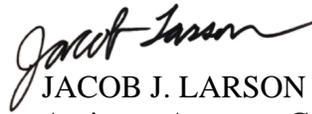
Failure to have a representative of the operator of an underground natural gas transmission line on site while excavations are conducted within 25 feet of the transmission line constitutes a violation of Iowa Code section 480.4(3)(a)(3). Iowa Code section 480.6(1)(a) authorizes the Attorney General to 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](http://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,



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