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RELIABILITY & SECURITY

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT. N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 ET SEQ.

Parties of Record:

Nick DePoto, Elizabethtown Gas Linda Baran, Metro Corp Plumbing Steven Wardell, Cranford DPW Steven Mattiola, Mattiola Services Frank Coriano. Public Service Electric and Gas Jaun Urro, LandTek Construction Phillip Marone, Marone Contractors Jeff Stanislaski, Assuncao Bros., Inc. Mike Vizzard, G.M. White Electrical Tom Frank, Joseph Fazzio, Inc. Errol Ramiz, Errol's Landscaping Cathy Hanna, Alcoa Concrete William Tappin, South Jersey Gas Luis Teran, Land Style Enterprises Ralph Hillmer, Jersey Central Power and Light James Bruno, Telecable Craig Lynch. New Jersey Natural Gas Wayne Scibilia, Whistle Stop Anthony Baricevich, New Monmouth Builders

BY THE BOARD:

The Board of Public Utilities ("Board") has jurisdiction to oversee and enforce the provisions of the Underground Facility Protection Act ("the Act") pursuant to the provisions set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:2-73, et seq. The primary purpose of the Act is to establish the One-Call Damage Prevention System for the protection of underground facilities that are used for the conveyance of water, forced sewage, telecommunications, cable television, electricity, oil, petroleum products, gas, optical signals, traffic control, or for the transportation of a hazardous liquid. In declaring its findings and the purpose of the Act, the Legislature stated, in pertinent part:

ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENTS

DOCKET NOs.GS16020186K et al. (see attached appendix) That damage to underground facilities caused by excavation and the discharge of explosives poses a significant risk to the public safety; that such damage to underground natural gas facilities poses a substantial risk to the public safety; and that the implementation of a comprehensive One-Call Damage Prevention System can substantially reduce the frequency of damage caused by these activities.

The Legislature therefore determines that it is in the public interest for the State to require all operators of underground facilities to participate in a One-Call Damage Prevention System and to require all excavators to notify the One-Call Damage Prevention System prior to excavation or demolition.

N.J.S.A. 48:2-74.

The Act defines "excavator" as "any person performing excavation or demolition ..." and "operator" as "a person owning or operating, or controlling the operation of, an underground facility...." N.J.S.A. 48:2-75.

The Act subjects violators of its provisions to civil penalties of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$2,500.00 per violation per day, not to exceed \$25,000.00 for any related series of violations. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-88(a). Violations relating to natural gas or hazardous liquid underground pipelines or distribution facilities shall subject the violator to civil penalties not to exceed \$100,000.00 per violation per day and not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for any related series of violations. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-86(c). In addition, a violator may be assessed the cost of any Board investigation, inspection or monitoring survey which leads to the establishment of a violation and for the reasonable costs of preparing and litigating the matter. <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-86(b)(2).

Following reports of failure to call the System prior to commencing excavation or demolition activities, failure to hand dig and locate facilities, failure to use reasonable care, or reports of failure to mark out underground facilities or properly mark them, Board Staff contacted the entities listed on the attached Appendix and informed them of the date and location of the alleged violations, also listed on the Appendix.

In an attempt to resolve these matters, each excavator or operator listed on the Appendix has submitted an Offer of Settlement to the Board for its consideration. Each such Offer of Settlement is summarized in the Appendix. The Offers of Settlement were made available to the Board for its review. After consideration of the matters, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> these Offers of Settlement to be reasonable and in the public interest, and <u>HEREBY ACCEPTS</u> these Offers of Settlement in full satisfaction of the above referenced alleged violations of the Act.

By acceptance of the various Offers of Settlement and the timely payment thereof, the excavator or operator has waived any rights to a hearing, and the Board has waived any rights to bring an action for civil penalties as permitted by the Underground Facility Protection Act in connection with the above-referenced alleged violations of the Act. It must also be noted that the acceptance of the Offers of Settlement are for settlement purposes only, and apply strictly to the specific incidents described in the Appendix. This acceptance is without prejudice as to the position of the State of New Jersey or any agency or subdivision thereof if other violations are present, now or in the future.

This Order shall be effective on March 28, 2016.

NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE RESPONDENTS IS REQUIRED

3-18-16 DATED: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY: RICHARD S. MROZ PRESIDENT

JOSÉPH L. FIORDALISO

COMMISSIONER

DIANNE SOLOMON COMMISSIONER

IRENE KIM ASBURY

ATTEST:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities

SECRETARY

COMMISSIONER

UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA COMMISSIONER

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SERVICE LIST

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Frank Coriano Public Service Electric and Gas 410 Silver Lake Ave., Edison, NJ 08817

Juan Urro LandTek Construction 875 River Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854

Phillip Marone Marone Contractors 160 Crown Point Rd., West Deptford, NJ 08086

Jeff Stanislaski Assuncao Bros., Inc. 29 Wood Ave., Edison, NJ 08820 Mike Vizzard G.M. White Electrical 2554 North Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360

Tom Frank Joseph Fazzio, Inc. 697 Porchtown Rd., Franklinville, NJ 08322

Errol Ramiz Errol's Landscaping 45 Jackson Mills Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Cathy Hanna Alcoa Concrete 1221 Hayes Blvd., Bristol, PA 19007

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Luis Teran Land Style Enterprises 17 E. Broadway Hackensack, NJ 07601

Ralph Hillmer Jersey Central Power and Light 300 Madison Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962

James Bruno Telecable 1511 New Market Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 Craig Lynch NJ Natural Gas 1415 Wyckoff Rd, Wall, NJ 07719

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IN THE MATTER OF: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT, N.J.S.A. 48:2-73 ET.SEQ. ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENTS

Bureau of One Call - Settlements - APPENDIX-March VIA 2016

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1140.	Case No.	Type of Violation	Penalty	Operator	Excavator	Date	Description/Location	Received
GS16020186K	GOC2015-0955	Did not properly mark	\$3,000	Elizabethtown Gas		7/21/2015	Front St., Scotch Plains	2/9/2016
GS16020185K	GOC2015-0735	Did not properly mark	\$3,000	Elizabethtown Gas		6/18/2015	North Ave E., Cranford	2/9/2016
		Did not have a valid			Metro Corp			
GS16020184K	GOC2014-1109	markout	\$3,000		Plumbing	10/28/2014	Lafayette Blvd., Lakewood	12/31/2015
		Did not have a valid						
G\$16020183K	GOC2015-0271	markout	\$3,000		Cranford DPW	4/15/2015	Garden Pl., Cranford	1/26/2016
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GS16020182K	GOC2015-0504	markout	\$3,000		Mattiola Services	5/11/2015	Cliffs	2/1/2016
GS16020181K	GOC2015-1302	Did not properly mark	\$3,000	PSE&G		9/16/2015	Dixie Lane, Plainfield	1/22/2016
		Did not have a valid			LandTek			
GS16020180K	GOC2015-0183	markout	\$3,000		Construction	4/1/2015	Route 27, Iselin	12/31/2015
		Did not have a valid						
ES16020179K	EOC2015-0039		\$2,000		Marone Contractors	1/5/2015	Cornus Ct., Williamstown	1/7/2016
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GS16020140K	GOC2015-0439	markout	\$3,000		Errol's Landscape	4/25/2015	Hall Rd., Freehold	1/20/2016
		Did not have a valid						
ES16020147K	EOC2015-0012		\$2,000		Alcoa Concrete	2/19/2015	Tamar Ct., Lawrence	1/15/2016
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ES10020140K	EUC2014-006/	non-gas	\$2,000	PSE&G		4/3/2014	William St., East Urange	1/13/2016
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GS16020143K	GOC2015-1297		\$3,000		Enterprises	9/14/2015	Highwood Rd., Mahwah	1/18/2016
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ES16020142K	EOG2015-0141	non-gas	\$2,000	JCP&L		6/22/2015	Lake Rd., Roosevelt	1/13/2016
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