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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

Docket Nos. GS12050401K, et al. (see attached appendix)

Parties of Record:

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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:

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 One-Call Damage Prevention System ("the System") coordinates communication and responsive action between these two groups of persons. N.J.S.A. 48:2-80, -82.

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 for any related series of violations. N.J.S.A. 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. 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. N.J.S.A. 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 these matters, the Board HEREBY FINDS these Offers of Settlement to be reasonable and in the public interest, and HEREBY ACCEPTS 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.

The effective date of this Order is May 9, 2013.

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NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE RESPONDENTS IS REQUIRED

DATED:

4/29/13

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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Bureau of One Call - Settlements -APPENDIX-April 2013

Damage Type	BPU Dkt No.	One Call Case No.	Type of Violation	Penalty	Operator	Excavator	Violation Date	Description/Location	Payment Received
Damage, Gas	GS12050401K	GOC2010-0109	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Viola Construction	08/10/10	Van Beuren Rd Morristown	11/25/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050402K	GOC2010-0112	Did not properly mark out	\$ 3,000.00	PSE&G		08/16/10	University Ave Newark	05/02/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050403K	GOC2011-0001	Did not properly mark out			Chestnut Ridge Rd. Woodcliff			
Damage, Gas	GS12050404K	GOC2011-0007	Did not have a valid markout			S. Roosevelt , Brigantine	11/03/11		
Damage, Gas		GOC2011-0008	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Feriozzi Concrete		S. Roosevelt , Brigantine	01/27/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050406K	GOC2011-0011	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Giberson Plumbing		Stockton Ave. Cape May City	11/02/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050407K	GOC2011-0012	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Mantua Twp	01/25/11	S Main St Mantua Twp	12/23/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050408K	GOC2011-0016	Failure to Use Reasonable Care	\$ 3,000.00		John Boyd Inc		Ride Ave. Lakewood	01/20/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050409K	GOC2011-0017	Failure to Use Reasonable Care	\$ 3,000.00		Due Process Stables		Rt 537 Colts Neck	09/28/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050410K	GOC2011-0019	Did not properly mark out	\$ 3,000.00	NJ Natural Gas			8th Ave Manchester	12/07/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050411K	GOC2011-0021	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Marlin Construction	03/29/11	Bennetts Mills Jackson	01/09/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050412K	GOC2011-0023	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		GMP Contractor	04/13/11	Hoes Lane Piscataway	11/30/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050413K	GOC2011-0025	Did not properly mark out	\$ 3,000.00	PSE&G		03/15/11	Burnham Rd Morris Plains	01/23/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050414K	GOC2011-0028	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Clark DPW	03/28/11	Westfield Ave Clark	01/05/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050415K	GOC2010-0029	Did not properly mark out / fire / road closure	\$ 25,000.00	PSE&G		04/19/10	Old Georgetown Rd/RD 518 Franklin Twp.	02/03/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050416K	GOC2011-0031	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Crowley's Landscaping	03/15/11	Hurfville Rd Deptford	11/03/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050417K	GOC2011-0042	Did not properly mark out	\$ 3,000.00	SJG		09/27/11	Williamstown Rd. Gloucester	02/01/11
Damage, Gas	GS12050418K	GOC2011-0032	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		South Shore Contractors	victor a time time	Asbury Ave. Ocean City	01/06/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050419K	GOC2011-0006	Did not have a valid markout	\$ 3,000.00		Thaler Electric Inc		W Kennedy Lakewood	02/14/12
Damage, Gas	GS12050420K	GOC2011-0004	Did not properly mark out	\$ 3,000.00	NJ Natural Gas			Druy Ln Asbury Park	11/09/11
Damage, Water		WOC2009-0001	Did not properly mark out / road closuer	\$ 6,000.00	United Water			48th Street & Tonnelle Ave North Bergen	07/29/10
No Damage	AS12050422K		Did not have a valid markout /falsified emergency	\$ 9,000.00		Highway Safety Systems		Rt 18 & Millingtown Rd E.Brunswick	07/11/08
No Damage	TS12050423K	OC 15-09	Non Compliant Mark Out Flags	\$ 1,000.00	Verizon		09/01/09	general	11/02/10
No Damage	CS12050424K	OC 14-09	Non Compliant Mark Out Flags	\$ 1,000.00	Cablevision		09/22/10	general	10/06/10
Damage, Water	WS12050425K	WOC2008-0001	Did not have a valid	\$ 1,000.00		Empco Contracting	Controllyric	Wakelee Rd & Hardenburg Ave Demarrest	06/23/08
Total	25			\$100,000.00					