



Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

P.O. Box 734 • Poulsbo, WA 98370

July 30, 2018

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Mark Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Members of the Commission
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Review Committee Decision - Case Number 18-066
GeoEngineers vs CenturyLink

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received a complaint regarding a potential violation of the Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030(4)(a) for work performed on 6/12/2018

On July 18, 2018, the Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee Review Board heard complaint Case 18-066 GeoEngineers vs CenturyLink.

The Review Committee determined that the respondent, CenturyLink, did violate RCW 19.122.030(4)(a) for not providing information to an excavator pursuant to subsection (3) no later than 2 business days.

The Review Committee recommends the following penalty be assessed to the respondent: CenturyLink be fined \$1000.00.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this case. I can be contacted at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, Chair

cc: Lynda Holloway, UTC

Ethan Donahue, GeoEngineers

Ty Lemaster, CenturyLink

wsdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com

From: sendmail@washington-ucc.org
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 1:58 PM
To: wsdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com
Subject: Complaint Form

Complaint Form Request

Requester Information

Name: Ethan Donahue
Company: GeoEngineers
Company Phone: (509)280-5318
Company Email: edonahue@geoengineers.com
Company Address: 523 E 2nd Ave, Spokane, 99202
Ticket Requested: yes
Ticket Number: 18240932
Ticket Date: 06/07/2018

Violation Information

Violation RCW: RCW 19.122.030
Violation Section: 19.122.030 (4) (a)
Violation Description: Did not mark site within 2 business days, caused 5 hour delay
Violation Address: Colfax Airport Access Road
Violation Date: 06/12/2018

Alleged Violator

Violator Name: USIC, marking for Century Link
Violator Phone Number: (800)778-9140
Violator Email: davidgallant@usicllc.com
Violator Address: 16928 Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE B-100, Woodinville, 98072
Violator Employess On Site:

Ty Lemaster
Manager Region Operations
904 N Columbus, Spokane, WA 99202
ty.lemaster@centurylink.com
(509)835-4600 Office
(509)818-6522 Mobile

Other Information

Other Information:

Ethan Donahue

From: wa@occinc.com
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Ethan Donahue
Subject: Ticket: 18240932

WASHINGTON UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

This ticket is valid for 45 days from the legal start date and time. The expiration date and time is 07/22/2018 11:45 AM .

Washington Ticket#: 18240932 2 FULL BUSINESS DAYS
Transmit Date: 6/07/18 Time: 1:11 PM
Original Call Date: 6/07/18 Time: 11:43 AM Type: WEB
Work to Begin Date: 6/12/18 Time: 12:00 AM

Caller Information

Company: GEOENGINEERS Type: NON-MEMBER
Contact Name: ETHAN DONAHUE Phone: (509) 363-3125
Alt. Contact: ETHAN DONAHUE Phone: (509) 280-5318
Best Time: Fax: (509) 363-3126
Address: 523 E 2ND AVE; SPOKANE, WA 99202
Caller Email: EDONAHUE@GEOENGINEERS.COM

Dig Site Information

Type of Work: TEST BORES
Work Being Done For: PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY

Dig Site Location

County: WHITMAN State: WA
Place: COLFAX
Address / Street: COLFAX AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD
Nearest Intersection: AIRPORT RD

Location of Work:

SITE IS LOCATED ON NORTH SIDE OF COLFAX AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILE EAST OF INTERSECTION WITH AIRPORT ROAD. MARK 50 FOOT RADIUS FROM EACH OF FOUR WHITE STAKE AND WHITE PAINT ON GROUND MARKS NORTH OF COLFAX AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD. LOCATIONS B-1 AND B-3 ARE EAST AND WEST OF SOUTHERN AIRPORT BUILDINGS. LOCATIONS B-2 AND B-4 ARE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE NORTHERN AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

Remarks:

AREA MARKED IN WHITE : +++BEST INFO AVAIL - GPS IS WEST OF INTER - COLFAX AIRPORT ACCESS RD ONLY : GOES WEST FROM INTER+++

Map Twp: 16N Rng: 43E Sect-Qtr: 28-NW-NE,27-NW,22-SW,21-SW-SE
Caller Lat: 46.857355 Lon: -117.414353 Zone: Caller Nad: 83
Excavation Coordinates for # Polygons: 1
Poly 1: NW Lat: 46.8593567 Lon: -117.4198749 SE Lat: 46.8546703 Lon: -117.4087811


Members Notified

District	Company	Marking Concerns	Customer Service	Repair
AP2S802	AVISTA	(509)336-6240	(800)227-9187	(800)227-9187
COLFAX01	CITY OF COLFAX	(509)397-3861	(509)397-4606	(509)397-4606
JONTEL01	ST. JOHN TELEPHONE COMPANY	(509)648-3322	(509)648-3322	(509)648-3322
POWC03	PORT OF WHITMAN COUNTY	(509)397-3791	(509)397-3791	(509)397-3791
QLNWA29	CTLQL-CENTURYLINK	(800)778-9140	(800)283-4237	(800)573-1311

Excavator Responsibilities

- Please click on the following link to verify and confirm that the area covered represents the correct and complete work site area.
[Link To Map for C_EMAIL](#)
- If the area covered is incomplete or inaccurate, it is your responsibility to notify the center immediately to update and correct the locate. Failure to do so could result in a delay or an incomplete utility locate.
- Any other utilities or notification centers not listed, you will need to contact separately.

Phone number
dialed by field staff

 523 East Second Avenue Spokane, Washington 99202 509.363.3125	Field Report		File Number: 1665-004-00
	Project: Flight Line Drive Realignment & Drainage Improvements		Date: 6/12/2018
	Owner/Client: Port of Whitman County	Time of Arrival: 09:15	Report Number: 1
Prepared by: Jason J. Besendorfer	Location: Whitman County, Washington	Time of Departure: 16:30	Page: 1 of 1
Purpose of visit: Geotechnical Drilling	Weather: Mostly sunny, 70's (°F)	Travel Time: 3.5 hours	Permit Number:
Upon arrival to the site I assessed personal safety hazards: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to Site Safety Plan and Safety Tailgate if applicable Safety Hazards Were Addressed by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staying Alert to Construction and Equipment Hazards <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)			

Summary of Activities and Observations:

We (Dave Thompson, Garrett Hendrick, Jason Besendorfer) arrived on site at the request of Myaak Engineering, PLLC to explore subsurface conditions for the proposed Port of Whitman County Flight Line Drive Realignment and Drainage Improvements in Whitman County, Washington. We were delayed while we waited for utility companies who had not responded to the one-call ticket. After the boring locations were cleared, we drilled four borings (B-1 through B-4) to depths in the range of about 5 to 15 feet using a truck mounted CME-75 hollow-stem auger drill rig owned and operated by GeoEngineers.

The Flight Line Drive Realignment & Drainage Improvements project site is located south of the Port of Whitman Business Air Center airport runway and north of Heglar Drive. The east side of the site is bounded by undeveloped farmland and the west side of the site is bounded by minimally developed or undeveloped airport property. The project site is roughly 1,000 feet wide in the east-west direction and 300 feet wide in the north-south direction. An existing low-lying drainage swale vegetated with grass occupies portions of the northeast corner of the site. The swale is about 1 to 3 feet deeper than surrounding grade. Additionally, an existing drainage ditch parallels the north side of Heglar Road. A septic drain field vegetated with grass is located in the southeast portion of the site and a field vegetated with grass occupies the southwest portion of the site. Multiple airport buildings are located near the center and west sides of the site. Crushed rock surfacing has been used at the ground surface surrounding the buildings and the building driveway areas. In general, the site tends to slope to the southwest but there are spots of local variation such as the previously mentioned swale.

An approximate timeline of our drilling activities is below.

Observations and Activities:

- 09:15 We arrive on site. On arrival, we visit the location of each of our borings to check for utility markings. We observe a hydrant and a telephone pedestal near boring B-3 that do not appear to have been located. Avista locate marks are present. The archeologist also arrives on site around this time.
- 09:31 We begin calling utilities listed on the one-call. We call the City of Colfax.
- 09:34 We call port of Whitman county
- 09:39 We call St. John Telephone Company.
- 09:48 We call ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC}. The call drops after 11 minutes.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIS FIELD REPORT IS PRELIMINARY A preliminary report is provided solely as evidence that field observation was performed. Observations and/or conclusions and/or recommendations conveyed in the final report may vary from and shall take precedence over those indicated in a preliminary report.	FIELD REPRESENTATIVE	DATE
	Jason J. Besendorfer	
<input type="checkbox"/> THIS FIELD REPORT IS FINAL A final report is an instrument of professional service. Any conclusions drawn from this report should be discussed with and evaluated by the professional involved.	REVIEWED BY	DATE

This report presents opinions formed as a result of our observation of activities relating to our services only. We rely on the contractor to comply with the plans and specification throughout the duration of the project irrespective of the presence of our representative. Our work does not include supervision or direction of the work of others. Our firm will not be responsible for job or site safety of others on this project. **DISCLAIMER:** Any electronic form, facsimile or hard copy of the original document (email, text, table, and/or figure), if provided, and any attachments are only a copy of the original document. The original document is stored by GeoEngineers, Inc. and will serve as the official document of record.

Attachments: None

Distribution:

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- 09:59 We call CenturyLink again. We are on hold for about 30 minutes and call drops.
- ~10:15 A port of Whitman representative arrives and checks blueprints of their utilities in the area.
- 10:45 We call Ethan to let him know we are waiting for utility companies.
- 10:47 We call St. John Telephone Company and they provide contact info for ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC} lead technician.
- 10:51 We call the ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC} lead technician. He indicates he will get someone to come to the site and will call back with an ETA. (425-677-0331)
- ~11:15 Kathy with Myaak Engineering arrives.
- 11:27 The ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC} lead technician provides an ETA. The technician who will mark the site is about an hour out. We go to lunch.
- 12:25 We return to the site.
- 12:45 ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC} technician who will mark the site calls. He indicates he is at least 45 minutes out. (425-236-6146)
- 14:15 ~~CenturyLink~~ ^{USIC} technical arrives and indicates we are clear to drill boring B-3 where we have the drill set up. We begin drilling.
- 16:10 We finish drilling the remainder of the borings. Dave leaves in the drill rig. The archeologist also leaves the site. I photograph the site.
- 16:30 We leave the site.



Typical Locate Mark w/ gas and electric
OK's (as observed upon arrival on-site
6/12/18 at 9:15 am)

Ethan Donahue

From: cl_irth_comm@irth.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Ethan Donahue
Subject: Ticket 18240932 - Centurylink Locate Notification

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To: GEOENGINEERS Attn: ETHAN DONAHUE
Voice: 5093633125 Fax: 5093633126
Re: Centurylink Locate Notification

Message from CenturyLink This is an important message from CenturyLink replying to your request to locate our underground facilities in an area described on the one call center ticket. If you have any questions please call CenturyLink at 1-800-283-4237

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Ticket: 18240932
County: WHITMAN Place: COLFAX
Address: COLFAX AIRPORT ACCESS RD

QLNWA29:
The described dig area of your locate request has been marked. CenturyLink Local Network facilities are present in the dig area. If you have any questions, please call CenturyLink at 800-283-4237 for former Qwest areas and 855-742-6062 for CenturyLink.

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Centurylink

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This message was generated by an automated system. Please do not reply to this email.

Labor Detail

Friday, July 13, 2018

9:31:31 AM

GeoEngineers, Inc.

Job-to-Date through 7/31/2018

Show Unposted

		Date	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total Hours	Total Billing
Project Number: 001665-004-00 Port of Whitman Co/Flight Line Dr Realign						
Task Number: 0150 Delays From Unmarked Utilites						
* 00393	Thompson, David	6/12/2018	5.00		5.00	
01357	Donahue, Ethan	6/12/2018	3.00		3.00	381.00
01357	Donahue, Ethan	6/14/2018	1.00		1.00	127.00
u 01357	Donahue, Ethan	7/13/2018				
01479	Besendorfer, Jason	6/12/2018	4.50		4.50	486.00
02599	Hendrick, Garrett	6/12/2018	5.00		5.00	255.00
Total for 0150			18.50		18.50	1,249.00
Total for 001665-004-00			18.50		18.50	1,249.00
Final Totals			18.50		18.50	1,249.00

Expense Detail

Friday, July 13, 2018

9:31:51 AM

GeoEngineers, Inc.

Job-to-Date through 7/31/2018

	Reference Number	Date	Amount	Description
Project Number: 001665-004-00 Port of Whitman Co/Flight Line Dr Realign				
Task Number: 0150 Delays From Unmarked Utilites				
Reimbursable Expenses				
5330 APC COSTS				
	* 0000540	6/15/2018	-4.25	/ -4.25 APC @ 0 -4.25 APC @ 1.00
	* 0000540	6/15/2018	100.25	/ 100.25 APC @ 0 100.25 APC @ 1.00
	0000323	7/6/2018	-21.00	/ -21.0 APC @ 0 -21.0 APC @ 1.00
Total for 5330			75.00	
5350 Drilling				
	0000530	6/15/2018	900.00	SPOK - DRILLING 06.12.18 / 5.0 Hours @ 0 5.0 Hours @ 180.00
	0000322	7/6/2018	-900.00	SPOK - DRILLING 06.12.18 / -5.0 Hours @ 0 -5.0 Hours @ 180.00
	0000323	7/6/2018	675.00	SPOK - DRILLING 06.12.18 / 5.0 Hours @ 0 5.0 Hours @ 135.00
Total for 5350			675.00	
Total for Reimbursable Expenses			750.00	
Total for 0150			750.00	
Total for 001665-004-00			750.00	
Final Totals			750.00	