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**From:** sendmail@washington-ucc.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** wsdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Complaint Form

## Complaint Form Request

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### Requester Information

**Name:** Linda Burger  
**Company:** Avista Corp  
**Company Phone:** (509)495-4423  
**Company Email:** linda.burger@avistacorp.com  
**Company Address:** 1411 E. Mission Ave, Spokane, 99202  
**Ticket Requested:** yes  
**Ticket Number:** 19325869  
**Ticket Date:** 07/29/19

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### Violation Information

**Violation RCW Code:** 19.122.030 (5)  
**Violation Section:** 19.122.030 (5) An excavator must not excavate until all known facility operators have marked or provided information regarding underground facilities  
**Violation Description:** Neighborhood Fence put in a locate ticket on 7/29/19, 19325869 at 22751 Appleway in Liberty Lake that was not valid to work until 8/1/19 which is 2 full business days. The fence crew started digging for post holes on 7/31/19 prior to Avista's locator arriving to locate their gas and electric facilities  
**Violation Address:** 22751 E Appleway, Liberty Lake, WA  
**Violation Date:** 07/31/2019

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### Alleged Violator

**Violator Name:** Neighborhood Fence  
**Violator Phone Number:** (509)624-0416  
**Violator Email:** raylspies@gmail.com  
**Violator Address:** 11619 E. Cooper Rd, Mead, 99021  
**Violator Employess On Site:** Randy (unknown last name) was on the fence crew onsite

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## Case 19-077

### Other Information

**Other Information:** Neighborhood Fence augered directly over Avista's pipeline to install a fence post without having waited the 2 full business days for locate marks. Additional supporting documentation and photos are being sent separately.

**Supporting Documentation**  
**Avista vs Neighborhood Fence Complaint**  
**August 21, 2019**

**Date of Violation:** July 31st, 2019

**Excavator Information:** Neighborhood Fence, 11619 E Cooper Rd, Mead, WA 99021  
(Ray Spies, [raylspies@gmail.com](mailto:raylspies@gmail.com), (509) 624-0416 information on locate ticket) onsite: Randy (don't know last name) was on the crew

**Location of Damage:** 22751 E Appleway, Liberty Lake, WA

**Locate Ticket Number:** 19325869

**Alleged Violation:** 19.122.030 (5) An excavator must not excavate until all known facility operators have marked or provided information regarding underground facilities

Summary of Violation:

Neighborhood Fence put in a locate ticket on 7/29/19, 19325869 at 22751 Appleway in Liberty Lake that was not valid to work until 8/1/19 which is 2 full business days. The fence crew started digging for post holes on 7/31/19 prior to Avista's locator arriving to locate. **Attachment #1** vicinity map and area of conflict and **Attachment #2** is copy of the locate ticket.

On August 5, 2019 Avista's inspector stopped at the job site because the ticket was flagged as a high consequence ticket due to a high pressure pipeline in the area of the locate ticket and found that the posts were installed and concreted over the top of Avista's 6" steel high pressure pipeline that was operating at 160 psig. Avista's inspector found in talking with the fencing crew that they started work on July 31, 2019 augering all the posts for the fencing. Which was confirmed by the locator, when he showed up late in the afternoon on July 31<sup>st</sup> the post holes had already been augered. **See Attachment #3** for locator's ticket comments and **see Attachments #5 – #8** for locator's pictures.

Neighborhood Fence augered directly over Avista's pipeline to install a fence post without having waited the 2 full business days for locate marks. One of the posts was installed within feet of a pipeline marker and should have been a clue to stop and wait for locates **see photo in Attachment #4**. Neighborhood Fence came close enough to the depth of the pipeline to get into the bedding sand on top of the pipeline. Luckily there was no damage done to the pipe; however, if the auger had hit the 160 psig pipeline, there could have been serious consequences.

Avista's concern is that if there was damage done to the pipe, we may not have found out about it until a leak developed if Avista's inspector had not stumbled upon them while still working. This property is being developed as a large RV Park.

**Attachment #1** – Vicinity map of location of alleged violation, red circle indicates area of conflict with fence and pipeline



**Attachment #2 – Locate ticket 19325869**

## Washington One Call

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**Ticket No:** 19325869 2 FULL BUSINESS DAYS  
**Original Call Date:** 07/29/19 09:28 am  
**Work to Begin Date:** 08/01/19 12:00 am ←  
**Expiration Date:** 09/12/19 09:30 am

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**TICKET ACTIONS**

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**CALLER INFORMATION**

**Company Name:** NEIGHBORHOOD FENCE  
**Contact Name:** RAY SPIES **Phone:** 509-624-0416  
**Alt. Contact:** RANDY/CELL - CALL 1ST **Phone:** 509-216-9145  
**Fax Phone:**  
**Caller Address:** 11619 E COOPER RD MEAD, WA 99021  
**Email Address:** raylspies@gmail.com

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**DIG SITE INFORMATION**

**Type of Work:** INSTALL FENCE  
**Work Being Done For:** NEIGHBORHOOD FENCE

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**DIG SITE LOCATION**

**State:** WA **County:** SPOKANE  
**Place:** LIBERTY LAKE **Address:** 22751  
**Street:** APPLEWAY AVE  
**Intersecting Street:** SIGNAL  
**Location of Work:** EXCAVATION SITE IS ON THE N SIDE OF THE ROAD. ADD IS APX 500FT W FROM THE ABV INTER MARK THE MIDDLE OF THE BACK N PROP LINE AT THE ABV ADD  
 ++ ADD IS INSIDE RV PARK++  
**Remarks:** READ THE AREA MARKED IN WHITE STATEMENT - AREA WILL NOT BE MARKED IN WHITE  
**Map Coord NW Lat:** 47.6772237 **Lon:** -117.1037852  
**SE Lat:** 47.6724808 **Lon:** -117.0952260

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**MEMBERS NOTIFIED**

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Customer Service	Repair	Status	Status History
AVSP101	AVISTA	888-728-9343	800-227-9187	800-227-9187	Marked, Complete	
AVSP201	AVISTA	888-728-9343	800-227-9187	800-227-9187	Marked, Complete	
AVSP301	AVISTA	888-728-9343	800-227-9187	800-227-9187	Marked, Complete	

**Attachment #3 – Locator comments from ticket 19325869 all post holes were completed upon the locator’s arrival on 7/31/19**

Export							Ticket	Messages	Pictures	Map	Status	Data Collection	QA
TicketNumber	Rev	TicketType	StreetAddress	City	State	CompanyName	<b>Work Date:</b> 7/30/2019 <b>Form Name:</b> Ticket <b>Comments:</b>  <b>Work Date:</b> 7/31/2019 <b>Form Name:</b> Ticket <b>Comments:</b> AVISTA-E - JE 7/31 ALL THE POSTS ARE IN THE GROUND WORK IS FINISHED; AVISTA-G - ; AVISTA-F - NO AVA F/O;  <b>Work Date:</b> 8/5/2019 <b>Form Name:</b> Ticket <b>Comments:</b> AVISTA-E - JE 7/31 ALL THE POSTS ARE IN THE GROUND WORK IS FINISHED; AVISTA-G - ; AVISTA-F - NO AVA F/O; Ticket Reopened On 8/5/2019 by Proszek, Tyler P AVISTA-E - JE 8/5 LOCATED 3-PHASE THRU THE DIG AREA; AVISTA-G - LOCATED 2"PE MAIN THRU DIG AREA LOCATED 6"HP STL MAIN THRU DIG AREA;						
19325869	0	Regular Notice	22751 APPLEWAY AVE	LIBERTY LAKE	WA	NEIGHBORHOOD FENCE							
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**Attachment #4** – Photo of fence post in relation to where the 6" high pressure pipeline located out. Also notice the yellow pipeline marker, which should have been a clue to wait for locates.



**Attachment #5** – 3 Locator's pictures upon his arrival showing that post holes had already been augered



Ticket: 19325869.0 Timestamp: 7/31/2019 4:21:17 PM

**Attachment #6** – 3 Locator's pictures upon his arrival showing that post holes had already been augered



Ticket: 19325869.0 Timestamp: 7/31/2019 4:21:07 PM

**Attachment #7** – 3 Locator's pictures upon his arrival showing that post holes had already been augered



Ticket: 19325869.0 Timestamp: 7/31/2019 4:21:12 PM

**Attachment #8** – Photo of locates in relation to fence posts

