



# Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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March 16, 2020

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 20-005 Columbia Rural Electric Assoc. vs. Triple S Excavating

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee received a complaint regarding an alleged violation of Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030 for work performed on January 7, 2020.

On February 12, 2020, the committee formed a review board and heard Case 20-005 filed by Columbia Rural Electric Assoc. against Triple S Excavating.

The review board determined that the respondent, Triple S Excavating, violated RCW 19.122.030(2) by digging before the required two business days, the board also determined that Triple S Excavating violated RCW 19.122.030(5) by failing to wait until all locates are marked or communicated before starting excavation.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$2000.00 be assessed to the respondent follows;

- Case 20-005 \$1000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2) and \$1000.00 penalty for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(5)

The recommended penalties total of \$2000.00 with \$1800.00 deferred on the condition that both ownership and field leadership attends NUCA dig safe training and incur no additional violations of RCW 19.122 within twelve months of receiving a penalty assessment order.

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

Lars Mickelson, Triple S Excavating

**wdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com**

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**From:** sendmail@washington-ucc.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 7:20 AM  
**To:** wdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Complaint Form

## Complaint Form Request

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### Requester Information

**Name:** Bryan Maas  
**Company:** Columbia Rural Electric Association  
**Company Phone:** (509)526-1020  
**Company Email:** bmaas@columbiarea.coop  
**Company Address:** 2929 Melrose Street, Walla Walla, 99362  
**Ticket Requested:** yes  
**Ticket Number:** 20005009  
**Ticket Date:** 01/06/20

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### Violation Information

**Violation RCW:** RCW 19.122.030  
**Violation Section:** Section 2) An excavator must provide the notice required by subsection (1) of this section to a one-number locator service not less than two business days...  
**Violation Description:** Columbia REA was notified of utility locate request on the 6th of January. On the 7th of January at 8:30am our serviceman arrived on site to preform the utility locate. The excavation had been completed and was about 12 inches from our existing underground high voltage line.  
**Violation Address:** 205 Champagne way, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
**Violation Date:** 01/07/20

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### Alleged Violator

**Violator Name:** Triple S Excavation  
**Violator Phone Number:** (509)318-0090  
**Violator Email:** lars@triples2010.com      Lars Mickelson  
**Violator Address:** 6321 W Brinkley, Kennewick, 99338  
**Violator Employess On Site:** Columbia REA Serviceman and Columbia REA Field Engineer

Triple S Excavating  
PO BOX 2383  
PASCO, WA 99302-2383  
509-318-0090  
FRANKLIN County

# Washington One Call

**Ticket No:** 20005009  
2 FULL BUSINESS DAYS  
**Original Call Date:** 01/06/20 03:11 pm  
**Work to Begin Date:** 01/09/20 12:00 am  
**Expiration Date:** 02/20/20 03:15 pm

## CALLER INFORMATION

**Company Name:** TRIPLE S EXCAVATION  
**Contact Name:** LARS MICKELSON  
**Phone:** 509-318-0090  
**Alt. Contact:**  
**Phone:**  
**Fax Phone:**  
**Caller Address:** PO BOX 2383 PASCO, WA 99301  
**Email Address:** lars@triples2010.com

## DIG SITE INFORMATION

**Type of Work:** INSTALL UTILITY SERVICES  
**Work Being Done For:** PAHLISCH HOMES

## DIG SITE LOCATION

**State:** WA  
**County:** WALLA WALLA  
**Place:** WALLA WALLA  
**Address:** 205  
**Street:** CHAMPAGNE WAY  
**Intersecting Street:** CLARET CT  
**Location of Work:** EXCAVATION SITE IS ON THE E SIDE OF THE ROAD. ADD IS ON THE SE CORNER OF ABV INTER. MARK THE ENTIRE PROP AT ABV ADD.

CUSTOMER STATES SUBDIVISION NAME IS PROVENANCE AND IS LOT NUM 65++

**Remarks:** AREA MARKED IN WHITE. CUSTOMER GAVE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE:

GOOGLE

**Caller GPS:** Lat: 46.0686039 Lon: -118.285697  
**Map Coord NW Lat:** 46.0704666  
**Lon:** -118.2887750  
**SE Lat:** 46.0657216  
**Lon:** -118.2825459

## MEMBERS NOTIFIED

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Customer Service	Repair	Status
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## Case 20-005 CREA vs. Triple S Excavating

District	Company Name	Marking Concerns	Customer Service	Repair	Status
CNG01	CASCADE NAT GAS-WALLA WALLA	509-524- 1880	888-522- 1130	888- 522- 1130	Does not report
CREA01	COLUMBIA REA, INC	509-526- 4041	509-526- 4041	509- 526- 4041	Does not report
NOANT02	NORTHWEST OPEN ACCESS NETWORK	866-662- 6380	866-662- 6380	866- 662- 6380	Clear, No Utility Owned Facility in Excavation Area
POCK01	POCKETINET COMMUNICATIONS	509-593- 4707	509-526- 5026	509- 593- 4707	Does not report
PPL07	PACIFIC POWER	425-392- 6412	888-221- 7070	888- 221- 7070	Not yet responded
QLNWA06	CTLQL- CENTURYLINK	800-778- 9140	800-283- 4237	800- 573- 1311	Not yet responded
TCI03	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	800-778- 9140	509-522- 0647	509- 522- 0647	Clear, No Utility Owned Facility in Excavation Area
TCI11	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	800-778- 9140	509-222- 2523	509- 222- 2523	Clear, No Utility Owned Facility in Excavation Area
WALLA01	CITY OF WALLA WALLA	509-527- 4380	509-527- 4380	509- 527- 4380	Does not report
WWPWKS01	WALLA WALLA PUB WKS	509-524- 2726	509-524- 2710	509- 524- 2710	Does not report

Legend:  Locate Polygon

Lat/Lon

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