



# Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee

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Chehalis, WA 98532

**D-240859**

November 13, 2024

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Nov 14, 2024

**Committee Members  
Represent:**

Jeff Killip, Executive Director, and Secretary  
UTC Records Center  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
621 Woodland Square Loop SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

**Local Government**

**Natural Gas Utility**

**Contractors**

**Excavators**

Re: Review Committee Decision – Complaint Cases 24-088, 24-089, and 24-090  
NW Natural Gas vs Drew Excavating, Inc.

**Electric Utility**

Dear Mr. Killip:

**Consumer  
Owned Utility**

The Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee (committee) received three complaints filed by NW Natural Gas against Drew Excavating, Inc. (Drew Excavating) regarding potential violations of the Washington State Dig Law RCW 19.122.030.

**Pipeline Utility**

On Nov. 5, 2024, the committee formed a peer review board and reviewed Complaint Cases 24-088, 24-089, and 24-090.

**Water Utility**

The peer review board determined that:

**Utilities and  
Transportation  
Commission**

Drew Excavating violated RCW 19.122.030(2) one time for failure to provide notice to a one-number locator service not less than two business days before the scheduled excavation date.

**Telecommunications  
Company**

Drew Excavating violated RCW 19.122.040(2) two times for failure to determine the precise location of underground facilities which have been marked.

**Three  
At-Large Positions**

Drew Excavating violated RCW 19.122.050(1) one time for failure to report damage to an underground facility operator, a one-number locator service, and report the damage as required.

Therefore, the committee recommends a total penalty of \$10,000 be assessed to the respondent as follows:

- \$2,500 for one violation of RCW 19.122.030(2) that occurred on Aug. 16, 2024, at 5156 N 91<sup>st</sup> Ave, Camas, WA.
- \$2,500 for one violation of RCW 19.122.040(2) that occurred on July 15, 2024, at 1351 N Kalani Loop, Ridgefield, WA.
- \$2,500 for one violation of RCW 19.122.040(2) that occurred on Sept. 24, 2024, at 908 S 29<sup>th</sup> Place, Ridgefield, WA
- \$2,500 for one violation of RCW 19.122.050(1) that occurred approximately early June 2024, at 908 S 29<sup>th</sup> Place, Ridgefield, WA, and discovered on Sept. 24, 2024

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Additionally, the committee recommends a deferral opportunity be offered to suspend \$2,500 of the \$10,000 total, based on the conditions that all company management and field crews responsible for excavation at Drew Excavating attend in-person NUCA Dig Safe Training; and the company incurs no additional violations of RCW 19.122 within the next 12 months.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this recommendation. You may contact me at 206-794-9823.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Walton". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Walton, Chair  
WA State Dig Law Safety Committee

cc: Marina Rathbun, UTC  
Jaimie Lemke, NW Natural Gas  
Mike and Laura Drew, Drew Excavating