

WUCC Complaint Form

Requester Information

Your Name:

Brian Rickman

Your Company:

The city of Longview Utilities

Your Phone Number:

360-442-5700

Your Email:

brian.rickman@ci.longview.wa.us

Your Address:

PO Box 128

Your City:

Longview

Your State:

WA

Your Zip:

98632

Was a locate requested from the call center? Yes No

Ticket Number:

Ticket Date:

Violation Information

Alleged Violation/Damage:

RCW 19.122.030 Must call for marking two (2) full business days prior to digging.

Other

Section of Law Violated:

RCW 19.122.030

Alleged Violation Date:

11/10/2021

Address of alleged violation:

261 20th Ave (Approximately)

City of Alleged Violation:

Longview

State of Alleged Violation:

WA

Zip of Alleged Violation:

98632

Case 21-051

Basic Description:

Contractor did not call for utility locates. While clearing and grubbing land, an excavator operator damaged a copper utility water service. A City utility crew was called to make repairs. I had Utility Staff look up "any" locate called in for 20th Ave by this contractor and only one existed for August of 2020, over a year ago.

Alleged Violator

Company Name:

Allied Resources Group / Richard Coe is the responsible party, his number is below.

Company Phone Number:

503-449-5616

Company Email:

westlandaz@aol.com

Company Address:

Company City:

Not known

Company State:

OR

Company Zip:

Not known

Names of Employees on Site:

Unknown

Other

Additional Information:

If you'd like to call and ask any further questions to clarify or add anything further please do. The company he's working for now is in the process of being billed for damages. Damage cost is not high but the point being, he didn't call for locates until I pressed him. He said he did but we found no records.

By submitting this form I acknowledge that the statements that I alleged are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

From: [Brian Rickman](#)
To: [Jon Cornelius](#); [Shelley Cornelius](#)
Subject: Re: Case 21-051 / 22-003
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:12:01 AM
Attachments: [Stop Valve.jpg](#)

Jon, here is an attachment of the water service which was pulled by Allied Resource Group. Please add this to information what you already have for Case 21-051.

This is a brief narrative to be used as a companion to my existing main narrative as the original has timeframe/date info. If you recall our earlier Zoom conversation, Richard Coe alleges he was "not digging" when the 1" service was pulled. He mentioned he was simply putting rock down for a driveway path, likely for initial construction needs. If this is the case then how is it that the 1" copper service/stop valve is exposed and the soil under is about 12" deeper than edge of concrete alley panel?

You'll also note there is no blue locate marks across the alley indicating its location, we never had a chance to locate the service which was know on the plan set to be abandoned at a later date. As mentioned in the main narrative, no locate was called in. While he indicated that no work was being doing particularly in the right of way and that work was being done only on the private side he's incorrect. Water meters are at property line and ARG exceeded that location to the alley edge. Richard needs to call in locates regardless of public or private as some utilities extend up to homes through private property or via easement... Examples, PUD secondary power or gas service/meters or water main fire lines via easement from alley between houses to fire hydrants on the front street. The latter also being one of our particular examples.

We installed a new "temporary ball valve" to stop the leak. It was not readily apparent but the service was also leaking at the threads of the water main corp stop. This line was scheduled to be abandoned per City standard plan at a later date as indicate above and which typically means turning off the corp valve and cutting the service loose. In this case we had to shut down the water main, remove the direct thread corp valve and install a full circle repair clamp at a different pre-planned date approved by the City.

Thanks Jon...



Brian Rickman
Utility Operations Supervisor

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From: Jon Cornelius <jonc.wa811@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Brian Rickman <brian.rickman@ci.longview.wa.us>; Shelley Cornelius <wsdlsafetycommittee@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Case 21-051 / 22-003

Morning Brian,
ARG has asked us to postpone. We have moved the review of 21-051 to 4-27-22 @ 130 PM. Please let me know if you have a conflict with that date or any other questions.
thanks,
Jon

On Tue, Mar 29, 2022 at 7:05 AM Brian Rickman <brian.rickman@ci.longview.wa.us> wrote:

Is a new Zoom invite going to be sent out For Wed at 1:30pm or should I log into the link from last week assuming it's not expired?



Brian Rickman
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From: Jon Cornelius <jonc.wa811@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 2:31 PM
To: Brian Rickman <brian.rickman@ci.longview.wa.us>
Subject: Re: Case 21-051 / 22-003

The second sentence in 19 122 070 2 says that treble damages can be assigned to an excavator who willfully damages a facility without calling for locates. Not calling for locates is considered a willful act and applies in this case. I'm personally not a fan of treble damages unless a third party determines a violation occurred rather than a facility operator. In your case, I think 070 2 would apply to 21051 after review but not 22-003. Hope this helps. Call me if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

jon

On Thu, Mar 24, 2022 at 6:25 AM Brian Rickman <brian.rickman@ci.longview.wa.us> wrote:

Quick question on restitution of each damage case. How does the triple damages weigh in here for each case? My understanding is that this restitution is proper action to be taken by the utility owner.

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