

WUCC Complaint Form

Requester Information

Your Name:

Matt McCurdy

Your Company:

Quality Fence Builders Inc.

Your Phone Number:

206-786-6410

Your Email:

Matt@quality-fence.com

Your Address:

214 21st SE

Your City:

Auburn

Your State:

WA

Your Zip:

98002

Was a locate requested from the call center? Yes No

Ticket Number:

12011620

Ticket Date:

05/24/2024

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:

Locates called in, utilities not located for 11

Alleged Violation Date:

06/03/2024

Address of alleged violation:

6520 S 228th St

City of Alleged Violation:

Kent

State of Alleged Violation:

wa

Zip of Alleged Violation:

98032

Basic Description:

Quality Fence Builders called in utility locates on 5/24/24. Excavation for fence post installation started on 6/3/24. We were notified on 6/11/24, when PSE finally showed up to locate, that we had installed the entire fence line directly over a main power line. We were ordered to stop work by PSE at this time although all excavation was already completed. I have since been informed on more than one occasion verbally and in writing the this is not any fault of PSE and the Quality Fence Builders "should have known better". My employees were put in severe danger due to negligence on the part of PSE and still they are blaming Quality Fence, Sierra Construction, and the property owner. PSE did not follow the dig laws in WA state, takes zero responsibility for it, and have since informed Sierra Construction and Quality Fence that we will remove and relocate the fence or PSE crews will handle it and send us the bill.

Alleged Violator

Company Name:

Puget Sound Energy

Company Phone Number:

888-225-5773

Company Email:

annette.wilson@pse.com

Company Address:

Company City:

Bellevue

Company State:

wa

Company Zip:

98009

Names of Employees on Site:

Tony Lupo

Other

Additional Information:

PSE did not locate the site nor did they inform Quality Fence, Sierra Construction, or any involved that locates had not been completed. They showed up to the site 11 business days after the locate was called in to finally locate and shut the site down. All excavation had been completed by this point. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon occurrence with PSE and I am requesting that something be done so that my employees are no longer put in danger by a company that has no regard for the dig laws in the state of WA. As stated above, PSE has told me more than once that Quality Fence "should have known better". I find this excuse unacceptable. The lives and safety of my employees are paramount and I am hoping that this complaint is at least a step towards holding PSE accountable to simply do the job that the law requires. We follow the law or suffer severe consequences, I do not understand why they (PSE) are not held to the same standard.

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