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## Complaint Form

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To: safetycommitteewaucc@gmail.com

Fri, Jul 22, 2016 at 9:53 AM

## Complaint Form Request

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### Requester Information

**Name:** Erika Hunter  
**Company:** Puget Sound Energy  
**Company Phone:** (425)456-2854  
**Company Email:** [erika.hunter@pse.com](mailto:erika.hunter@pse.com)  
**Company Address:** 355 110th Ave NE, EST11W, Bellevue , 98004  
**Ticket Requested:** yes  
**Ticket Number:** 16195800  
**Ticket Date:** 06/23/2016

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### Violation Information

**Violation RCW Code:** 19.122.050, 19.22.30  
**Violation Section:** 19.122.050 (1) Burying a damaged facility prior to notification and repair; 19.122.30 (6)(a) failure to maintain location marks.  
**Violation Description:** On 06/29/2016 our 5/8" PE stub gas facility was damaged by a Watterson excavation crew. In violation of RCW 19.122.050, the gas facility was then taped off and buried prior to notification of the damage. The damaged facility was reported a day later. A gas first response worker, Matt Morris, was dispatched, and the damaged facility was found to be still leaking. This caused an unsafe condition for the public, our first responders, and other workers that could have resulted in severe injury or loss of life. Our gas first response worker also observed that the location marks had not been maintained. This is a violation of RCW 19.122.30 (6)(a).  
**Violation Address:** 3525 22rd Ave SE, Sammamish WA  
**Violation Date:** 07/01/2016

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### Alleged Violator

**Violator Name:** Watterson Excavating  
**Violator Phone Number:** (253)797-7539  
**Violator Email:** [ty@wattersonexcavating.com](mailto:ty@wattersonexcavating.com)  
**Violator Address:** 718 Griffin Ave #90, Enumclaw, 98022  
**Violator Employess On Site:** Ty Watterson

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### Other Information

**Other Information:** On 07/01/2016 the damage was reported at 9:45 am and we responded to the site at 10 am. When our gas worker, Matt Morris, arrived Watterson Excavating had the road graded and was getting ready to pave. The onsite project manager said they were just going to cut out a patch of blacktop where the gas facility was broken so Puget Sound Energy could repair it whenever they showed up. Once Matt saw the locate wire sticking out of the ground where they buried it, it became clear to him that the break had not occurred immediately prior to his arrival. After asking when the damage had occurred he was told that it had occurred "yesterday" by the project manager, Ty Watterson. When he dug up the line it was still leaking and he could hear it hissing. The project manager said that he didn't know it was

leaking and that he thought it was capped off. The line was approximately two feet deep, buried and compacted in crushed rock. Matt repaired the leak. At that time he also noted on his report that he did not see any marks visible on the ground and that they had not been maintained. As additional history, on 06/01/2016, PSE's former Damage Prevention Program Manager, Scott Sammons received a voicemail from Brad from Watterson Excavating. Brad had questions about a recent fine their company had received and showed interest in additional training. Erika Hunter, PSE's current Damage Prevention Program Manager, took his contact information and passed it on to Don Evans, executive administrator of Washington 811 so that he could schedule a training for Watterson and its crew to ensure they understood the dig law. Don followed up with Erika on 06/16/2016 to say that he had tried to contact Brad but had not received a response back. Erika again contacted Brad to reiterate the importance of scheduling the training as soon as possible and Brad responded with affirmation that he would. As of 07/22/2016 Don Evans has not received a phone call from Watterson to schedule any training. This is the 5th time Watterson Excavating has damaged our facilities since 05/28/2015 through careless digging, digging without locates, and now in violation of the two above named RCW sections.