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SD Public Utilities Commission
Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
500 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: PS10-002

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen;

On June 15, 2011 Commission Staff (herein Staff) filed survey drafts. Completion of the survey and analysis of its results are the next steps in this docket to determine whether the damage prevention programs in South Dakota should change. On June 29, 2011 SD One Call, an intervener, filed comments. We appreciate the time One Call Board members and their executive director took to discuss the survey drafts. In addition Larry Janes, the One Call executive director, spent time with the survey contractor to provide information, background and to explain current One Call regulations as they pertain to damage prevention in South Dakota. We appreciate One Call's role in damage prevention its partnership with the SD PUC and desire to implement and maintain an effective damage prevention program.

We discussed One Call's filed comments with Larry Janes, modified a few and incorporated nearly all into the survey. Below is the mutually agreed resolution of each:

Excavating Company Survey

Question 4 is modified to instead ask: If webinar training were available from KorPartners would you participate?

Question 7 is modified to read: Do you or a representative of your company attend ~~go to~~ the SD One Call regional excavator meetings in the spring?

Question 8 then inquires about the effectiveness of the SD One Call regional excavator meetings. A comment section should be added. In addition a question should be added to inquire, "What type of information would you like to receive in these spring meetings?"

Question 13 is modified to read: If willing to pay for training how much are you willing to pay per person?

In **Question 17** "financially" was misspelled.

Question 24 is modified to read: How many facility damage instances in South Dakota did you have in 2010?

Question 25 is modified to read: How many locate tickets in South Dakota did you have in 2010?

Question 26 is modified to read: Approximately how many underground incidents specific to your company resulted in injury or death in South Dakota in 2010?

Question 27 is modified to read: What was your total paid out due to facility damage in South Dakota in 2010?

The following language should be added to **Question 28**, "By investigation we mean a formal review by state authorized damage prevention inspectors."

The following question should be added after **Question 31**, "Would you be willing to pay for data collection?"

Question 34 is modified to read: "What do you believe is the correct data collection tool in South Dakota?"

(a) Mandatory reporting to SD One Call (b) Mandatory reporting to the SD PUC (c) Mandatory reporting through the CGA-DIRT program (d) I don't believe data reporting should be mandatory (e) I don't know (f) Other.

In addition, a comment box will be provided.

Although **Question 37** is a repeat, Staff believes it is specifically relevant at this point in the survey. One Call agreed not to object to its inclusion at this point in the survey.

Locating Company Survey

Staff agrees the suggested additions will provide useful information. One Call agrees, however, to add the questions after **Question 10**.

Utility Companies

Generally the comments are the same as those for the "Excavating Company Survey." The same resolution was reached. One Call requested a comments section be added to **Questions 9** and **17**. Staff agrees to do so.

Staff appreciates One Call's assistance with this project. We look forward to discussing the results of the survey with all interveners. We anticipate the survey process will begin shortly. The results will be filed.

Sincerely,



Kara Semmler