
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, * CIV _____
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Plaintiff, *
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vs. *
* COMPLAINT
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SCOTT OLSON DIGGING, INC., *
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Defendant. *

Plaintiff State of South Dakota, by and through its undersigned Counsel, for its
Complaint states as follows.

1. Plaintiff, the State of South Dakota ("Plaintiff") brings this action by and through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("The Commission"), an agency of the state of South Dakota created by SDCL 49-1-8.

2. Defendant Scott Olson Digging, Inc. ("Defendant") is a South Dakota corporation in good standing. The corporation's registered agent is Lori Olson and its registered address is: 1906 Maple Drive, Huron, SD 57350-4177

3. This action is brought pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-28 to recover the civil penalty assessed against Defendant by the South Dakota One-Call Board ("One-Call").

4. One-Call is a board established by SDCL 49-7A-2. One-Call was established to provide a service through which a person can notify the operators of underground facilities of plans to excavate, and to request the marking of the facilities. One-Call has promulgated rules and procedures pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-4 to regulate the notification process of the above located at ARSD Article 20:25.

5. One-Call, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-17, has the authority to receive complaints against persons who violate provisions of SDCL chapter 49-7A and rules promulgated by One-Call and, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-18 and 49-7A-19, may assess civil penalties against persons found to have violated these laws.

6. On September 13, 2010, pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-2, One-Call received a series of three complaints against Defendant. All three complaints were filed by NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy. All three complaints are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. Pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-22 a five member panel was appointed by the Chairman of One-Call to hear the three complaints (the "Panel"). The Panel found probable cause existed, in all three, to believe violations of South Dakota One Call law occurred.

COMPLAINT 1

8. The Panel found probable cause existed to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-12 occurred at Lincoln Ave NW in Huron, SD on July 27, 2010. Specifically, a natural gas facility was damaged by Defendant and not properly reported.

9. The Panel recommended a civil penalty be assessed against Defendant in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

10. A copy of the Panel's recommendations was served on Defendant via first class mail. The Panel decision is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

11. The Defendant failed to respond to the recommendations. Its failure to respond, and failure to request a hearing constitutes acceptance of the Panel's recommendation per SDCL 49-7A-27

12. Based on the Defendants acceptance of the Panel recommendation, One-Call issued an Order on February 16, 2011. The One-Call Order was served on Defendant via personal service on February 18, 2011. The One-Call Order is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Time for Defendant to appeal the decision of One-Call expired according to SDCL 1-26-31.

13. Defendant failed to pay the civil penalties as specified in the Order, and Defendant now owes One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in civil penalties.

COMPLAINT 2

14. The Panel found probable cause existed to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-12 occurred at Lincoln Ave NW in Huron, SD on July 27, 2010. Specifically, a natural gas facility was damaged by Defendant and not properly reported.

15. The Panel recommended a civil penalty be assessed against Defendant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) with Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) suspended if several conditions were met.

16. A copy of the Panel's recommendation was served on Defendant via first class mail. The complete Panel decision is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

17. The Defendant failed to respond to the recommendations. Its failure to respond, and failure to request a hearing constitutes acceptance of the Panel's recommendation per SDCL 49-7A-27

18. Based on the Defendants acceptance of the Panel recommendation, One-Call issued an Order on February 16, 2011. The One-Call Order was served on Defendant via personal service on February 18, 2011. The One-Call Order is attached

hereto as Exhibit E. Time for Defendant to appeal the decision of One-Call expired according to SDCL 1-26-31.

19. Defendant failed to comply with the conditions in the Order and Defendant now owes Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in civil penalties.

COMPLAINT 3

20. The Panel found probable cause existed to believe a violation of SDCL 49-7A-5 occurred at Lawnridge Ave, SD in Huron, SD on August 27, 2010. Specifically, Defendant began excavation activities before the legal start time.

21. The Panel recommended a civil penalty be assessed against Defendant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) with Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) suspended if several conditions were met.

22. A copy of the Panel's recommendations was served on Defendant via first class mail. The complete Panel decision is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

23. The Defendant failed to respond to the recommendation. His failure to respond, and failure to request a hearing constitutes acceptance of the Panel's recommendation per SDCL 49-7A-27

24. Based on the Defendants acceptance of the Panel's recommendation, One-Call issued an Order on February 16, 2011. The One-Call Order was served on Defendant via personal service on February 18, 2011. The One Call-Order is attached hereto as Exhibit G. Time for Defendant to appeal the decision of One-Call expired according to SDCL 1-26-31.

25. Defendant failed to comply with the conditions in the Order and Defendant now owes Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in civil penalties.

26. One-Call made a written demand to Defendant for payment of the civil penalties pursuant to SDCL 49-7A-33 for all three complaints above. The demand was served on Defendant via first class mail. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit H. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the demand was sent and Defendant failed to pay the prescribed civil penalties.

27. One-Call requested the Commission bring an action in accordance with SDCL 49-7A-28 to recover the civil penalties the board assessed the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:

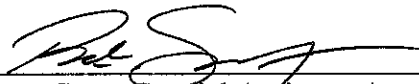
1. For a monetary judgment in the amount of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) plus Plaintiff's costs, disbursements and statutory interest to the extent allowed by law.

2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2011.



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