

# TENNESSEE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE ENFORCEMENT BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting on September 18, 2019

#### **MINUTES**

The Executive Committee meeting of the Tennessee Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board commenced at 10:02 a.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Room of 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

#### **Executive Committee Members Present:**

Wayne Hastings, Vice Chairman Bobby Pitts Steve Raper

# TPUC Staff Present:

Aaron Conklin, Legal Advisor to the TPUC staff Ryan McGehee, Legal Advisor to the TUUDEB Slayde Warren Jaclyn Hammons

# Also Present:

Bill Turner Jason Fryer

#### **Roll Call & Minutes:**

Mr. Ryan McGehee opened the meeting and took roll call which confirmed Vice Chairman Wayne Hastings, Mr. Bobby Pitts, and Mr. Steve Raper as present. The Committee considered the Minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2019. A motion to approve the Minutes was approved unanimously. Three members voting on this motion, the motion carries 3-0.

# **Presentation of Investigation of Complaints:**

The Committee heard and ruled on the following complaints:

## EB19-0047-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from this complaint.

Alleged Violator: On Point Drilling Alleged Excavator: Unknown

Complainant: Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Gas

**Equipment:** Ground rod driver

**Root Cause:** Failure to use reasonable care within tolerance zone **Finding:** No violation due to lack of documentation and evidence.

#### EB19-0057, EB19-0058, and EB19-0063-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from these complaints.

Complaints consolidated for consideration. **Alleged Violator:** On Point Drilling

Alleged Excavator: Unknown

Complainant: Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Water and Sewer Equipment: Boring machine

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care and demolishing before locate ticket was

valid

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care in the safety zone and Matt

Mommsen ordered to attend compliance training.

# EB19-0050 and EB19-0060-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from these complaints.

Complaints consolidated for consideration. **Alleged Violator:** Madcar Construction

Alleged Excavator: Unknown

**Complainant:** Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Water

Equipment: Boring machine

Root Cause: No notification made to Tennessee 811 and failure to use reasonable

care

Finding: In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and Michael

Weeks ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB19-0055-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from this complaint.

Alleged Violator: Madcar Construction

Alleged Excavator: Unknown

**Complainant:** Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Water

Equipment: Boring machine

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: No violation.

#### EB19-0065-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from this complaint.

Alleged Violator: Madcar Construction

Alleged Excavator: Unknown

Complainant: Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Electric

Equipment: Boring machine

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: No violation.

#### EB19-0085-

Alleged Violator: Machuca Underground

Alleged Excavator: Darwin Castro

Complainant: PRG/Charter Facility Type: Telecom Equipment: Trencher

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care in the safety zone and Darwin

Castro ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB019-0087-

**Alleged Violators:** TVA

Alleged Excavator: Bruce Burysek Complainant: Energy Transfer

Facility Type: Crude Oil Equipment: Bulldozer

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: No violation.

# EB19-0104-

Alleged Violator: Garden of Eden Landscaping

Alleged Excavator: Adam Whitford

Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Trencher

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: No violation due to insufficient evidence.

#### EB19-0105-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from this complaint.

Alleged Violator: Bosco Contractor Services

Alleged Excavator: Lou Bosco

Complainant: Jackson Energy Authority

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Backhoe

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and Lou

Bosco ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB19-0109-

Alleged Violator: Jim Slider, Homeowner

Alleged Excavator: Unknown Complainant: Amigos Construction

Facility Type: Unknown

**Equipment:** Unknown

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: No violation.

#### EB19-0110-

Alleged Violator: Dale's Backhoe Alleged Excavator: Dale Clark Complainant: Amigos Construction

Facility Type: Unknown Equipment: Unknown

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: No violation.

# EB19-0114-

Alleged Violator: Tommy Woods
Alleged Excavator: Tommy Woods

Complainant: Horton Highway Utility District

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Auger

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and Tommy

Woods ordered to attend compliance training.

# EB19-0116-

Alleged Violator: Choate's Air, Heat & Plumbing

Alleged Excavator: Patrick Crase Complainant: Texas Gas Transmission

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Unknown

Root Cause: Excavating before locate ticket was valid

Finding: No violation.

#### EB19-0117-

Alleged Violator: L&R Plumbing Alleged Excavator: Daniel Jvarez Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Track hoe

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

**Finding:** In violation for failure to use reasonable care, David Jvarez and Bryan Arellanes ordered to attend compliance training, and a civil penalty of \$2,500

assessed.

#### EB19-0118-

Alleged Violator: Robert Adams Backhoe

Alleged Excavator: Robert Adams Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Unknown

**Root Cause:** Failure to notify Tennessee 811

**Finding:** In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and Robert Adams ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB19-0119-

Alleged Violator: Promier Landscapes

Alleged Excavator: Daniel Sota Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Track hoe

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care and Daniel Sota ordered to

attend compliance training.

# EB19-0120-

Alleged Violator: Dale's Backhoe Alleged Excavator: Dale Clark Complainant: Amigos Construction

Facility Type: Unknown Equipment: Unknown

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

**Finding:** No violation.

# EB19-0121-

Alleged Violator: Two Rivers Excavating

Alleged Excavator: Jaun Rivera Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Backhoe

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and Jaun

Rivera ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB19-0123-

Mr. Steve Raper recused himself from this complaint. Alleged Violator: City of Jackson Engineering Dept.

Alleged Excavator: Josh Richardson

Complainant: PRG/Charter Facility Type: Telecom Equipment: Unknown

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: No violation.

# EB19-0129-

Alleged Violator: Jarrett Builders Alleged Excavator: John Bryan Complainant: Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Backhoe

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

**Finding:** In violation for failure to notify One-Call prior to excavation and John Bryan ordered to attend compliance training.

#### EB19-0132 and EB19-0133-

Complaints consolidated for consideration. **Alleged Violator:** Fast Forward Broadband **Alleged Excavator:** Rodney Browning

Complainant: Humphreys County Utility District

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Unknown

Root Cause: Reporting a false emergency for a locate ticket

**Finding:** No violation.

# EB19-0138-

Alleged Violator: Fast Forward Broadband Alleged Excavator: Rodney Browning

Complainant: Humphreys County Utility District

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Plow

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care and Rodney Browning ordered

to attend compliance training.

# Update of Tennessee 811 Training Program of Violators (Mr. Bill Turner).

In 2019, ninety-one individuals from sixty-one organizations have completed training. Throughout the life of the program, 330 individuals from 250 organizations have completed training.

# Discussion of future topics for next executive committee meeting.

Citation mailings were up to date. PHMSA audit was rescheduled to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.