

# LARGE PROJECTS

PSC Rule 515-9-4-.13



# Purpose

- The purpose of the rule is to allow in writing the waiver of the
  - 48 hour notice of utilities to locate
  - 21 calendar day ticket expiration

# Definition

- Mechanized excavation or blasting
- Contiguous geographical site or area over one linear mile

OR

- More than 90 days

# Benefits

Increased flexibility while maintaining efficient:

- Record-keeping
- Locating of facilities
- Prevention of damage
- Public safety information

# Overview

- A Large Project will include all of the following
  - Large Project Planning Meeting Notification
  - Large Project Planning Meeting
  - Marking Agreement
  - Large Project Excavation Notification

# Large Project Identifier

- All LP Notifications will have 400 as the middle number
- Example: 05026-400-001
- LP Excavation Notices are good for 90 days and can be renewed indefinitely

# Step 1: Contacting Georgia 811

- Excavator calls GA 811 to request an LP Planning Meeting Notification
  - must be called in at least 10 business days prior to excavation and the actual meeting must be scheduled at least 5 business days prior to excavation
  - must provide a suggested date, time, location and contact person

# Step 2: Responding to Meeting Request

- Each member utility responds through PRIS
  - Within 2 business days utility members must respond to PRIS indicating *agreement* or *conflict* with date/time of the LP Planning Meeting



# Available LP Meeting Response Codes

- 10A: Large Projects: Meeting Date/Time Accepted
- 10B: Large Projects: Meeting Date/Time Rejected
- 10E: Large Projects: Will not attend meeting-Not service provider for this location
- 10F: Large Projects: Will not attend meeting-Clear no facilities

# Step 3: LP Planning Meeting

- Excavator must bring proposed Marking Agreement to the LP Planning Meeting.
- The agreement:
  - Describes the scope of the project
  - Divides the project into sections
  - Assigns “locate by” dates for each section
- all agreeing parties will work according to the Marking Agreement for the life of the project

# The Marking Agreement

- No Marking Agreement=No Large Project
- The terms of the Agreement must be in writing and signed by all agreeing parties before excavation begins
- Both excavator and utility member must keep a signed copy of the Marking Agreement

# Sample Marking Agreements

- For sample Marking Agreements go to [www.georgia811.com](http://www.georgia811.com)

# Step 4: Not Signing Agreement

- Utility facility owner/operator does NOT sign the Marking Agreement
  - members must mark *entire* project within 48 hours and keep it marked every 21 days for the life of the project
  - these members will receive a Normal ticket which the EDEN system will automatically restake for the life of the project

# Step 5: Responding to PRIS

- No later than 2 business days following the LP Planning Meeting.
- Must indicate if they:
  - Have signed the Marking Agreement
  - Have **not** signed the Marking Agreement
- GA 811 will then update the Large Project **Meeting** Notice to a Large Project **Excavation** Notice

# Available LP Excavation Codes

- 10C: Large Projects: Agree to treat as Large Project. Agreement signed.
- 10D: Large Projects: Disagree to treat as Large Project- will mark in accordance with 25-9-6.
- 10G: Large Projects: Not service provider for this location.
- 10H: Large Projects: Clear, no facilities

# Step 6: Deviations

- Excavator must call GA 811 with any deviations/changes to the Marking Agreement
- GA 811 will send a deviation notice to all affected utilities and those utilities must respond to the notice through PRIS



# Available LP Deviation Codes

- 10I: Large Projects: Deviation to marking plan acknowledged and marked as requested
- 10J: Large Projects: Deviation to marking plan acknowledged but not marked as requested. Locator will contact excavator.

# Step 7: Expiration

- A Large Project Excavation Notice will expire ninety (90) days from date of activation
- Notice can be renewed as long as necessary up to 3 business days prior to expiration date so long as excavation on the project continues
- If not renewed, the Notice will automatically expire.

# Step 8: Completion of Project

- When the Large Project is completed the excavator contacts GA811 and closes the notification
- All notices associated with this project (Normal ticket types) will also end

# Good Faith Negotiation

- Good faith negotiation is required
- The failure of any party to negotiate in good faith shall constitute a violation of the Commission's Large Project Rules and may result in the imposition of penalties and any other penalties that may be imposed pursuant to GA law or the Commission's rules

# Good Faith Negotiation

- The failure of any party to negotiate in good faith shall also result in all locates being performed as a normal locate request
- The cost of all such locates to be paid for by the party having negotiated in bad faith

# Subcontractors

Any person holding an active Large Project ticket may allow any authorized subcontractors to work under such Large Project ticket provided provisions of O.C.G.A 25-9-6 (g) are met

# Need More Info?

- For more detailed information go to [www.GA811.com](http://www.GA811.com) or contact a GA811 Liaison for assistance:
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