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LARGE PROJECTS

PSC Rule 515-9-4-.13

Procedures for Large Projects



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LARGE PROJECTS: A BRIEF HISTORY

- Because most Large Projects require multiple re-stakes, it has proven difficult and cumbersome for facility owners/operators to respond to locate requests within the 48 hour notice time frame normally required by GUFPA
- Similarly, excavators on projects lasting months and even years have found it cumbersome and oppressive to have locate tickets expire after 21 days



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LARGE PROJECTS: A BRIEF HISTORY

- This rule allows for parameters to be set for all parties involved in a Large Project so that such parties may enjoy more flexibility and less rigidity in reporting without any loss or sacrifice in the record-keeping, locating of utilities facilities, prevention of damage to such facilities, and public safety protections which GUFPA was designed and intended to implement



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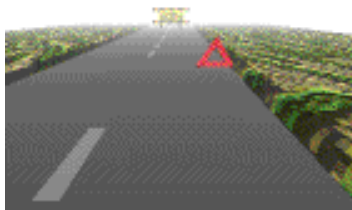
PSC LARGE PROJECTS RULE

- 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

- A “Large Project” shall include any single mechanized excavation or blasting, involving excavation at a contiguous geographical site or area that exceeds or will exceed one (1) linear mile or that reasonably requires or will require more than ninety (90) days to complete



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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



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LARGE PROJECT IDENTIFIER

- All LP Notifications will has 400 as the middle number
- Example: 01023-400-001



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STEP 1: CALLING GEORGIA 811

- The 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



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STEP 2: RESPONDING TO MEETING REQUEST

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



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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



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STEP 3: LP PLANNING MEETING

- Excavator must bring proposed Marking Agreement to the LP Planning Meeting
 - the agreement must describe the scope of the project, divide the project into sections, and assign “locate by” dates for each section
 - all agreeing parties will work according to the Marking Agreement for the life of the project



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STEP 3: LP PLANNING MEETING

- 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



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SAMPLE MARKING AGREEMENT

- For sample Marking Agreements go to www.georgia811.com
- GA811 will also send you a copy by email when you submit a LP Planning Notification



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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



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STEP 5: RESPONDING TO PRIS

- No later than 2 business days following the LP Planning Meeting all members must respond through PRIS indicating whether they have or 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



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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



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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 LP 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.



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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

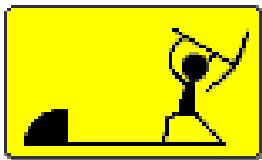
- Any person holding an active Large Project ticket may allow any authorized subcontractors to work under such Large Project ticket provided provisions of O.C.G.A 25-9-6 (g) are met



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MORE INFORMATION

- For more detailed information go to www.ga811.com or contact any GA811 Liaison or the Large Project Coordinator for assistance



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