



Official Utilities Protection Center, Inc. Business Notification

Marking Standards & White Lining

On October 20th, 2007, Georgia Public Service Commission Rule 515-9-4-.14 entitled Georgia Underground Utility Marking Standards went into effect. The first section of the rule discusses White Lining.

The Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (GUFPA) states that if the location for the blasting or excavation cannot be defined with sufficient particularity the person doing the blasting or excavating needs to white line the area where that work is to be done. (For official wording, see 25-9-5b.) Section 1d of the new commission rule is a directive to the UPC to establish policies and procedures which determines sufficient particularity and which identify when white lining is required.

To obtain a copy of Rule 515-9-4-.14 or the Utilities Protection Center of Georgia Board Policy, please click on [GPSC Rule 515-9-4-.14](#) to see the Rule and [Sufficient Particularity](#) for the UPC policy.

This rule and policy is effective as of October 20, 2007. At UPC, however, we are allowing members, excavators and homeowners to learn and understand this rule before considering the ticket "incorrect" without it. Therefore, two months' time is being granted to learn and apply the rule to your current marking procedures. This will apply to locate requests that are phoned into the UPC and for Locate Requests entered over the Web. UPC will enact this policy on January 1, 2008. Consider using this process earlier than that in order to get used to the new procedure and to be proficient by January 1, 2008.

If there are questions regarding any of this, please call your UPC Liaison Manager for further detail. If you do not know who your UPC Liaison is [click here](#).

Thank you,
Claudette Campbell
Executive Director