

Large Projects

PSC Rule 515-9-4-.13

Procedures for Large Projects



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PSC Large Projects Rule



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

Definition



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- a “large project” shall include any project involving excavation at a contiguous geographical site or area that exceeds or will exceed one linear mile or that reasonably requires or will require more than ninety (90) days to complete



General Overview



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

Definitions



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- Large Project Planning Meeting Notification
 - a request sent from the UPC notifying the utilities of the date, time and location of the LP Planning meeting
 - must be called in to UPC 10 business days prior to excavation



Definitions



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- Large Project Planning Meeting- meeting set by the excavator to discuss project with utilities and propose a marking agreement
 - must be scheduled a minimum of 2 business days from the day of the call and at least 5 business days before the start of excavation

Definitions



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- **Marking Agreement-** a proposed schedule for marking a large project presented to the utilities by the excavator at the large project meeting



Definitions



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- Large Project Excavation Notification
 - a ticket sent from the UPC updating the LP Planning Meeting Notification to an active ticket
 - ticket is sent 2 business days after the LP Planning Meeting
 - Expires 90 days from the date of activation

Large Project Process



Know what's below.
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- Excavator calls the UPC to request a locate
- UPC informs excavator that the ticket qualifies as a Large Project
- UPC operator guides excavator through creating a Large Project Planning Meeting Notification

Large Project Planning Meeting Notification



- A mandatory Large Project Planning Meeting is required on all Large Projects
- The excavator will provide date, time, location, and contact person for the proposed meeting to the UPC operator
- Who attends this meeting?
 - Excavator
 - All affected utilities notified by the UPC on the LP Planning Meeting Notification

LP Planning Meeting Notification



Know what's below.
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- UPC will send LP Meeting Notification to all UPC member facility owner / operators having facilities in the area
- This notification includes
 - Excavator contact info
 - Entire scope of the area of excavation
 - Date, time and location of the LP Planning Meeting

LP Planning Meeting Notification



Know what's below.
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- Each UPC member utility responds through PRIS within 2 business days indicating if they accept or reject the date and time of the LP Planning Meeting

LP Planning Meeting Notification



Know what's below.
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- If for any reason a facility owner/operator cannot attend the LP Planning meeting
 - they may contact the excavator and make other arrangements if the excavator is agreeable
 - or have the lines marked within the 48 hours required by law.

LP Planning Meeting Notification



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- PRIS Code Response Options for LP Meeting Notification **prior LP Meeting**
 - **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

LP Planning Meeting



Know what's below.
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- Where can the meeting be held?
 - on site in a construction trailer
 - office near the construction site
 - on site outdoors (not recommended)
 - Remember there will be paper work to review/sign so weather can be an issue
 - All utilities notified on your ticket are invited to the meeting, be sure to consider the number of people attending

LP Planning Meeting



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What is the purpose of the meeting?

- review the scope of excavation
- exchange contact info
- allows excavator to present proposed schedule for locating the utilities in the area of excavation known as the Marking Agreement
- allows utilities to review the Marking Agreement and agree or disagree to the agreement

Marking Agreement



Know what's below.
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- At the LP Planning Meeting the excavator will present the Marking Agreement which will
 - Break project down into sections
 - Provide dates for each section to be marked
 - Must be signed, prior to the start of excavation, by excavator & utilities who agree to follow the plan



LP Planning Meeting



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- In addition to the LP Planning Meeting the excavator shall conduct periodic utility coordination meetings to enhance communication



Sample Marking Agreement



Know what's below.
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- For sample marking agreements go to www.gaupc.com
- You can use one of the samples or create your own



Deviations to the Marking Agreement



Know what's below.
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- Any deviation to the Marking Agreement must be called into the UPC, by the excavator, as an additional request to the LP Excavation Notification
- All utilities must respond to all additional requests through PRIS



Marking Agreement



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- Utilities who sign the agreement must
 - respond to PRIS (within 2 business days after the LP Planning Meeting) with **10C** Large Projects: Agree to treat as a Large Project
 - mark according to the Marking Agreement for the life of the LP Excavation Notification
 - retain a copy of the executed marking agreement
 - These utilities will receive a LP Excavation Notification

Marking Agreement



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- Utilities who do not sign the marking agreement
 - respond to PRIS (within 2 business days after the LP Planning Meeting) with **10D** Large Projects: Disagree to treat as a Large Project.
 - these utilities will receive a normal locate notice every 21 days
 - Utility must mark the entire project within 2 business days of receiving normal notice
 - UPC will automatically restake this normal notice for the life of the LP Excavation Notice

Marking Agreement



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Review

- Disagree to Marking Agreement
 - receive a normal notice every 21 days and must mark the entire project within 2 business days
- Agree to marking Agreement
 - receive a LP Excavation Notification every 90 days & must mark according to the Marking Agreement

LP Meeting Notification



Know what's below.
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- PRIS Code Response Options for LP Meeting Notification after LP Planning Meeting
 - **10C** Large Projects: Agree to treat as a Large Project.
 - **10D** Large Projects: Disagree to treat as a Large Project.
 - **10G** Large Projects: Not service provider for this location.
 - **10H** Large Projects: Clear, no facilities

LP Meeting Notification



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Review LP PRIS

- Utilities must respond twice to the LP Meeting Notification
 - Within 2 business days of receiving **LP Meeting Notification** indicating if you will attend the meeting
 - Within 2 business days after the **LP Meeting** indicating if you will treat as a large project
 - Failure to respond is considered a “disagree to treat as LP”. Utility will receive a normal locate request and must mark within 48 hours



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Identifying LP Notifications

- All LP Notifications will have 400 as the middle number
 - LP Example: 04019-400-001

PRIS Excavator Role



Know what's below.
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- Excavator is still responsible for checking PRIS responses from utilities prior to excavation
- This includes any additional notices for deviations to the Marking Agreement



LP Excavation Notification



Know what's below.
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- A LP excavation notification will expire 90 days after date of notice. The excavator can renew a LP excavation notice 2 business days prior to the expiration date including before 4:30 PM on the 90th day; otherwise the notification will be automatically closed / deactivated.



LP Excavation Notification



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- When the Large Project is completed the excavator contacts the UPC and closes the notification or allows the Large Project to expire. All notices associated with this project will end.

Good Faith Negotiation Required



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- 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
- Also any other penalties that may be imposed pursuant to Georgia Law or the Commission's Rules.



Failure to negotiate in good faith



Know what's below.
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- 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 for all such locates to be paid for by the party having negotiated in bad faith



Need More Info?



Know what's below.
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