COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:		
K & T CONCRETE LLC)	
)	CASE NO. 2022-00077
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF UNDERGROUND)	
FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT)	

OPENING ORDER

K & T Concrete LLC (K & T Concrete) has been named as a party to an investigation before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) for allegedly violating the Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (Act).¹

Pursuant to KRS 278.495(2), the Commission has jurisdiction to regulate the safety of natural gas facilities in Kentucky and to enforce minimum federal pipeline safety standards. Under the Act, the Commission has authority to investigate and assess civil penalties for any violation of the Act that results in excavation damage to an underground facility used to transport natural gas or hazardous liquid subject to federal pipeline safety laws, 49 U.S.C. § 60101, *et seq.* Any person who violates any provision of the Act is subject to assessment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250 for the first offense, no more than \$1,000 for the second offense within one year, and no more than \$3,000 for the third and any subsequent offense. Additionally, any person whose violation of the Act results in damage to an underground facility containing any flammable, toxic, corrosive,

¹ KRS 367.4901 through KRS 367.4917.

or hazardous material or results in the release of any flammable, toxic, corrosive, or hazardous material is subject to an additional penalty of up to \$1,000.

Following receipt of a report of excavation damage to its underground gas pipeline from an operator, Commission Staff (Staff) conducted an investigation and prepared an Incident Report, a copy of which is attached to this Order as an Appendix. In its Incident Report, Staff cites K & T Concrete for violation of the following provision of the Act:

KRS 367.4911(1)(a) – Each excavator, or person responsible for an excavation, planning excavation or demolition work shall, not less than two (2) full working days nor more than ten (10) full working days prior to commencing work, notify each affected operator of the excavator's intended work and work schedule. Contacting the applicable protection notification centers shall satisfy this requirement.

Based on its review of the Incident Report and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds prima facie evidence that K & T Concrete violated the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act. The Commission further finds that a formal investigation into the excavation damage incident should be conducted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. K & T Concrete shall submit to the Commission, via email sent to PSCED@ky.gov with the case number of this proceeding in the subject line of the message, a written response to the allegations contained in the Staff Incident Report within 20 days of receipt of this Order.
- 2. Any partnership, corporation, or business entity (including a limited liability company) must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Kentucky, and such representation includes the filing of papers with and appearances at hearings before the Commission.

3. An individual may submit a response to the allegations contained in the Staff Incident Report without the representation of an attorney.

4. The Staff Incident Report 42878 in the Appendix to this Order is made a part of the record in this case.

5. Please note that notice of a hearing to be held in this matter will be mailed to K & T Concrete once proof of service is received by the Commission. Parties who fail to appear after service will be subject to entry of a default judgment against them.

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Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00077 DATED MAR 24 2022

30 PAGES TO FOLLOW

PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation Information

 KY PSC Investigator(s) Eric V. Tout
 Incident ID
 42878
 Key
 7685

 Incident Date
 8/10/2020 1:12:00 PM
 Report Submitted
 9/4/2020 7:46:24 AM

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Atmos Energy Corporation

Phone (270) 779-4849

Incident Location

315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster/Danville

315 Lexington Rd Lancaster, KY 40444

Garrard

Reported By Anthony Stallins

Email anthony.stallins@atmosenergy.

Locate Ticket Number N/A

EXCAVATOR INFORMATION

Name of Excavator Smith, Sean

Phone 859-621-4379/859-792-4501

Excavator Address

Garrard County Water Association (GCWA)

PO Box 670

Lancaster, KY 40444

Organization ID

Email

Locate Ticket Number

Damage Report (DR) Summary

The Operator reports that the Excavator damaged a one inch gas service, with a concrete pin, installing sidewalks and the Excavator held no valid Loacte Ticket (LT). LT 2006222047 expired 28 days prior to the incident date, the original ticket was to set a water meter and a few of the original marks were still slightly visible. The Operator stated that to locate the service, in response to LT...2047, it was exposed, the service was covered with gravel and this incident occurred at that location.

The DR is included as Attachment 1.

DR Summary

Excavation Within 18"	Gas / Hazardous Liquids		Type Of Equipment Used	Cost of	Amount
(Approximate Location)	Contained	Released		Damage	Billed
Expired LT	Yes	Yes	Non-mechanized / Hand driving a pin	\$602.00	\$602.00

LT Summary

21 January						
Ticket #	Valid	Initial	Expiration Date	Incident	# of Days	Within Scope
i icket #		Date	(21 calendar days from Initial date)	Date	Expired	of Excavation
2006222047	No	06/22/20	07/13/20	08/10/20	28	Yes

The Locate Ticket(s) is/are included as Attachment 2.

INVESTIGATION

A review of LT...2047 revealed GCWA obtained the ticket on 06/22/20, to install a water meter, it expired on 07/13/20, indicating the LT expired 28 days prior the incident date of 08/10/20.

On 06/23/21 GCWA's Sean Smith (859-621-4379) stated that GCWA subcontracted the sidewalk work to K & T Concrete LLC., (143 Valley Dr., Stanford, KY 40484 Attn: Kenny Morgan, 606-510-7131) and an employee of K & T damaged the service line. Mr. Smith stated that GCWA paid Atmos Energy for the damage and no valid LT was held on the incident date.

On 06/23 & 24/21 an attempt to contact Kenny Morgan of K & T Concrete at 606-510-7131 resulted in a message stating the mailbox is full.

On 06/24/21 a Letter of Contact was sent to Mr. Morgan. On 07/19/21 the certified hard copy of the Letter of Contact was returned delivered and as of today's date K & T Concrete has made no contact.

The Letter of Contact and certified hard copy is included as Attachment 3.

A copy of this Incident Report and Demand Letter imposing the penalty of \$1,250.00 will be mailed certified to K & T Concrete.

VIOLATION KRS 367.4911

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of Offences (Including this incident)

Excavator	Last Offence Incident #	Last Offence Incident Date	Revert to 1 st Offence Date (Last Offence Date +365 Days)		
1 st	N/A	N/A	N/A		



Gas Excavation Damage Report

Atmos Energy Corporation

Submitted 9/4/2020 Incident ID: 42878 Set back to Edit Staff Edit

Print (PDFForm.aspx?Rpt=GasInvestigation&IG=42878)

Reported By:

Name: Anthony Stallins

Phone: (270) 779-4849

Email: anthony.stallins@atmosenergy.com

Gas Line Incident Occured:

8/10/2020 Date:

Time: 1:12 PM

Details:

Reported Date: 8/10/2020 2:31 PM

Incident Location Address:

Location: 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster/Danville

Address: 315 Lexington Rd

City: Lancaster

State: ΚY

County: Garrard

40444 Zip:

Confirm Code:

Number of Customers out:

Was gas or hazardous liquids contained in the underground facility?

Was gas or hazardous V liquids released into the

atmosphere?

3/2020

Locate Request Ticket No.: N/A

Excavator: Utility

Excavator Address:

First Name: Sean

Last Name: Smith

Organization ID:

Company: GARRARD COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION

Phone: 859-621-4379/859-792-4501

Email:

Address: PO Box 670

City: Lancaster

ΚY State:

40444 Zip:

Confirm Code:

Excavation Damage: One Call notification practices not

sufficient

Description of Incident Punctured 1" PE service. Expired Locate Ticket. One Customer off. No injuries.

Summary Information

9/4/2020

Garrard County Water, punctured a 1" PE service with a concrete pin installing sidewalks. Garrard County Water locate ticket (2006222047) was expired 28 days. The original ticket type work was for "setting water meter".

cause

Full details such as the A few of the original marks were still slightly visible. Atmos Energy would use their vac machine to expose the gas line where the damage occurred, on the original locate ticket. The vac hole was covered with gravel after the water dept completed their work at that time. Damage due to an expired locate

ticket.

Extent of the damage Cost of the damage Steps taken to prevent re-occurance Amount billed to excavator

The 1" PE was repaired and service restored to the one affected customer.

\$602.00

Garrard County Water advised that locate tickets expire after 21 days.

\$602.00



6/23/2021 Ticket

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket: 2006222047 Date: 06/22/2020 Time: 16:30 Oper: LCARTER Chan:000

State: KY Cnty: GARRARD City: LANCASTER

Subdivision:

Address: 315

Street : LEXINGTON RD Cross 1 : BETHANY TRCE

Location: LOCATE THE GRASSY AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING - THE AREA

WILL BE PAINTED IN BLUE

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Boundary: n 37.630898 s 37.626571 w -84.582157 e -84.578455

Work type : SETTING WATER METER

Done for : GARRARD COUNTY WATER ASSOC

Start date: 06/24/2020 Time: 16:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: NO Emergency: N

Duration : N/A Depth: 2 FEET

Company : GARRARD COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION Type: CONT

Co addr : PO BOX 670

City: LANCASTER State: KY Zip: 40444
Caller: SEAN SMITH Phone: (859)792-4501

Contact : SEAN SMITH-CELL Phone:

Mobile : (859)621-4379

Submitted date: 06/22/2020 Time: 16:30

Members: 0023 0144 WINKY



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June 24, 2021

Kenny Morgan K & T Concrete LLC. 143 Valley Dr. Stanford, KY 40484

Re: Violation of Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act

Incident Number: 42878

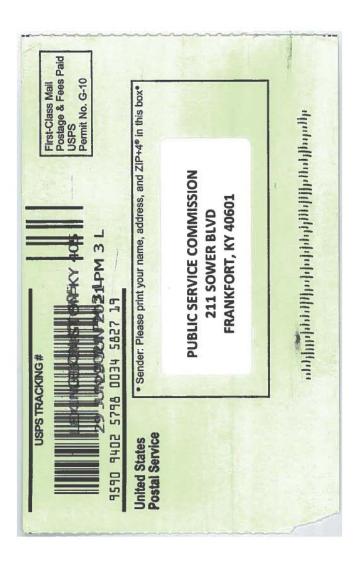
Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) received a report of damage occurring on August 10, 2020 to a natural gas or hazardous liquid facility located at 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster, KY owned and/or operated by Atmos Energy Corporation. Under the Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (Act), KRS 367.4901 through KRS 367.4917, the Commission has jurisdiction to investigate any violation of the Act that results in excavation damage to underground facilities used to transport gas or hazardous liquid subject to federal pipeline safety laws, 49 U.S.C. secs. 60101 et seq. The Commission regulates the safety of jurisdictional natural gas pipelines in the Commonwealth pursuant to KRS 278.495 and 49 CFR Parts 190, 191, 192 and 195.

Following receipt of the damage notification, Commission Staff (Staff) attempted to contact you at 606-510-7131 which has been disconnected, is out of service, not accepting calls and/or the mailbox is full. To obtain all information regarding this matter it is imperative that contact is made. If there is no contact a penalty of \$1,250.00 could be imposed, therefore please contact me at 502-782-2622.

Respectfully, Eric V. Tout Consumer Complaint Investigator Division of Inspections / Damage Prevention





COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY	A. Signature X Regent C Agent C Addressee	70	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? LI Yes If YES, enter delivery address below:	140 Spring Valley Dr. Stanford, KY	00		Applied on Delivery nestricted Delivery	Damestic Return Recei
SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Twe 42878 ■ Print your name and address on the reverse	 so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mallpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	1. Article Addressed to:	Kenny Morgan K & T Concrete LLC. 143 Valley Dr.		9590 9402 5798 0034 5827 19	2. Article Number (Transfer from service laber) 701.8 1.830 0001 9961 8541	PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

SUPPLEMENTAL PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation Information

KY PSC Investigator(s) Eric V. Tout Incident ID 42878 7685 Key 9/4/2020 7:46:24 AM **Incident Date** 8/10/2020 1:12:00 PM Report Submitted

OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Atmos Energy Corporation

(270) 779-4849 **Phone**

Incident Location

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Anthony Stallins Reported By

anthony.stallins@atmosenergy. **Email**

Locate Ticket Number N/A

EXCAVATOR INFORMATION

Name of Excavator Smith, Sean **Organization ID**

859-621-4379/859-792-4501 Phone

Excavator Address K & T Concrete

Email

Locate Ticket Number

SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION

On 07/20/21 a Demand Letter was sent to the Excavator.

The Demand Letter is include as Attachment 4.

On 08/24/21 a 30 Days Past Due Letter was sent to the Excavator and delivered on 08/25/21 per certified return receipt.

The 30 Days Past Due Letter is included as Attachment 5.

On 01/26/22, via email, the Operator, Atmos's Anthony Stallins, provided the following documents:

- Screen Shot: Of Invoice & Payment History indicating GCWA paid \$602.49 for the damage.
- Show Compliance /Construction Order Details: Which have been outlined in Attachment 1 & the DR Summary.
- One Photograph: Depicting metal pins sticking out of the ground with a form attached.

Atmos's documents are include as Attachment 6.

As of today's date, 01/27/22, the Excavator has not complied with the Demand and 30 Days Past Due Letters.



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July 20, 2021

Kenny Morgan K & T Concrete LLC 143 Valley Dr. Stanford, KY 40484

Re: Violation of Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act

Incident Number: 42878

DEMAND FOR PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) received a report on September 4, 2020 regarding damage to a natural gas or hazardous liquid facility owned and/or operated by the Atmos Energy Corporation. Under the Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (Act), KRS 367.4901 through KRS 367.4917, the Commission has jurisdiction to investigate and assess civil penalties for any violation of the Act that results in excavation damage to underground facilities used to transport gas or hazardous liquid subject to federal pipeline safety laws, 49 U.S.C. secs. 60101 et seq. The Commission regulates the safety of jurisdictional natural gas pipelines in the Commonwealth pursuant to KRS 278.495 and 49 CFR Parts 190, 191, 192 and 195.

Following receipt of the damage notification, Commission Staff (Staff) performed an investigation of the incident and prepared the attached incident report. Based on its investigation of the incident, Staff has determined that K & T Concrete committed the following violation(s) of the Act:

KRS 367.4911

(1)(a) Each excavator, or person responsible for an excavation, planning excavation or demolition work shall, not less than two (2) full working days nor more than ten (10) full working days prior to commencing work, notify each affected operator of the excavator's intended work and work schedule. Contacting the applicable protection notification centers shall satisfy this requirement.

CIVIL PENALTY

Based on its investigation of this matter, Staff has determined that K & T Concrete <u>should</u> <u>be assessed a penalty in the total amount of \$1,250, first offense</u>

K & T Concrete should mail or deliver a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$1,250, made payable to the "Kentucky State Treasurer", within 30 days of the date of this letter, to:

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

<u>Please include the Incident Number 42878 on the cashier's check or money order submitted</u> for payment.

KRS 367.4917 provides that a person who commits a violation of the Act shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 for the first violation, \$1,000 for the second violation within one year, and \$3,000 for the third and any subsequent violation. If the violation results in damage to an underground pipeline used to transport gas or hazardous liquid, the violator is subject to an additional civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per violation.

Payment of the proposed civil penalty and completion of the remedial measure will satisfy and resolve any and all claims against K & T Concrete for any violation of the Act arising out of the August 10, 2020 incident. K & T Concrete's payment of the proposed civil penalty will not be considered an admission by K & T Concrete that it willfully violated any provision of the Act.

If K & T Concrete does not pay the proposed civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Commission will institute an administrative proceeding against K & T Concrete and hold a formal hearing during which K & T Concrete will have an opportunity to present.

If you have any questions regarding this demand for remedial measures and penalty assessment, please contact Eric V. Tout, Division of Inspections at 502-782-2622.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Vinsel General Counsel

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Attachment





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August 24, 2021

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Kenny Morgan K & T Concrete LLC 143 Valley Dr. Stanford, KY 40484

Re: Violation of Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act

Incident Number: 42878

30 Days Past Due

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This is a reminder that your account is now past due in the amount of \$1,250.00. Attached is the demand letter and investigation report for the above Incident, which we show to be unpaid.

If we do not hear from you or receive payment within 10 days from the date of this letter, Incident Number 42878 will be referred to the Commission for an Administrative Hearing to be held at the Commission's offices.

Once a referral to the Commission is made, any partnership, corporation, or business entity (including a limited liability company) must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Kentucky. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you find that this penalty has already been paid, please contact Eric V. Tout, Division of Inspections at 502-782-2622.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Vinsel General Counsel

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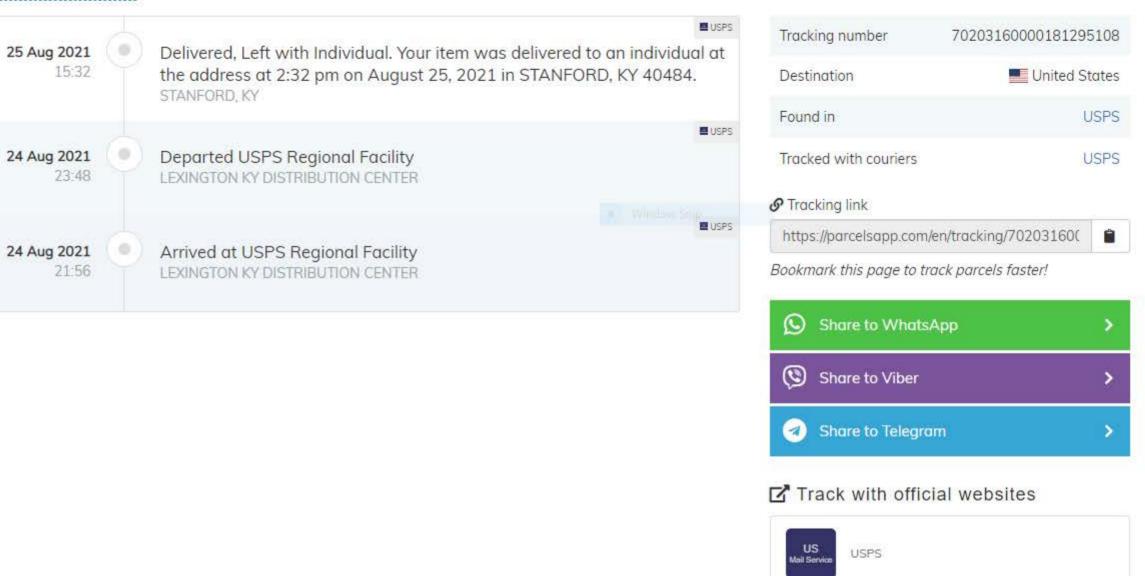
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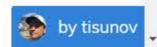


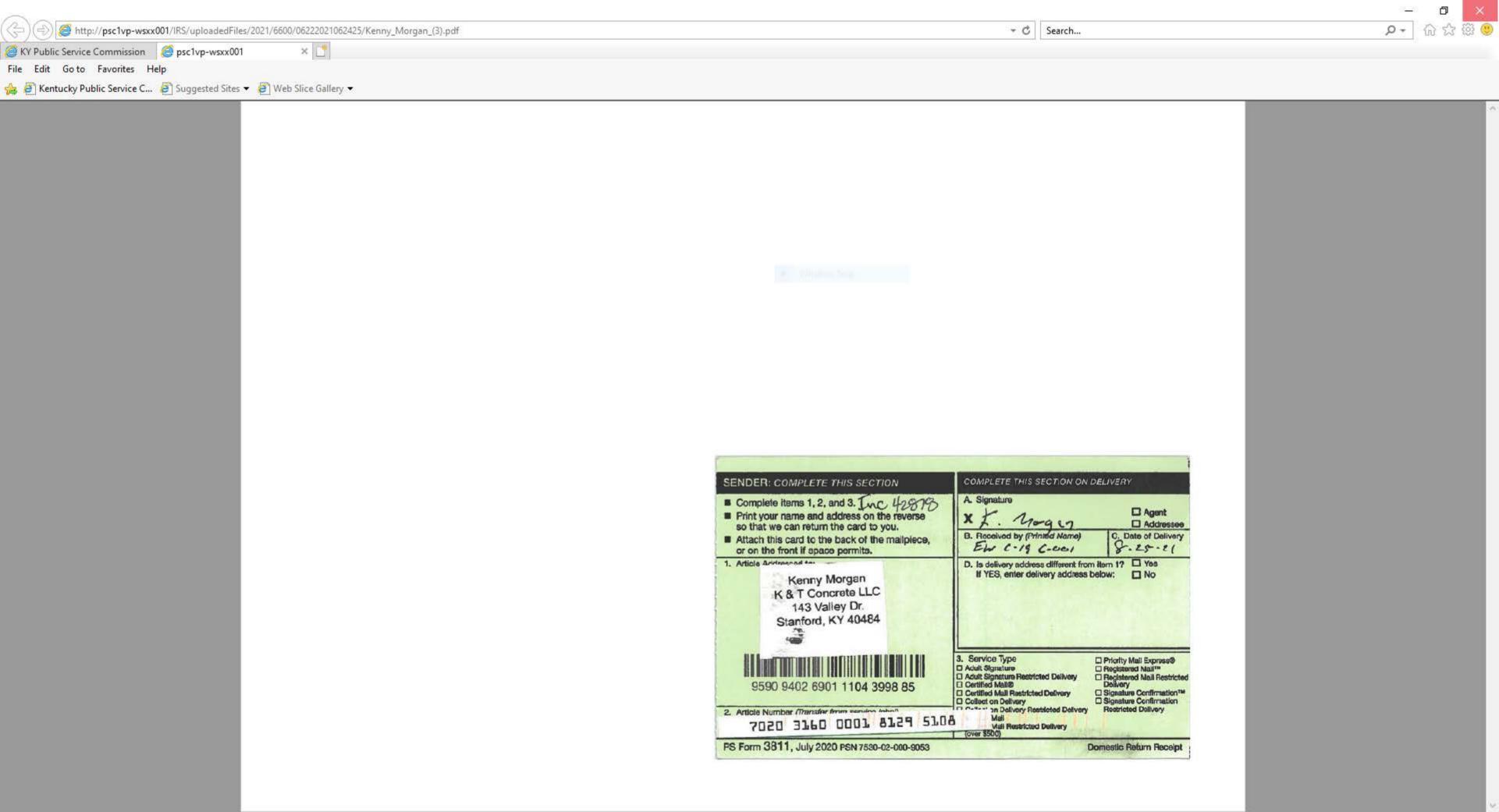
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Tout, Eric V (PSC)

From: Stallins, Anthony A <Anthony.Stallins@atmosenergy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:42 PM

To: Tout, Eric V (PSC)

Cc: Smith, Jimmy Dale D; Bledsoe, Jonathon T; Benningfield, Ronnie; Sanders, Jack; Stallins, Anthony A; Kirkham, Nicole A

Subject: FW: PSC ID: 42878; Leak Asset 709635; 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster; K & T Concrete; 8/10/2020

Attachments: 315 Lexignton Rd, Lancaster TPDF.pdf; 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster.jpg

CAUTION PDF attachments may contain links to malicious sites. Please contact the COT Service Desk <u>ServiceCorrespondence@ky.gov</u> for any assistance.

Good morning Eric,

The Third Party Damage Form for the leak at 315 Lexington Rd in Lancaster. Per Nicole's email, the invoice was paid. As far as pictures, I've included the only picture available of the damage. According to our guys, they remember pictures being made, however the gentleman that took the pictures is now retired.

Thanks, Anthony

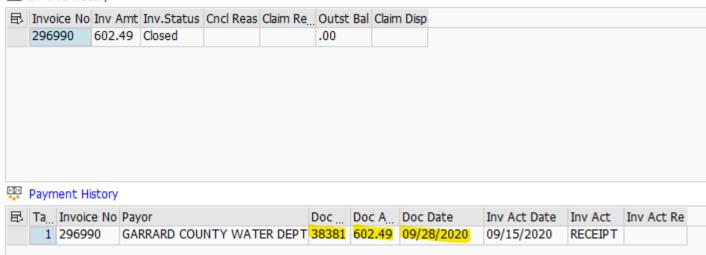
From: Kirkham, Nicole A < Nicole.Kirkham@atmosenergy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:32 AM

To: Stallins, Anthony A < Anthony. Stallins@atmosenergy.com>

Subject: Re: PSC ID: 42878; Leak Asset 709635; 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster; K & T Concrete; 8/10/2020

invoice History



This invoice is showing paid on 9/28/20. Check number 38381

Nicole Kirkham

Operations Assistant 3510 Coleman Rd Paducah, KY 42001 (270)702-6591



From: Tout, Eric V (PSC) < ericv.tout@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:29 AM

To: Stallins, Anthony A < Anthony A < Anthony A < Anthony A < Anthony A < Mailto:Anthony.Goog

Subject: [EXT] 42878, 8/10/2020, 315 Lexington Rd, Lancaster, K & T Concrete

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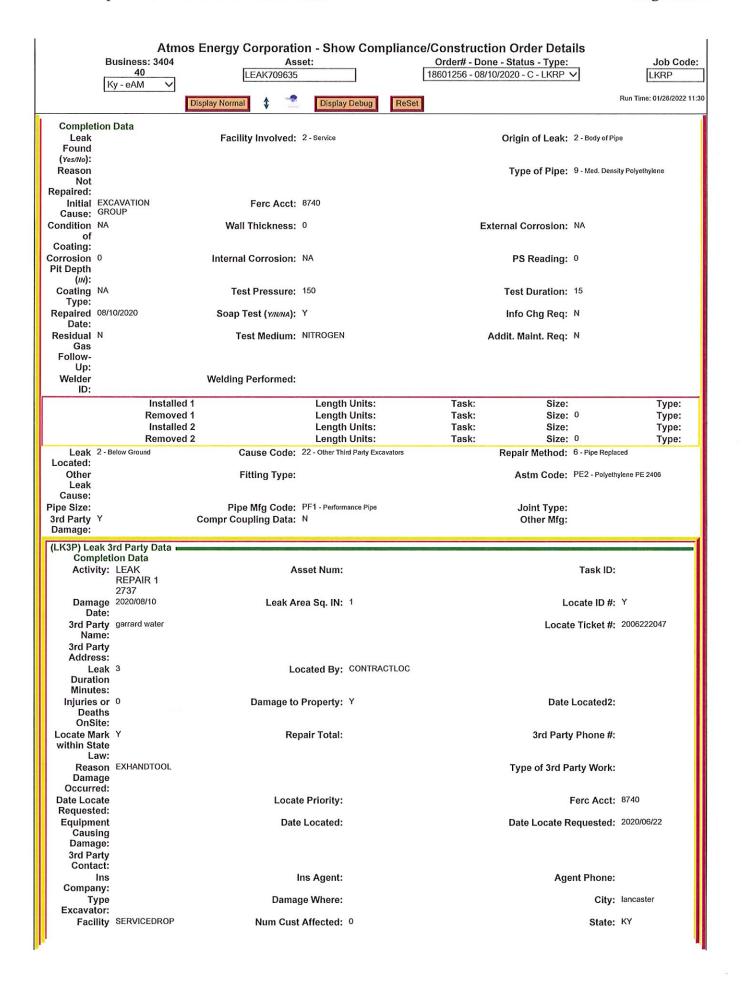
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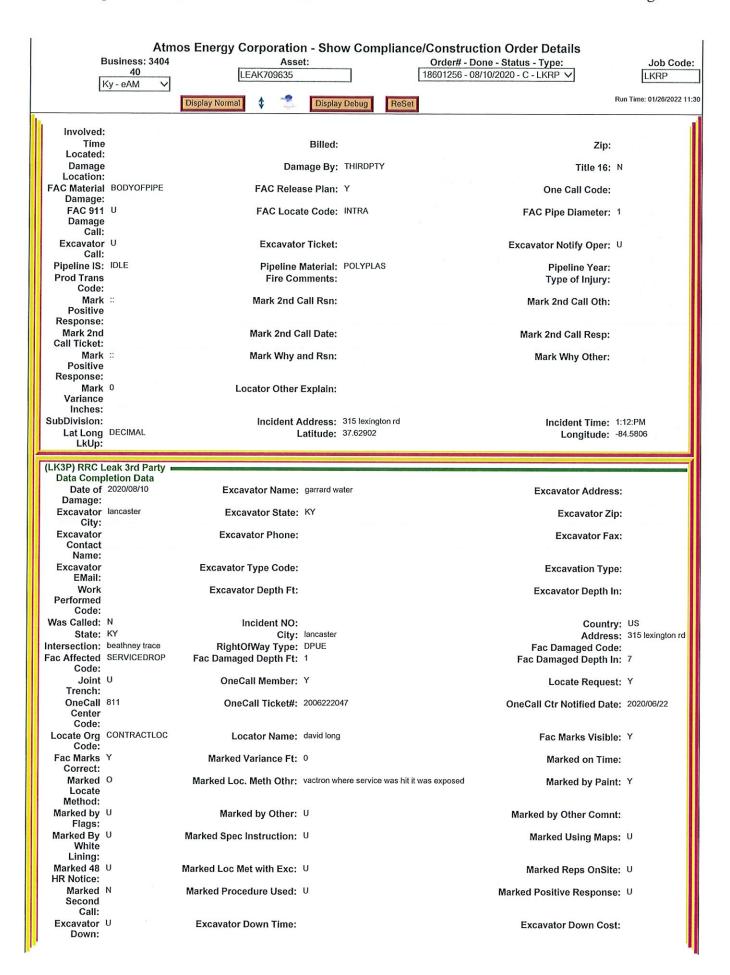
Please send repots, photos, invoices and payment info (copy of check) if paid.

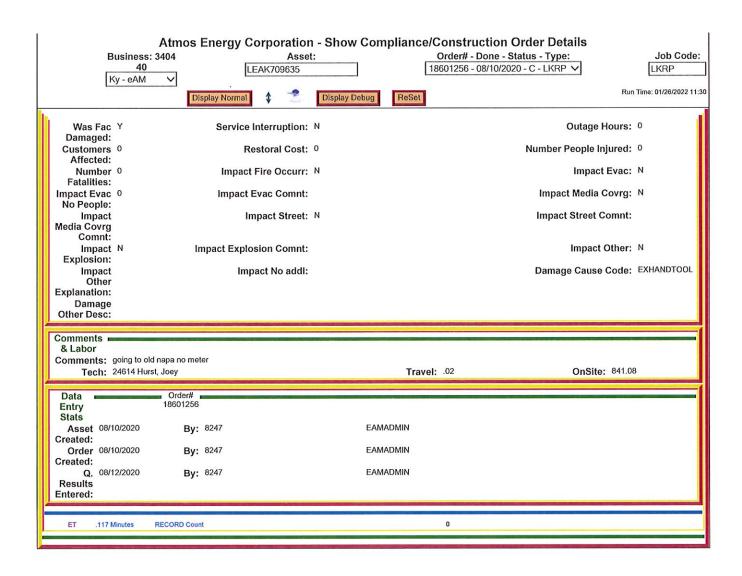
Thanks, Eric V. Tout Kentucky Public Services Commission Division of Inspections / Damage Prevention 211 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601

Office: 502-782-2622 Fax: 502-564-1582











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