# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:		
COX EXCAVATING LLC	)	
<del></del>	)	CASE NO. 2025-00090
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT	) )	2020 00000

### INITIATING ORDER FOR ALLEGED 811 VIOLATION OF THE KENTUCKY UNDERGROUND FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT

(Se proporciona la traducción al español de este documento como anexo/apéndice B.)

Cox Excavating LLC (Cox Excavating) 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). A hearing in this case shall take place on July 24, 2025.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KRS 367.4901 through KRS 367.4917.

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, 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 Appendix A. In its Incident Report, Staff cites Cox Excavating 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, unless a future start date is agreed upon as provided in KRS 367.4917(7), notify each affected operator's designated protection notification center of the excavator's intended work and work schedule.

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

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Cox Excavating shall submit to the Commission, via email sent to <a href="mailto:PSCED@ky.gov">PSCED@ky.gov</a> 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. Cox Excavating shall appear on July 24, 2025, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower

Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of presenting evidence concerning the alleged violation of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act.

- 3. The July 24, 2025 hearing shall be conducted via video conferencing.
- 4. Cox Excavating shall attend the hearing by using the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_M2Q4ZDM3ZjQtZTc3ZS00YzBiLTgwMDUtODU2ZTVhNTViNTk4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d77c7f4d-d767-461f-b625-0628792e9e2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220a598c1f-a179-47d5-a86f-480337c1709c%22%7d

Meeting ID: 275 502 115 509 Passcode: Wo2gW2yB

- 5. Cox Excavating shall notify the Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing if Cox Excavating is unable to appear by video conferencing and will therefore appear in person.
- 6. 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.
- 7. An individual may submit a response to the allegations contained in the Staff Incident Report without the representation of an attorney.
- 8. The Staff Incident Report 55090, attached to this Order as Appendix A, is made a part of the record in this case.
  - 9. The July 24, 2025 hearing shall be recorded by video only.
- 10. Please note parties who fail to appear after service will be subject to entry of a default judgment against them.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairma

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

ENTERED

APR 24 2025

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### APPENDIX A

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00090 DATED APR 24 2025

TWENTY-THREE PAGES TO FOLLOW

#### PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT

#### **Investigation Information**

Investigator Eric Tout Incident ID 55090 Investigation 11781

Incident Date 9/27/2022 8:30:00 AM Report Submitted 10/27/2022

**Operator Information** 

Operator Atmos Energy Corporation Reported By Bill Stanley

Phone (270) 314-0712 Email bill.stanley@atmosenergy.com

Incident Location 2731 Fairview Dr Locate Ticket Number N/A

Owensboro KY 42303

2731 Fairview Dr (Owensboro)

**County** Daviess

**Excavator Information** 

Excavator Jeff Cox Organization ID 1115474

Cox Excavating LLC

 Phone
 270-929-9868
 Email
 n/a

 Address
 902 Cox Lane
 Locate Ticket Number
 N/A

Whitesville KY 42378

#### Damage Report (DR) Summary

Excavation Within 24"	Gas Or Hazard	dous Liquids	Type Of Equipment Used	Cost of	Amount
(Tolerance Zone)	Contained	Released	Type Of Equipment Osed	Damage	Billed
No call KY Contact Center (811)	Yes	Yes	Mechanized / Excavator	\$474.00	\$474.00

The Operator reports that the Excavator damaged a ¾-inch gas service, with an excavator, cleaning a lot / removing stumps and failed to contact 811.

#### The DR is included as Attachment 1.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

On 08/13/24, the Operator, Atmos's Bill Stanley, provided the following documents:

- <u>Leak Found Report, Third Party Damage Form & DR:</u> Outlined in the DR Summary and Attachment
   1.
- Two Photographs: Depicting the incident location.
- Invoice: Indicating the Operator billed the Excavator \$473.63 for the damage repair.

#### Atmos's documents are included as Attachment 2.

On 08/22/24, Jeff Cox of Cox Excavating stated that the homeowner, Marty Walker, was the responsible party, but Mr. Cox stated that he was doing the excavation. Staff explained the person excavating was the responsible party. Mr. Cox stated that he received the notifications, but tossed them in the trash, therefor Mr. Cox requested the Notification Letters be email to <a href="mailto:coxracing120@gmail.com">coxracing120@gmail.com</a> and he would forward them to Mr. Walker.

#### PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT

#### VIOLATIONS<sup>1</sup>

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#### # of Offences Within 365 Days

(Including this incident)

Excavator	Last Offence	Last Offence Incident	Revert to 1st Offence Date
Excavator	Incident #	Date	(Last Offence Date +366 Days)
<b>1</b> st	See above	09/27/22	09/28/23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A revision of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act took effect on January 1, 2022. All incidents of damage dated prior to January 1, 2022 will be reviewed under the former version of the Act



### Gas Excavation Damage Report

### **Atmos Energy Corporation**

Submitted 10/27/2022 Incident ID: 55090

Reported By:

Name: Bill Stanley

**Phone:** (270) 314-0712

**Email:** bill.stanley@atmosenergy.com

Gas Line Incident Occured:

**Date**: 9/27/2022

**Time:** 8:30 AM

Details:

**Reported Date:** 9/27/2022 3:37 PM

**Incident Location Address:** 

**Location:** 2731 Fairview Dr (Owensboro)

Address: 2731 Fairview Dr

City: Owensboro

State: KY

County: Daviess

**Zip**: 42303

**Confirm Code:** 

Was gas or hazardous liq	uids contained	✓	* 3/2020
in the underground facilit	y?		
Was gas or hazardous liq into the atmosphere?	uids released		
Locate Request Ticket No	<b>).:</b>	N/A	
Type of equipment involve	ed:	Select Detail	
Distance from the nearest terminal:	t communication	Measure	
Depth of damage from the	e surface:	Measure	
Excavator:		Contractor	
Excavator Address:			
First Name:	Jeff		
Last Name:	Cox		
Organization ID:	n/a		
Company:	Cox Excavating		
Phone:	2709299868		
Email:	n/a		
Address:	902 Cox Lane		
City:	Whitesville		
State:	KY		
Zip:	42378		
Confirm Code:			

**Number of Customers out:** 

**Description of Incident** Cox Excavating damaged a 3/4" PE service. No injuries.

No notification made to the One Call Center

**Excavation Damage:** 

#### **Summary Information**

10/27/2022

Full details such as the While cleaning up lot and removing stumps, Cox Excavating cut a 3/4" PE

cause with an excavator. A valid locate request was not provided.

**Extent of the damage** Repaired 3/4" PE service. 1 customer off.

Cost of the damage \$474.00

Steps taken to prevent Cox Excavating was educated about the importance of proper one call

re-occurance notification practices. Cox Excavating was billed for the repair.

Amount billed to excavator \$474.00



#### **Tout, Eric V (PSC)**

From: Stanley, Bill <Bill.Stanley@atmosenergy.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 7:11 PM

**To:** Tout, Eric V (PSC)

Subject: Re: 55090, 9/27/2022, 2731 Fairview Dr., Owensboro, Cox Excavating

#### This Message Originated from Outside the Organization

This Message Is From an External Sender.

Report Suspicious

#### Good Evening,

Please use the below link to access the photos and documents from this incident.

https://ae.watchdox.com/ngdox/workspaces/451168/5090%2C%209.27.2022%2C%202731%20Fairview%20Dr.%2C%20Owensboro%2C%20Cox%2OExcavating

Thank you

Bill

From: Tout, Eric V (PSC) <ericv.tout@ky.gov> Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 5:52 AM

To: Stanley, Bill <Bill.Stanley@atmosenergy.com>

Subject: [EXT] 55090, 9/27/2022, 2731 Fairview Dr., Owensboro, Cox Excavating

CAUTION: Don't be quick to click. This e-mail originated from outside of Atmos Energy. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Bill,

Please send repots, photos pre & post, 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

	ATMOS LEAK FOUND REPORT
	eAM WO#: 2 5 2 4 3 3 6 9 Construction Order Number: C 0 7 1 3 7 7 0
_	Leak Asset #: 7 1 1 3 8 2 Project Number: 0 5 0 • 2 3 9 5 7
	Division: 0 0 9 District / Cost Z 6 3 6 County / Parish: DAV; C55 Town: Owcustoned
	State: Tax District: 9 0 8 0 1 Map Sheet #:
	Address/Location: 2731 FAIRVIEW DR Cross Street: SETILES LO
	Asset Description: Land Description: ROLLING HILLS IN FRONT OF Home
	GPS Coordinates: Latitude 77.738818 Longitude 57.061811 Leak Survey Area:
	Class Location: 0 1 0 2 0 3 0 4 Facilities Class: Distribution 0 Transmission 0 Gathering 0 Storage 0 Production
	Date Leak O 9 / 2 7 / 2 0 2 2 Time Leak O 8 5 0 D PM
	(MM/DD/YYY)  Leak Grade: 1
	(M15) Leak Graded By: Low (M1) Surveying Leaks ID#:
	Suspected Facility:   Main Service Riser Yardline Meter Loop Other Feet to Building:
-	CGI Reading: 100 % Gas % LEL Surface Type: Dirt D Brick D Concrete Asphalt Rock D Liquid D Other
	Leak Found: Yes Third Party Damage: Yes (If Yes, complete Third
	□ No Party Damage Form) Reason Not Repaired: □ Duplicate Order
	Leak Located: ☐ Above Ground Residual Gas: ☐ Yes ☐ Customer Line
	Polony Ground
	Notes: CONTRACTOR CLEARLY TREES CUT 3/4 STRUCCE LO HOME, Other Company
	Notes: CONTRACTOR CLEARING TREES CUT 3/4 SERVICE TO HOME,  NO BUD TICKET, NO LOCATE CALLER LA, LINE SAUTEZED DEF
	9.27-27, PBNOVN
	Initial Leak Cause:  ☐ Corrosion Group  ☐ Materials & Welds Group
	☐ Corrosion Group ☐ Materials & Welds Group ☐ Dent
	□ Excavation Group
	a Excavation Group

- ☐ Operator Personnel / Contractors Excavating
  ☐ Other Third Party Excavators
- ☐ Locator
- ☐ Vehicle (Auto / Truck / Etc.)
- ☐ Natural Forces Group
  - ☐ Lightning
  - ☐ Washout
  - ☐ Ground Movement
  - ☐ Ice
  - ☐ Static Electricity
- ☐ Other Outside Forces Group
  - □ Vandalism
  - ☐ Fire / Explosion First
  - ☐ Excessive Strain
- □ N/A
- Form UOC-48 Rev. 7-2015

- ☐ Factory Defect☐ Wrinkle / Bend

- ☐ Weld (Steel)
  ☐ Fusion Defect (Plastic)
- ☐ Equipment Group
  - ☐ Equipment Malfunction ☐ Gasket / O-Ring

  - ☐ Packing
- ☐ Operations Group☐ Inadequate / Failure to Follow Procedures
  - ☐ Stripped Threads
  - ☐ Backfill
- ☐ Other
  - ☐ Not Excavation
  - ☐ Other Explanation

### **ATMOS**energy

#### THIRD PARTY DAMAGE FORM

eAM WO#: 2 5 2 4 3 3 6 9 Con:	struction Order Number: C 0 7 i 3 7 7 0
Leak Asset #: 7 1 1 3 8 2	Project Number: 050 • 23957
	Rate Division: 00
No.	
INCIDENT I	DETAILS
Date of Damage: 0 9 / 2 7 / 2 0 2 2	Time of Damage: 0
	Number:
Address/Location: 2731 FATTLY LEW DA	Cross Street: SCTICS Rs
City: Uw CNS BOALD County/Parish: 1	State: FY
ROW: Public-City Street Private Business Public-State Hwy Private-Land Owner Public-County Road Private-Easement Public-Interstate Hwy Pipeline Public-Other Power/Transmission Line	☐ Dedicated Public Utility Easement ☐ Federal Land ☐ Railroad ☐ Unknown/Other
EXCAVATOR	DETAILS
Company Name: COX EXCAVATIV	•
Address: 902 Cox LAUE	
City: WHITCSVILLE	State: <u>F4</u> zip: <u>42378</u>
Contact Name: TEFF Cox	Phone: (270) 929-9868
Excavator Type: Contractor County Farmer Municipality  Home Owner Unknown/Other	☐ Occupant ☐ Railroad ☐ State ☐ Utility ☐ Developer
Pipeline Damage With:	
□ Auger □ Drilling □ Grader/Scra  □ Backhoe/Trackhoe □ Directional Drilling □ Hand Tools □ Boring □ Explosives □ Vacuum Eq	☐ Trencher ☐ Unknown/Other
Work Performed:	
□ Bldg Demolition □ firrigation □ Site D □ Cable TV □ Landscaping □ Steam □ Curb/Sidewalk □ Grading □ Storm □ Drainage □ Pole □ Street □ Driveway □ Public Transit Authority □ Telect □ Electric □ Railroad Maintenance □ Traffic	r (Sanitary/Storm)
Excavator Incur Downtime: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Unknown How much D	Downtime? Downtime Cost Incurred?
AFFECTED FACIL	ITY DETAILS
Was any Facility Damaged?	er? ☐ Yes  No ☐ Unknown Locate Ticket Number:
Excavator Notified 911?  Yes  No  Unknown Name:	
Facility Type: Distribution Gathering Service/Stub Transmer Pipeline Material: Bare Steel Coated Steel Cast Iron PE Facility Damaged On: Body of Pipe Coating Housing Ott Type of Pipeline Damaged: Intrastate Interstate Unknown Pipeline Status: Active Idle New Pipe (no product) Abandanged Pipe Diameter:	nission
Joint Trench: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown	
DAMAGE & IMPA	The state of the s
Damaged by: Third Party Operator Operator's Contractor	Caused Service Interruption:   Yes  No
Requires Regulatory Notification: 🗆 Yes 💆 No	Customer Affected:
☐ Death/Hospitilization	Number of Injuries:
☐ Property Damage ≥ \$50,000	Type of Injuries:
☐ Estimated gas loss ≥ 3 million cubic feet	Number of Fatalities:
	Outage Hours:

Restoration Cost:\_

DAMAGE & IMPACT DETAILS CONT'D			
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	Call Center made, but not sufficient	☐ Improper backfilling prac	
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Impact:   Fire/Ignition occur  Any evacuation		1.55	
☐ Any street blocked ☐ Any other imp	pact Comments:		
NO	TIFYING, LOCATING, MARKING DE	ETAILS	
Locate Request to OneCall Center Prior to Excav	ation: Yes No		
Center Name:	OneCall Tick	et Number:	
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Excavator made 2nd call to OneCall:  Yes Reason: No positive response to first call		t D All clear annears questi	onable DiOther
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Another type of Marking Use:   Yes No D			
The state of the s	47 5550 NW 1500 MODEL - COLUMN	2	
Facility Marked Correctly:  Yes  No Ur			
Reason Not Marked:  Pipeline was not marked			accurately
	g 🗆 Other:		
Distance of Inaccurate Marks from Pipeline:	feet i	nches	
	OTHER INFORMATION		
Line Pressure: 55 psig Pipe Damage	N2 /	.75 inches	
peng Tipe Danings	(Length)inches (Width)	ERC Account: \$7 40	
Insurance Company:	Agent Name:	Phone #:	
Locate Mark within State Law: Yes No	,		
Pre-Damage Photos: ☐ Yes ☑ No Post-Da	mage Photos: 🗹 Yes 🗆 No 🔑 Billing	Required: Yes 🗆 No	
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# ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION KENTUCKY / MID-STATES DIVISION KENTUCKY OPERATIONS 3RD PARTY DAMAGE BILLING

NAME:	Cox Excavation						
BILLING ADDRESS:	902 Cox Lane						
CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE:	Whitesville, KY 42378						
PHONE #:		Jeff Cox 270-929-9868					
EMAIL ADDRESS:							
INSURANCE PROVIDER:	201						
INSURANCE POLICY #:							
ATMOS WORK CENTER:			2636 - Owensboro				
DATE OF DAMAGE:			September 27, 2022				
DAMAGE LOCATION:		273	31 Fairview Dr, Owensboro, KY	42303			
ASSET #:	711382						
eAM #:	25243369						
SAP INVOICE #:							
	LINE NO.	CHARGE TYPE:	9				
	1	LABOR			\$	299.58	
5	2	MATERIALS			_\$	21.37	
	3	EQUIPMENT			\$	124.00	
	4	GAS LOSS COSTS	Enter PGA Rate (per MCF)  \$ 9.5607	Volume (MCF)	\$	28.68	
	5	OUTSIDE SERVICES			_\$		
	6	MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	3		\$	-	
	7	TOTAL 3RD PARTY DAMA	AGE BILLING		\$	473.63	

Pipe Size	0.75
Material Type	PE
Pressure (PSIG)	55
Duration (Minutes)	15
Distance to Feeder Main or	
Regulator Station (Feet)	300
Main or Service	Service

- 1) Fill out all Information in Rows 1-6
- 2) Click Rectangular Hole if damage is given as length and width. Enter dimensions
- 3) Click Circular Hole if damage is circular. Enter dimensions
- 4) Click Calculate Gas Loss

#### **Calculator uses IGT Flow Formula**

Gas Loss Flow Rate	167	Cubic Feet/Min.
Gas Loss in Cubic Feet	2,505	Cubic Feet
Gas Loss in Pounds	115	Pounds
Gas Loss in CCF	25	CCF
Gas Loss in MCF	3	MCF

IF LARGER THAN 1,000 CCF CONTACT TECH. SERVICES

### Gas Excavation Damage Report

### **Atmos Energy Corporation**

Submitted 10/27/2022 Incident ID: 55090

Reported By:

Name:

Bill Stanley

Phone:

(270) 314-0712

Email:

bill.stanley@atmosenergy.com

#### Gas Line Incident Occured:

Date:

9/27/2022

Time:

8:30 AM

Details:

Reported Date:

9/27/2022 3:37 PM

#### Incident Location Address:

Location:

2731 Fairview Dr (Owensboro)

Address:

2731 Fairview Dr

City:

Owensboro

State:

KY

County:

**Davies** 

Zip:

42303

Confirm Code:

**Number of Customers out:** 

1

in the underground facility?

Was gas or hazardous liquids released

into the atmosphere?

Locate Request Ticket No.:

N/A

**Excavator:** 

Contractor

#### **Excavator Address:**

First Name:

Jeff

Last Name:

Cox

Organization ID:

n/a

Company:

Cox Excavating

Phone:

2709299868

Email:

n/a

Address:

902 Cox Lane

City:

Whitesville

State:

KY

Zip:

42378

Confirm Code:

**Excavation Damage:** 

No notification made to the One Call Center

**Description of Incident** Cox Excavating damaged a 3/4" PE service. No injuries.

#### **Summary Information**

10/27/2022

Full details such as the While cleaning up lot and removing stumps, Cox Excavating cut a 3/4" PE

**Extent of the damage** Repaired 3/4" PE service. 1 customer off.

with an excavator. A valid locate request was not provided.

Cost of the damage

\$474.00

Steps taken to prevent Cox Excavating was educated about the importance of proper one call

re-occurance

notification practices. Cox Excavating was billed for the repair.

Amount billed to excavator

\$474.00

#### Fw: [EXT] Report Submitted Gas Excavation Damage at 9/27/2022 8:30:00 AM involving Atmos Energy Corporation REFERENCE 55090

Stanley, Bill < Bill.Stanley@atmosenergy.com>

Fri 10/28/2022 6:16 PM

To: Kirkham, Nicole < Nicole.Kirkham@atmosenergy.com >

From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:09 PM

To: Stanley, Bill <Bill.Stanley@atmosenergy.com>

Subject: [EXT] Report Submitted Gas Excavation Damage at 9/27/2022 8:30:00 AM involving Atmos Energy

Corporation REFERENCE 55090

CAUTION: Don't be quick to click. This e-mail originated from outside of Atmos Energy. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

The completed report has been submitted. A gas digIn incident has occurred at approximately:

9/27/2022 8:30:00 AM

Involving Utility: Atmos Energy Corporation at Location: 2731 Fairview Dr (Owensboro)

Description: Cox Excavating damaged a 3/4" PE service. No injuries.

Customers Affected: 1

Person completing this report: Bill Stanley

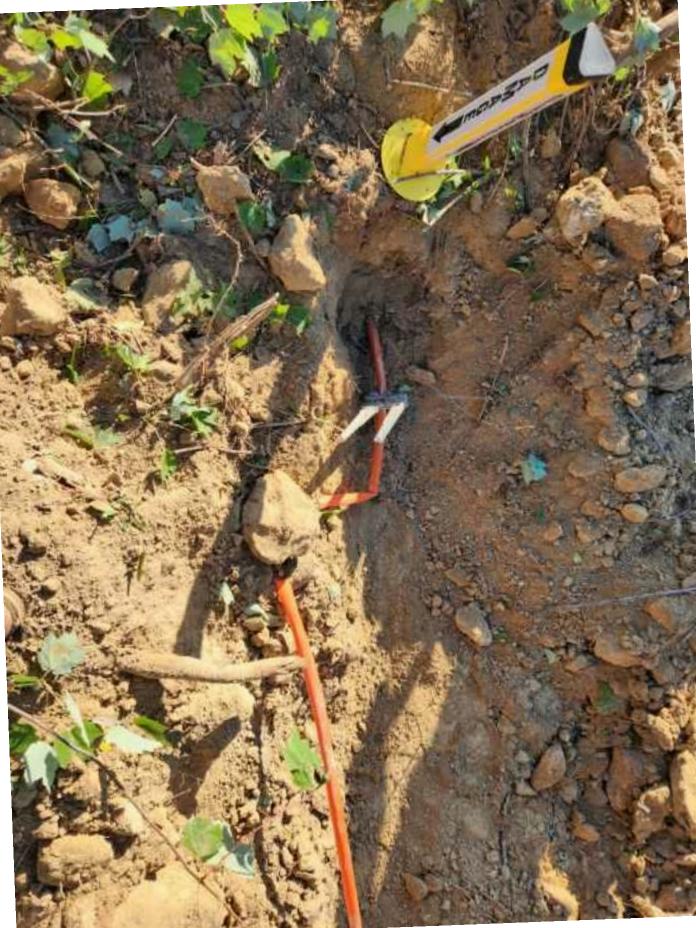
Contact filer at: (270) 314-0712 bill.stanley@atmosenergy.com

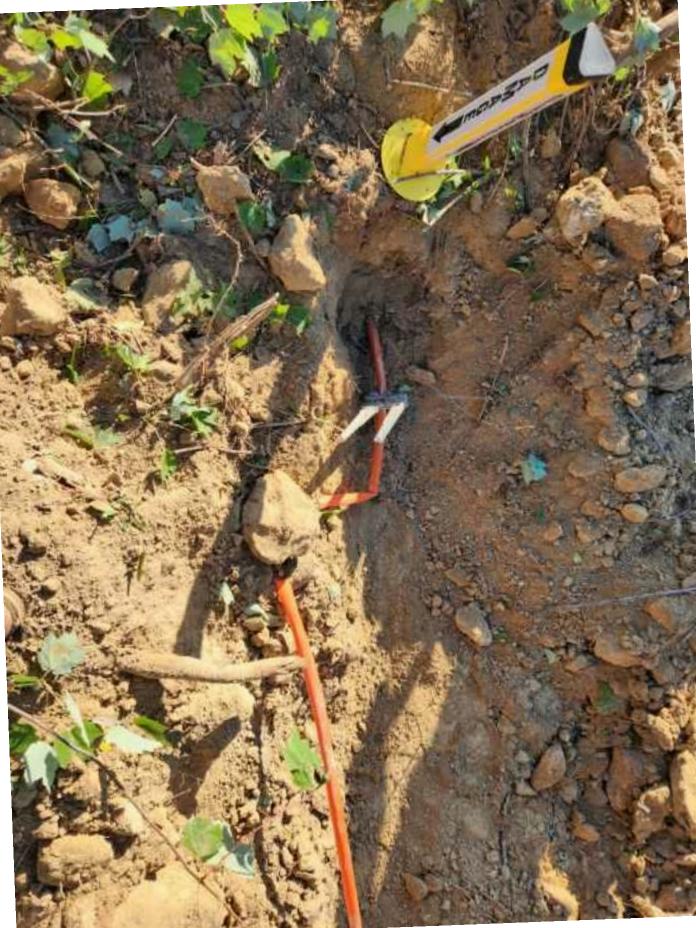
see more: https://psc.ky.gov/ORS/GasIncident.aspx?IG=55090

10/27/2022 7:09:32 PM bill.stanley@atmosenergy.com

Utility filers receipt. This email is automatically generated please do not reply to this email address.







#### INVOICE



COX EXCAVATION 902 COX LANE WHITESVILLE KY 42378 Page: Claim Number 000200065786 Invoice No: 327715 Invoice Date: 10-OCT-22 **Customer No:** 181119 **Credits and Payments:** 0.00 **Amount Due Remaining:** 473.63 473.63 **Amount Due Original:** Sales Rep: Michael C.Townsend **Payment Terms:** NET<sub>10</sub>

For billing questions, please call:

270-836-7229

**Total Amount Due** 

Due date:

473.63 USD

20-OCT-22

LINE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT AMT	NET AMT
1	Material	1	Job	21.37	21.37
2	Tools and Equipment	1	Job	124.00	124.00
3	Labor	1	Job	299.58	299.58
4	Gas Loss	3	mcf	9.5607	28.68

**PAGE TOTAL** 

473.63

Please include Remittance Slip to ensure timely application of your Payment

**CHECK REMITTANCE TO:** 

**ELECTRONIC REMITTANCE TO:** 

ATMOS energy.

ATMOS ENERGY CORP P. O. BOX 841425 Dallas TX 75284-1425 ATMOS ENERGY CORP

Bank of America

ACH Routing# 111000012 Bank Wire Routing# 026009593

Acct# 3756617812

**Customer No:** 

181119

Ref: 327715

Invoice No:

327715

BILL TO:

**Total Amount Due:** 

473.63 USD

COX EXCAVATION 902 COX LANE WHITESVILLE KY 42378



COX EXCAVATION 902 COX LANE WHITESVILLE KY 42378

Date of Loss:

27-SEP-22

Invoice# 327715

Damages:

\$473.63

**Location of Damage:** 

3271 Fairview Drive Owensboro Ky

**Description of Damage:** 

Contractor Damaged Service With Backhoe Working On Landscaping. No Locate Request Made To One Call.

Landscaping. 000200065786

Claim #:

Dear Sir/ Madam

The enclosed invoice is for reimbursement of damages to Atmos Energy company property. Our investigation indicates that you are responsible for the damages resulting from the incident referenced above. Payment in full of the enclosed invoice is due upon receipt. **Do not send this Payment with your gas bill.** 

You may contact me as shown below if you have any questions. Also, if you are covered by liability insurance, please ask your carrier to contact me so that any further correspondence may be handled with the adjuster. Any disputes must be submitted in writing within 10 days of the invoice date to the email or mailing address noted below.

Sincerely,

Michael C.Townsend
Phone:270-836-7229
Fax:N/A
cody.townsend@atmosenergy.com
Para informacion en espanol, por favor llamar al 270-836-7229

3275 Highland Pointe Dr Owensboro KY 42303

Knaw what's below,

Call before you dig.

#### APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00090 DATED APR 24 2025

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# ESTADO DE KENTUCKY ANTE LA COMISIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

Concerniente:		
COX EXCAVATING LLC	)	
	)	CASO NO. 2025-00090
PRESUNTA INFRACCIÓN DE LA LEY DE PREVENCIÓN DE DAÑOS EN INSTALACIONES	)	2020 00000
SUBTERRÁNEAS	ĺ	

# ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN POR LA PRESUNTA INFRACCIÓN DE TIPO 811 DE LA LEY DE PREVENCIÓN DE DAÑOS EN INSTALACIONES SUBTERRÁNEAS DE KENTUCKY

Cox Excavating LLC (Cox Excavating) ha sido implicado como parte de una investigación ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Kentucky (Comisión) por la presunta infracción de la Ley de Prevención de Daños a Instalaciones Subterráneas de Kentucky (la Ley).<sup>1</sup> Una audiencia sobre este caso tendrá lugar el 24 de julio 2025.

Conforme a la norma KRS 278.495(2), la Comisión tiene jurisdicción para regular la seguridad de las instalaciones de gas natural en Kentucky y para hacer cumplir las normas federales mínimas de seguridad de las tuberías. En virtud de la Ley, la Comisión tiene autoridad para investigar y evaluar las sanciones civiles por cualquier infracción de la Ley que resulte en daños de excavación a una instalación subterránea utilizada para transportar gas natural o líquidos peligrosos sujetos a las leyes federales de seguridad de tuberías, 49 U.S.C. §. 60101 et seq. Toda persona que infrinja cualquier disposición de la Ley está sujeta a la imposición de una sanción civil por un importe de 250 dólares

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KRS 367.4901 a KRS 367.4917.

por la primera infracción, no más de 1,000 dólares por la segunda infracción en el plazo de un año, y no más de 3,000 dólares por la tercera infracción y las siguientes. Además, cualquier persona cuya infracción de la ley provoque daños en una instalación subterránea que contenga cualquier material inflamable, tóxico, corrosivo o peligroso, o que provoque la liberación de cualquier material inflamable, tóxico, corrosivo o peligroso, está sujeta a una sanción adicional de hasta 1,000 dólares.

Tras recibir un informe de daños por excavación en su gasoducto subterráneo por parte de un operador, el personal de la Comisión (el Personal) llevó a cabo una investigación y preparó un Informe de Incidentes, cuya copia se adjunta a esta Orden como Apéndice A. En su Informe de Incidentes, el Personal cita a Cox Excavating por la infracción de la siguiente disposición de la Ley:

KRS 367.4911(1)(a) Cada excavador, o persona responsable de una excavación, que planifique un trabajo de excavación o demolición deberá notificar a cada operador afectado sobre el trabajo previsto del excavador y el cronograma de trabajo no menos de dos (2) días hábiles completos ni más de diez (10) días hábiles completos antes de comenzar el trabajo. Hacer contacto con los centros de notificación de protección aplicables satisfará este requisito.

Basándose en su revisión del Informe de Incidentes y estando suficientemente informada, la Comisión encuentra pruebas prima facie de que Cox Excavating violo la Ley de Prevención de Daños a Instalaciones Subterráneas. La Comisión considera, además, que debe llevarse a cabo una investigación formal sobre el incidente de los daños causados por la excavación.

#### POR LO TANTO SE ORDENA que:

1. Cox Excavating deberá presentar a la Comisión una respuesta por escrito a las alegaciones contenidas en el Informe de Incidencia del Personal en un plazo de 20

días a partir de la recepción de esta Orden a través de un correo electrónico enviado a

PSCED@ky.gov con el número de caso de este procedimiento en el asunto del mensaje.

2. Cox Excavating comparecerá el 24 de julio 2025, a las 9 a.m. Horario de

verano del este, en la sala de audiencias Richard Raff de las oficinas de la Comisión en

211 Sower Boulevard en Frankfort, Kentucky, con el fin de presentar pruebas relativas a

la supuesta violación de la Ley de Prevención de Daños a Instalaciones Subterráneas.

3. La audiencia 24 de julio 2025 se llevará a cabo por videoconferencia.

Cox Excavating deberá asistir a la audiencia utilizando el siguiente enlace:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3ameeting M2Q4ZDM3ZjQtZTc3ZS00YzBiLTgwMDUtODU2ZTVhNTVi

NTk4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d77c7f4d-d767-461f-

b625-0628792e9e2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220a598c1f-a179-47d5-a86f-

480337c1709c%22%7d

Meeting ID: 275 502 115 509

Passcode: Wo2gW2yB

5. Cox Excavating notificará a la Comisión, al menos diez días antes de la

audiencia, si Cox Excavating no puede comparecer por videoconferencia y, por lo tanto,

comparecerá en persona.

6. Cualquier sociedad, corporación o entidad comercial (incluyendo una

sociedad de responsabilidad limitada) debe ser representada por un abogado con

licencia para ejercer la abogacía en Kentucky y dicha representación incluye la

presentación de documentos y las comparecencias en las audiencias ante la

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Comisión.

7. Un individuo puede presentar una respuesta a las alegaciones contenidas

en el Informe de Incidentes del Personal sin la representación de un abogado.

- 8. El Informe de Incidentes del Personal 55090, que se adjunta a esta Orden como Apéndice A, forma parte del expediente de este caso.
  - 9. La audiencia 24 de julio 2025 se grabará únicamente por vídeo.
- 10. Tenga en cuenta que las partes que no comparezcan después de la notificación estarán sujetas a que se asiente una sentencia en rebeldía contra ellos.

#### COMISIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

Presidente

	Vicepresidente
	Comisionado/a
HACE CONSTAR:	
TIAGE GONOTAIN.	
Director/a Ejecutivo/a	

#### APÉNDICE A

#### APÉNDICE DE UNA ORDEN DE LA COMISIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DE KENTUCKY EN EL CASO No. 2025-00090 FECHADO

VIENTITRÉS PÁGINAS A SEGUIR

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