

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CHAD PEERCY )  
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ALLEGED VIOLATION OF UNDERGROUND )  
FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT )

CASE NO. 2019-00339

NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is given to all parties that the following materials have been filed into the record of this proceeding:

- The digital video recording of the evidentiary hearing conducted on November 22, 2019 in this proceeding;
- Certification of the accuracy and correctness of the digital video recording;
- All exhibits introduced at the evidentiary hearing conducted on November 22, 2019 in this proceeding;
- A written log listing, *inter alia*, the date and time of where each witness' testimony begins and ends on the digital video recording of the evidentiary hearing conducted on November 22, 2019.

A copy of this Notice, the certification of the digital video record, hearing log, and exhibits have been served upon all persons listed at the end of this Notice. Parties desiring to view the digital video recording of the hearing may do so at <https://youtu.be/O2l04PKsRik>.

Parties wishing an annotated digital video recording may submit a written request by electronic mail to [pscfilings@ky.gov](mailto:pscfilings@ky.gov). A minimal fee will be assessed for a copy of this recording.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.



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Gwen R. Pinson  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of Kentucky

Chad Peercy  
2341 Lancaster Rd.  
Richmond, KENTUCKY 40475

Chad Peercy  
5106 Walnut Meadow Road  
Paint Lick, KENTUCKY 40461

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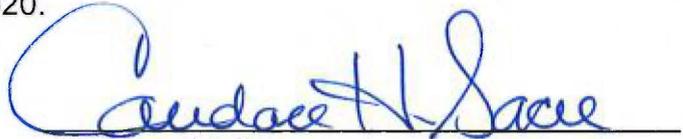
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CERTIFICATION

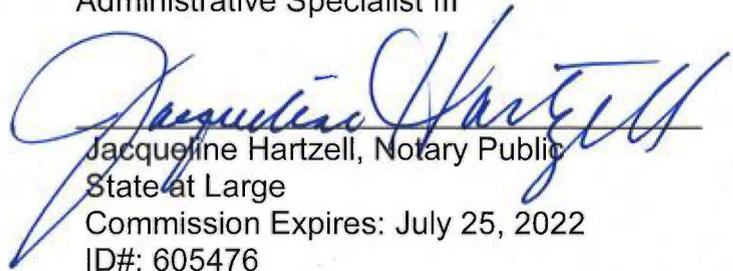
I, Candace H. Sacre, hereby certify that:

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Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



Candace H. Sacre  
Administrative Specialist III



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Date:	Type:	Location:	Department:
11/22/2019	Show Cause Hearing	Hearing Room 1	Hearing Room 1 (HR 1)

Judge: Michael Schmitt  
 Clerk: Candace Sacre

Event Time	Log Event	
9:02:08 AM	Session Started	
9:02:11 AM	Session Paused	
9:02:18 AM	Session Resumed	
9:02:19 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	We're now on the record. This is the Kentucky Public Service Commission. My name is Michael Schmitt. I am Chairman of the Commission. Members also include Vice Chairman Robert Cicero, who is not here this morning, and Commissioner Talina Matthews. Dr. Mathews has recused herself from all cases involving the Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act.
9:02:47 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	We're here this morning for the purpose of hearing evidence in cases where the investigative division of the Public Service Commission has issued a civil penalty assessment against individuals and business entities, alleging violations of the Kentucky Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act.
9:03:05 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The Public Service Commission has been authorized by KRS 367.4917(6) to enforce and assess civil penalties provided for in the Act and to seek injunctive relief for any violation that results in damage to an underground facility used to transport gas or hazardous liquid subject to the federal pipeline safety laws.
9:03:31 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	At this time, I think there are scheduled five cases to be heard this morning. I will call those cases now to see who is here and who isn't. For those who respond as being present, we'll then go off the record and come back on for each individual case, taking up the individuals or companies who are present here first, and, if others are not present, we will basically dispose of those cases afterward.
9:04:10 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The first case is 2019-00283, Robert Wells d/b/a Well's Plumbing. Is Mr. Wells here or Well's Plumbing? No.
9:04:24 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The second case is 2019-00303, Kentucky Tree, LLC. Is Kentucky Tree? Okay, would you identify yourself for the record, please?
9:04:38 AM	Ms. Jones Kentucky Tree Note: Sacre, Candace	Renee Jones, Kentucky Tree, LLC, owner.
9:04:42 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	And who is with you?
9:04:43 AM	Ms. Jones Kentucky Tree Note: Sacre, Candace	My employee that was at the job site when the incident took place.
9:04:47 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Okay, and what is his name?
9:04:49 AM	Ms. Jones Kentucky Tree Note: Sacre, Candace	Tobin Walling.

9:04:52 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	All right. 2019-00333, Chris Sageser. Is Mr. Sageser here?
9:05:05 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The next case, 2019-00339, Chad Peercy d/b/a Peercy Lawn Care, and no one here.
9:05:18 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The last, 2019-00340, Sapp's Plumbing, Inc.
9:05:23 AM	Mr. Sapp Sapp's Plumbing Note: Sacre, Candace	Here.
9:05:24 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Sapp? You're Mr. Sapp?
9:05:25 AM	Mr. Sapp Sapp's Plumbing Note: Sacre, Candace	Yes.
9:05:26 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Okay. Thank you. All right. We will now go off the record and then come back on and discuss with Kentucky Tree how to move forward with this case.
9:05:51 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	So, at this time, this matter will be in recess to be reconvened in less than five minutes.
9:06:03 AM	Session Paused	
9:07:24 AM	Session Ended	

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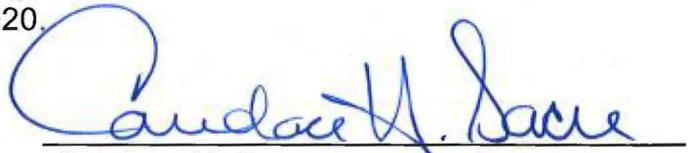
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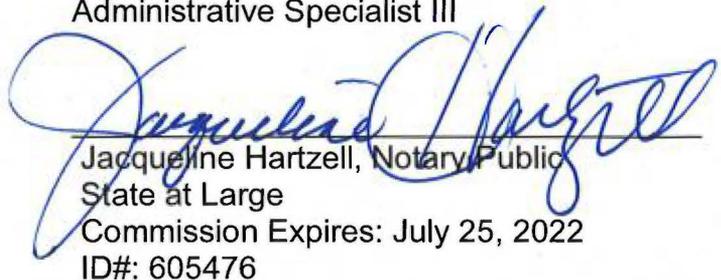
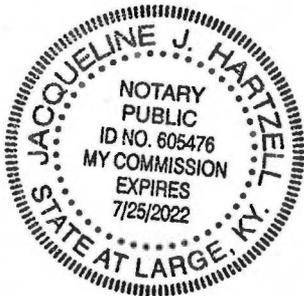
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11/22/2019	Show Cause Hearing	Hearing Room 1	Hearing Room 1 (HR 1)

Witness: John Gowins  
 Judge: Michael Schmitt  
 Clerk: Candace Sacre

Event Time	Log Event	
10:17:18 AM	Session Started	
10:17:23 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The last case to be heard this morning is Case No. 2019-00339, the alleged violation of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act by Mr. Chad Peercy.
10:17:41 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	It is alleged that Mr. Peercy violated KRS 367.4911(10) in that he was required, when excavation or demolition is necessary within the approximate location of the underground facility, the excavator shall hand dig or use nonintrusive means to avoid damage to the underground facility, and it is alleged that damage was incurred by the underground facility while Mr. Peercy was using mechanized equipment.
10:18:25 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	The case was called earlier today, and Mr. Peercy did not acknowledge his presence in the hearing room, and no one indicated that he or she was here on behalf of Mr. Peercy.
10:18:39 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	At this time, I would ask if Mr. Chad Peercy is present in the hearing room or if anyone is present at this time on behalf of Mr. Peercy?
10:18:50 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	No one appearing to respond, either Mr. Peercy or someone on his behalf, it appears he has chosen not to appear and contest this proceeding.
10:19:03 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Ms. Frederick, would you please identify yourself, your co-counsel, and your witness for the record?
10:19:11 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	Staff Attorneys Tina Frederick and John Park for the Division of Inspections, and we would like to call witness John Gowins.
10:19:29 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
10:19:36 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Ms. Frederick, you may ask.
10:19:39 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Mr. Gowins, please state your name and your current employment for the record.
10:19:52 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins And, as a part of your duties and responsibilities to the Commission, are you familiar with an incident of damage to an underground natural gas facility that took place on January 16, 2019, at 113 Mountain View Drive in Berea, Kentucky?

10:20:11 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Did you investigate this incident?
10:20:14 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Did you prepare an investigation report?
10:20:18 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	May I approach, Your Honor?
10:20:19 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Yes, you may.
10:20:38 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	Your Honor, this has previously been filed. It is now marked as PSC Exhibit 1, and I would move that it be admitted.
10:20:46 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Sustained.
10:20:48 AM	PSC EXHIBIT 1 Note: Sacre, Candace Note: Sacre, Candace	INCIDENT 31302 PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT. STAFF ATTY FREDERICK PSC - WITNESS GOWINS.
10:20:49 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Mr. Gowins, is this a true and accurate copy of the investigation report that you prepared for this incident?
10:20:57 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Who was the owner of the natural gas facility in question here?
10:21:05 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Can you please describe your investigation and your findings as set forth in this report?
10:22:38 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins And was a demand letter, indeed, sent?
10:22:41 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins And to what address was it sent?
10:22:51 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Was the demand letter returned undeliverable?
10:22:55 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Was there a subsequent demand letter that went to a different address?
10:23:00 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins To what address was that demand letter sent?
10:23:09 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins And was that returned as undeliverable?
10:23:14 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	Your Honor, I would just note for the record that there was a Notice of Filing done on October 2nd where Mr. Chad Peercy signed for a certified letter that was delivered at 5106 Walnut Meadow Road.
10:23:27 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	So noted.
10:23:29 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins As a part of your investigation of this incident, did you ever contact Delta Natural Gas and ask additional questions about this incident?
10:23:42 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins When you received the operator report, did you receive any additional information from the operator?
10:23:58 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	May I approach, Your Honor?
10:23:59 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Yes, you may.

10:24:16 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	This has previously been filed into the record, and it is marked as PSC Exhibit 2. I would move that it be admitted.
10:24:24 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Sustained.
10:24:26 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Mr. Gowins, can you describe these pictures for us and tell me what they tell us about this incident of damage?
10:25:06 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins The damage was within the tolerant zone. Is there anything either within the operator report that you received from Delta or these pictures that would indicate that Mr. Peercy was, indeed, using mechanized equipment in the tolerant zone?
10:25:32 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Thank you. Your Honor, I have no further questions for this witness.
10:25:36 AM	Chairman Schmitt - witness Note: Sacre, Candace	Gowins Examination. Mr. Gowins, is it your understanding that this line contained natural gas at the time it was severed?
10:25:42 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	No further questions.
10:25:43 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	May this witness be excused?
10:25:45 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	Yes, Your Honor.
10:25:46 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	You may step down and be excused.
10:25:48 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Ms. Frederick, do you have any other witness?
10:25:51 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	No, Your Honor.
10:25:53 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	Or any other matter to bring before the Commission at this time?
10:25:58 AM	Staff Atty Frederick PSC Note: Sacre, Candace	Nothing futher.
10:25:59 AM	Chairman Schmitt Note: Sacre, Candace	At this time, this hearing is hereby adjourned, and this brings to a conclusion all hearings scheduled for today.
10:26:35 AM	Session Ended	



## Exhibit List Report

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Chad Peercy d/b/a Peercy Lawn  
Care (Chad Peercy)

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
PSC EXHIBIT 1	INCIDENT 31302 PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT
PSC EXHIBIT 2	DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY PHOTOGRAPHS

# PIPELINE DAMAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT

## Investigation Information

<b>KY PSC Investigator(s)</b> John E. Gowins	<b>Incident ID</b> 31302
<b>Incident Date</b> 1/16/2019 4:30:00 PM	<b>Report Submitted</b> 1/25/2019 1:10:29 PM

## OPERATOR INFORMATION

<b>Operator</b> Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.	<b>Reported By</b> Mary Virginia Rupard
<b>Phone</b> 859-744-6171 ext. 1160	<b>Email</b> mvrupard@deltagas.com
<b>Incident Location</b> 113 Mountain View Drive 113 Mountain View Dr. Berea, KY 40403  Madison	<b>Locate Ticket Number</b> 1901081786

## EXCAVATOR INFORMATION

<b>Name of Excavator</b> Peercy, Chad	<b>Organization ID</b>
<b>Phone</b> 859-358-1934	<b>Email</b> chad.peercy@gmail.com
<b>Excavator Address</b> Peercy Lawn Care 2341 Lancaster Rd Richmond, KY 40475	<b>Locate Ticket Number</b>

## INCIDENT

The operator reports that Chad Peercy called 811 to request a line location prior to excavating. The line was located and marked correctly by a Delta employee. Mr. Peercy exposed the service line prior to excavating. The service line broke when he used the backhoe to remove some tree roots.

## INVESTIGATION

Peercy Lawn Care is not registered with the Secretary of State's office.

This is the first violation.

Peercy Lawn Care and Property Maintenance Facebook page lists the above phone number.

July 18, 2019 called the above number, it was the voicemail for Chad Peercy, however; the mailbox was full and could not take any messages.

July 19, 2019 called again, same issue, full mailbox. Sent Mr. Peercy a message over messenger.

July 23, 2019 called again, this time was able to leave a voicemail for Mr. Peercy.

July 29, 2019 called again, left a message that a demand letter was coming.

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**VIOLATION**

KRS 367.4911 (10) When excavation or demolition is necessary within the approximate location of the underground facility, the excavator shall hand-dig or use nonintrusive means to avoid damage to the underground facility.

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