## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:		
SCOTT PARTIN	) ) )	CASE NO. 2025-00298
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT	) ) )	

## ORDER

A hearing was held before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) on October 23, 2025, at its offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, concerning the allegation that Scott Partin violated KRS 367.4911(1)(a) of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (Act) on November 14, 2022, at approximately 2:30 p.m. at 244 Hunting Hills Estate, Corbin, Kentucky 40701, when Mr. Partin conducted excavation activities using mechanized equipment within the approximate location of an underground facility and failed to contact the Kentucky Contact Center (811) not less than two full working days nor more than ten full working days prior to commencing work, and failed to wait the appropriate time for the facilities to be located by the operator, and thereby caused damage to an underground plastic natural gas service line owned, operated, and used by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta Natural Gas) to serve the public.

According to the Damage Report submitted to the Commission by Delta Natural Gas, which is encompassed in the final investigation report compiled by the Commission's

Division of Inspections,<sup>1</sup> Mr. Partin was stated to be in violation of KRS 367.4911(1)(a) and subject to a civil penalty for this violation by operation of KRS 367.4917(1) and KRS 367.4917(4). Mr. Partin was served with process and notified of the hearing date and time but failed to appear at the hearing to contest the violations.

Upon Commission Staff's motion for default judgment<sup>2</sup> herein against Mr. Partin, and that it appears that Mr. Partin was duly served with the September 12, 2025 Order and final investigation report<sup>3</sup> on September 29, 2025,<sup>4</sup> and made no answer nor filed any responsive pleading herein, and is thereby in default, and the Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised;

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Mr. Partin is assessed a civil penalty of \$1,250 for violation of KRS 367.4911(1)(a) as provided by KRS 367.4917(1) and (4).
- 2. Mr. Partin shall pay \$1,250 within 30 days of the date of service of this Order by cashier's check or money order payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.
- 3. A record of the penalty paid in response to this Order shall be placed in the post-case correspondence file of this proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 12, 2025), Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PSC's Notice of Filing Motion for Default (filed Nov. 7, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 12, 2025), Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> PSC's Notice of Filing of Proof of Delivery (filed Oct. 9, 2025).

4. The Commission's investigation of Damage Incident 55288 is hereby closed, and this case is removed from the Commission's docket.

THIS IS A FINAL AND APPEALABLE ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

An application for a rehearing may be filed with the Commission within 20 days after service of this Order as provided by KRS 278.400. Any appeal of this Order must be filed with the Franklin Circuit Court within 30 days after service of this Order or within 20 days after an application for rehearing has been denied by failure of the Commission to act or, within 20 days after service of the final Order, as set out in KRS 278.410.

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ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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