

To: All Jurisdictional Utility Companies

From: Louisiana Public Service Commission

Re: Certificate of Compliance in a Regional Damage Prevention Program

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is requesting that all Jurisdictional companies fill out and return a form entitled "Certificate of Compliance" as per the Louisiana Underground Facility Utility Damage Prevention Law. This form is part of the utility companies annual report to the Public Service Commission.

The purpose of this form is to aid the Public Service Commission in determining which Jurisdictional Companies are members of a damage prevention program. It is anticipated that adherence to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law (Part VII of Chapter 8 of Title 40, R.S. 40:1749:11 to 40:1749.25) could have a positive impact on a company's operating expense and liability by greatly reducing the risk of damage to underground lines, thereby lessening the need to seek higher rates.

The Public Service Commission Staff would appreciate your assistance in completing and returning this form. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Service Commission's Utility Division or Auditing Division in Baton Rouge at (225) 342-4416.

Sincerely,

Lawrence C. St. Blanc
Executive Secretary

LCS/nf/tlq/sp

Affidavit of Compliance

Louisiana Underground Facility/Utility Damage Prevention Law

Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1749.11 to 40:1749.25 requires that all utilities required by law and owners/operators of underground facilities/utilities participate in or conduct a damage prevention program through a Regional Notification Center. The law further sets forth criteria, which must be met, for your company to be in compliance with this law.

L.R.S.40:1749.12 defines a Regional Notification Center as a “non-profit association, or an organization of operators consisting of two or more separate operators, who jointly have underground facilities or utilities in three or more parishes in Louisiana, or an operator who has underground facilities or utilities in a majority of parishes in Louisiana and who is organized to protect its members or its own installation from damage.” The Regional Notification Center must also take telephonic notice of the intent to excavate, and record the intent to excavate on tape or store into an electronic data bank, and retain the record of intent to excavate for a three-year period from the date of notification.

If your company does not participate in a Regional Notification Center’s program, your company could be considered to be in non-compliance with this law.

PART ONE - REGIONAL NOTIFICATION CENTER

Louisiana One Call is generally recognized as the Regional Notification Center in the State of Louisiana. Is your organization currently a member of Louisiana One Call (DOTTIE)? Yes No

If the answer to the above question is yes, please provide your member code. Code _____.

Please Note: Member codes are a series of **letters and numbers** and not just numbers as in a “frequent caller” number. If the answer is yes, please complete Part Two and return the form to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

If the answer to the above question is no, please check one of the following:

Is your company a member of a non-profit Regional Notification Center which is organized to protect your underground facility/utility from damage? Yes No

If so, what is the name of the Regional Notification Center? _____ or,

Is your company a member of a Regional Notification Center consisting of two or more separate operators, who jointly have underground facilities/utilities in three or more parishes in Louisiana, and which is organized to protect your underground facility/utility from damage? Yes No or,

Is your company considered a Regional Notification Center because it has underground facilities/utilities in a majority of parishes in Louisiana, and is organized to protect your underground facilities/utilities from damage? Yes No

An additional requirement for being considered a Regional Notification Center must be met. **Please Check the appropriate box.** Does the Regional Notification Center in which you participate receive, electronically record, and retain notices of intent to excavate for three years. Yes No

Part Two - Certification

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

State

Zip Code

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

ATTESTING TO PARTICIPATION IN AN UNDERGROUND FACILITY/DAMAGE CONTROL PREVENTION LAW

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally came and appeared _____, who, after being duly sworn, deposed that he is the officer or person responsible for certifying that this firm is in compliance with Louisiana's Underground Facilities/Utility Damage Prevention law.

Signature & Title

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ of _____, _____

Notary Public