

GPSC Advisory Committee Meeting



January 21, 2009

Bob Vaughan/Chairman Advisory Committee/GPSC
Tommy Stalnaker/Water & Sewer County
George Summers/Excavators
Jeff Baker/Georgia Department of Transportation
Holly Files /Utility Protection Center, Inc
Gary Riggs/Municipalities
William 'Bill' Gordy, Sr./Excavators
J. Charles Lance, Jr./Excavators
Joel Davis/Locators
C. Fletcher Harris/Utilities
James A. "Jim" Weldon/Utilities
H. Wayne Johnson/Water & Sewer Municipal
Milbree F. Lankford/Water and Sewer Authority

Meeting called by: Chairman Bob Vaughan **Roll Call:** Jim Weldon
Note taker: O'tania Jenkins

----- Agenda Topics -----

I: OLD BUSINESS

Approval of November 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

II: NEW BUSINESS

III: COMMITTEE REVIEW/ACTION

IV: NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: will be held March 18, 2009 @

244 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA at 9:00am

V: MEETING ADJOURNED

III: Committee Review/Action

**Respondent(1): W.W Wade Company, LLC Case #
08-04101**

Violation 25-9-12: Failure to meet emergency excavation notice requirements (false emergencies)

Investigator: Lisa McKnight

Reported by: Atmos Energy

Recommended penalty: 2,500 no mitigation

Respondent(2): Robert Moore Hauling, Inc. Case #08-01414

Violation 25-9-6(a): Failure to contact the UPC before commencing excavation or blasting with mechanized equipment

Violation 25-9-8(c): Failure to notify both the UPC and the affected utility facility owner/operator after a damage occurs

Investigator: Lisa Mcknight

Reported by: Atlanta Gas Light

Recommended penalty: 1,500 with the ability to mitigate all of penalty

Respondent(3): Coolray Heating & Cooling, Inc. d/b/a Mr. Plumber Case # (s)08-03657, 08-03658, 08-03659, 08-03660, 08-03661, and 08-03662

Violation 25-9-12: Failure to meet emergency excavation notice requirements (false emergencies)

Investigator: Lisa McKnight

Facility Owner: Various

Recommended penalty: 265,000 with the ability to mitigate \$212,000

Respondent(4): Cyrus H. Johnson, individually, and Cyclone Land Development Co., Inc.

Case # 08-04553

Violation 25-9-6(a)(1) Failure to describe the proposed site with sufficient particularity as defined by UPC policy

Investigator: Lisa McKnight

Facility Owner: A T & T

Recommended penalty: \$2,500 with the ability to mitigate \$2,000

Respondent(5): Christopher A. Opolka, individually, and Gary's Grading & Pipeline Company, Inc.

Case # 08-04253

Violation 25-9-6 (a) Failure to wait 48 hours beginning the next business day after notifying the UPC before commencing excavation.

Violation 25-9-8(d): Failure to cease excavation and/ or blasting after striking a facility.

Violation 25-9-8(d): Failure to notify both the UPC and the affected utility owner/operator after a damage occurs.

Investigator: David Lewis

Facility Owner: A T & T

Recommended penalty: \$30,000 no mitigation

Respondent(6): Atlanta Disposal Services, LLC d/b/a Atlanta Demolition

Case # 08-04582

Violation 25-9-6(a) Failure to contact the UPC before commencing excavation or blasting with mechanized equipment

Investigator: Lisa McKnight

Facility Owner: Atlanta Gas Light

Recommended penalty: \$5,000 with the ability to mitigate \$2,000

Respondent(7): Robert J. Haynie, III, individually and R.J. Haynie and Assoc., Inc.

Case #(s) 08-04720, 08-04721, 08-04722, and 08-04723

Violation 25-9-8(a) Striking, damaging, injuring or loosening any utility facility which has been staked or marked.

Violation 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within a tolerance zone.

Investigator: Lisa McKnight

Facility Owner(s): Atlanta Gas Light and A T & T

Recommended penalty: \$10,000 with the ability to mitigate \$4,000

Respondent(8): Reynolds, Inc.

Case #(s) 08-03810, 08-03811, 08-03812, 08-03813, 08-03817, 08-03818, 08-03821, 08-03822, 08-03823, 08-03824, 08-03826, and 08-03827 (12 cases)

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Violation 25-9-6(a)(1) Failure to describe the proposed site with sufficient particularity as defined by UPC policy

Violation 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within a tolerance zone.

Investigator: Bruce Coogler

Facility Owner(s): A T & T, Atlanta Gas Light, and Georgia Power

Recommended penalty: \$30,000 with the ability to mitigate \$20,000

Respondent(9): Jeffrey H. Rowan, individually, and Callaway Grading, Inc.

Case #(s) 08-04711, 08-04712, 08-04713, 08-04714, 08-04715, 08-04716, 08-04717, 08-04718, and 08-04719 (9 cases)

Violation 25-9-8(a) Striking, damaging, injuring or loosening any utility facility which has been staked or marked.

Violation 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within a tolerance zone.

Investigator: Bruce Coogler

Facility Owner(s): A T & T and Atlanta Gas Light

Recommended penalty: \$22,500 with the ability to mitigate \$20,000