

Suggested Revisions to RCW 19.122.030 (2) “ Large Projects”

Current Language:

(2) An excavator must provide the notice required by subsection (1) of this section to a one-number locator service not less than two business days and not more than ten business days before the scheduled date for commencement of excavation, unless otherwise agreed to by the excavator and the facility operators. If an excavator intends to work at multiple sites or at a large project, the excavator must take reasonable steps to confer with facility operators to enable them to locate underground facilities reasonably in advance of the start of excavation for each phase of work.

Proposed Language Modification:

(2) An excavator must provide the notice required by subsection (1) of this section to a one-number locator service not less than two business days and not more than ten business days before the scheduled date for commencement of excavation, unless otherwise agreed to by the excavator and the facility operators. If an excavator intends to work at multiple sites or at a large project, ~~the excavator must take reasonable steps to confer~~ facility operator shall contact the excavator and arrange a coordination meeting with the excavator ~~with facility operators to enable them~~ the facility operator to locate underground facilities reasonably in advance of the start of excavation for each phase of work. No excavation work shall commence until two business days after the coordination meeting unless otherwise agreed to by the excavator and the facility operator.

Suggested Revisions to RCW 19.122.030 (10) Discovering Unlocatable Utilities

Current Language:

(10) If an excavator discovers underground facilities that are not identified, the excavator must cease excavating in the vicinity of underground facilities and immediately notify the facility operator or a one-number locator service. If an excavator discovers identified but unlocatable underground facilities, the excavator must notify the facility operator. Upon notification by a one-number locator service or an excavator, a facility operator must allow for location of the uncovered portion of an underground facility identified by the excavator, and may accept location information from the excavator for marking of the underground facility.

Proposed Language Modification:

(10) If an excavator discovers underground facilities that are not identified, the excavator must cease excavating in the vicinity of underground facilities and immediately notify the facility operator ~~or~~ and a one-number locator service. If an excavator discovers identified but unlocatable underground facilities, the excavator must notify the facility operator and the one-number locator service. Upon notification by a one-number locator service or an excavator, a facility operator must map or record the ~~allow for~~ location of the uncovered portion of an underground facility identified by the excavator, ~~and~~ or may accept location information from the excavator for marking of the underground facility. If an excavator discovers and damages an identified but unlocatable utility, the excavator shall proceed as specific in RCW 19.122.050

Suggested Revisions to RCW 19.122.050 (1) Damage to underground facility

Current Language:

(1) An excavator who, in the course of excavation, contacts or damages an underground facility shall notify the facility operator and a one-number locator service, and report the damage as required under RCW 19.122.053. If the damage causes an emergency condition, the excavator causing the damage shall also alert the appropriate local public safety agencies and take all appropriate steps to ensure the public safety. No damaged buried underground facility may be buried until it is repaired or relocated.

Proposed Language Modification:

(1) An excavator who, in the course of excavation, contacts or damages an underground facility shall notify the facility operator and a one-number locator service, and report the damage as required under RCW 19.122.053. If the damage causes an emergency condition, the excavator causing the damage shall also alert the appropriate local public safety agencies (Call 911) and take all appropriate steps to ensure the public safety. No damaged buried underground facility may be buried until it is repaired, inspected, or relocated.

Suggested Revisions to RCW 19.122.050 (2) Repairs or Relocation of facility

Current Language:

(2) A facility operator notified in accordance with subsection (1) of the section shall arrange for repair or relocation as soon as practical, or permit the excavator to do necessary repairs or relocation at a mutually acceptable price.

Proposed Language Modification:

(2) A facility operator notified in accordance with subsection (1) of the section shall arrange for, and pay for, repair or relocation as soon as practical, or permit the excavator to do necessary repairs or relocation at a mutually acceptable price.

Suggested Revisions to RCW 19.122.035 (4)

Current Language:

No damaged pipeline may be buried until it is repaired or relocated. The pipeline company shall arrange for repairs or relocation of a damaged pipeline as soon as is practical or may permit the excavator to do necessary repairs or relocation at a mutually agreeable price.

Proposed Language Modification:

No damaged pipeline may be buried until it is repaired, inspected, or relocated. The pipeline company shall arrange for, and pay for, repairs or relocation of a damaged pipeline as soon as is practical or may permit the excavator to do necessary repairs or relocation at a mutually agreeable price.