



Dig Law Update

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The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

Upcoming Events

September 7

L&I Contractor Training—Edmonds

September 26-27

Governor's Safety and Health Conference—Spokane

October 2

MRSC Webinar

October 9-11

APWA Conference—Spokane

November 7

Damage Prevention Seminar—Bellevue



Safety Committee

The contract has been signed and the Washington Utilities Coordinating Council (WUCC) is busy setting the groundwork for the Safety Committee as defined by the new law. One of the most important parts of this process is selecting members to sit on the Safety Committee. The committee will consist of 13 members, 10 of which must be held by specific industries outlined in 19.122.130(3). If your company or organization would like to nominate someone to the committee, please send a letter or email to:

WUCC Standing Committee Chair, Zella West

5808-A Summitview PMB 227

Yakima, WA 98908

or, [Zella West](#)

Your nomination must include the name of the candidate, a brief description of their qualifications and the seat for which they are being nominated. Questions regarding the nomination process can be directed to [Don Evans](#), (425) 766-3412. For questions regarding the contract, contact [Anna Gill](#).

Attention Local Government Employees

In an effort to educate public agencies, such as local government, about their new responsibilities as outlined in the new dig law, the commission, in conjunction with the [Municipal Research and Services Center](#) (MRSC), will be putting on a Public Agencies webinar **Oct. 2**. Please note the change in date, this event was originally scheduled for Oct. 3. The hour-long presentation, which can be accessed by visiting the MRSC [website](#), will begin at 10 a.m. and feature changes to the dig law, including those directly affecting local government and permitting agencies. A portion of the presentation will be dedicated to the dig law from the pipeline companies perspective including land use issues. Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation. Don't miss this great opportunity! Contact [Anna Gill](#) with any questions.



Damage Reporting Rulemaking

The commission is reviewing all comments received in response to the draft rules released in July. Those comments will be taken into consideration as we prepare the next draft. Companies will have the opportunity to submit final comments regarding the next draft when it is released in early November. For more information, contact [Dave Lykken](#).

Outreach

We are kicking our education and outreach efforts up a notch this fall. Be on the lookout for a number of opportunities to learn about the new dig law. The commission will be offering a dig law training at the upcoming Labor and Industries (L&I) Contractor training Sept. 7 in Edmonds. If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, [click here](#) to visit L&I's website. We will also have a booth at the annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference being held in Spokane, Sept. 26-27. With help from [Don Evans](#), the commission will provide a training session at the APWA fall conference in Spokane October 9-12. We will also have a booth set up with lots of great information and fun giveaways!

