



Official Utilities Protection Center, Inc. Business Notification

UPC to begin implementing Sufficient Particularity in December

Duluth, GA – December 10th, 2007 – Utilities Protection Center, Inc. will begin implementing Sufficient Particularity policies and procedures complying with the newly adopted Georgia Public Service Commission's Rule for Statewide Marking Standards immediately. Previously UPC had planned to wait until January 1, 2008 to begin this implementation. Implementation is being done now to ensure that any locate request processed now that may need to be restaked on or after January 1, 2008 will be compliant.

If you call in your locate request, or enter on-line locate requests, you will need to provide information that will allow a locate technician from a UPC member utility company to identify the location of the proposed excavation without question. This would be meeting UPC's policy of Sufficient Particularity.

Sufficient Particularity can be accomplished in two ways. The first method is verbally by telling our Customer Service Rep, or typing information into the locate remarks field online, describing where the proposed excavating is going to take place. To help you verbally describe your area of excavation you may use UPC's quad system as outlined in UPC's Sufficient Particularity Policy. This document is available for download on the UPC website, www.gaupc.com. When verbally describing the proposed excavation area, there can be no question where the work is going to take place. You must "verbally white line" the area.

If you can not verbally describe your excavation area in a manner that meets the UPC policy, then you will need to white line. This is the second method for achieving Sufficient Particularity. Using white paint or flags with your excavation company's name and/or ticket number, an excavator will need to physically mark the proposed excavation site/sites at the address where the work will take place.

If your work type requires the excavation of the entire property in question, then you may continue to request that the entire property be located. If your work will only require excavation in a specific section/sections then more information will need to be collected to comply with the Georgia Public Services Commission's rule on Statewide Marking Standards and UPC's policy of Sufficient Particularity.

It is important to visit the UPC website, www.gaupc.com, and click the link under the "In the News" that reads "Marking Standards and White Lining Information." Now available on line

are documents and educations resources regarding the Marking Standards, UPC's policy on Sufficient Particularity, educational slides and other important information.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your UPC liaison.

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