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DOCKET NO. 44009 Laso Services, LLC; PSC Case No. 21-22944; 21-23060; 21-23059

FINAL ORDER

MAILED
10.9.2024

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Chesley Dix

Laso Services, LLC: No appearance

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 17, 2023, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") conducted an evidentiary hearing in order to hear and receive evidence of an alleged violation of the Georgia Utilities Facility Protection Act ("GUFPA") by the Respondent, Laso Services, LLC. No appearance was entered by the Respondent at that hearing. After the hearing, the Commission entered an order on August 15, 2023 finding that the Respondent's actions had indeed violated O.C.G.A. §§ 25-9-8(a) and 25-9-8(b) (collectively, the "Violations"). The Commission ordered that the Respondent be assessed a penalty pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-9-14(k)(7). A penalty in the amount of $16,000 was ordered and the Respondent was provided an opportunity to mitigate $12,000 of the penalty by completing a Commission approved damage prevention training program (the "Original Civil Penalty").

On January 16, 2024, the Commission issued a Procedural and Scheduling Order to address Respondents failure to have complied with the Commission's Final Orders. Specifically, the Commission asserted the following:

1. The Commission has the power and authority to enforce the provisions of O.C.G.A. T46, Ch 2-91.
2. The Commission issued Orders on August 15, 2023, requiring payment of a civil penalty and/or completion of a damage prevention-training program for Respondent committing the Violations. Respondent has neither paid the civil penalty nor completed a damage prevention course, thus violating the terms of the Order issued by the Commission.

A proceeding was held in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91 on April 24, 2024.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the testimony of all witnesses, the documentary evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and an assessment of the credibility of the witnesses and evidence at this proceeding, the Commission hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the issues involved in this case:

Morgan Mitchell testified in this proceeding on behalf of Commission Staff. Ms. Mitchell is the assistant to the GUFPA Program Managers for the Commission's Pipeline and Facilities Safety Section and is generally responsible for the delivery of consent agreements, Notice of Hearings, and Final Orders to probable violators of GUFPA and/or O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91.

During the hearing, Staff entered Exhibits 3 and 4 into evidence. Exhibit 3 was a chart that detailed information regarding the Final Order, Notice of Hearing, and the date of service for both the Final Order and Notice of Hearing. Exhibit 4 included copies of the Final Order, Notice of Hearing, and supporting documents for the date of service for both the Final Order and Notice of Hearing.

On August 15, 2023, the Commission issued a Final Order in this docket finding that the Respondent committed the Violations and provided Respondent thirty (30) days from the date of the Final Order to pay the Original Civil Penalty.

Ms. Mitchell testified that the Commission's Final Order was mailed to Respondents by certified mail. Per Ms. Mitchell, the certified mail copy of the Final Order was not returned.

Ms. Mitchell testified that Respondents were provided notice of this proceeding by certified mail. The certified mail receipt and signed return receipt indicating the delivery of the Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order for this proceeding were entered into evidence as part of Staff Exhibit #4.

Ms. Mitchell testified that as of the date of this proceeding, Respondents had failed to comply with the Order of the Commission in this Docket. Specifically, Respondents had failed to pay the penalty and/or to mitigate a portion thereof through damage prevention training class and further, Respondents had not given any adequate explanation as to the failure to comply.

Based upon the facts and circumstances presented in this case, and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(b), the Commission finds that Respondents have failed to comply with a lawful Order of this Commission.

PENALTIES

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(a), the Commission has authority to impose a civil penalty not exceeding $15,000.00 for such violation of a Commission Order and an additional penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each day during which such violation continues. The Commission concludes that it is appropriate to impose a civil penalty against Respondents in the amount of **fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000)** for violation of O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(a). This penalty is *in addition to* the Original Civil Penalty.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(a) The Commission concludes that it is appropriate to impose a civil penalty against Respondents in the amount of **fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000)** for violation of O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(a). Respondents shall pay such civil penalty to the Commission, in certified funds, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, this penalty is *in addition to* those penalties already assessed by previous Commission Orders in this Docket.

ORDERED FURTHER, all findings, conclusions, and decisions contained within the preceding sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decisions of regulatory policy of this Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, any motion for reconsideration, rehearing or oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by this Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 6th day of August, 2024.

Sallie Tanner

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

10-3-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

10-3-24
Date

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 44009	Laso Services, LLC;	Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-23060; 21-23059

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Final Order** was filed with the Executive Secretary of the Georgia Public Service Commission, and a copy of same was served upon all parties listed below via hand or electronic delivery as indicated, or by depositing same in the United States mail with sufficient postage thereon to insure delivery and addressed as follows:

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This 9th day of October 2024.

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RECOMMENDED FINAL ORDER

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Chesley Dix

Laso Services, LLC: No appearance

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FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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Based upon the facts and circumstances presented in this case, and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91(b), the Commission finds that Respondents have failed to comply with a lawful Order of this Commission.

PENALTIES

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ORDERED FURTHER, jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the __ day of _____, 2024.

Sallie Tanner	**Jason Shaw**
Executive Secretary	**Chairman**
Date	Date

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 44009	Laso Services, LLC;	Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-23060; 21-23059

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Recommended Final Order** was filed with the Executive Secretary of the Georgia Public Service Commission, and a copy of same was served upon all parties listed below via hand or electronic delivery as indicated, or by depositing same in the United States mail with sufficient postage thereon to insure delivery and addressed as follows:

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This 23 day of May 2024.

Nancy Gibson
Hearing Officer

Georgia Public Service Commission
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EXHIBIT 4

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET# 44009
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IN THE MATTER OF:

GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 21-22944, 21-23059, and 21-23060

DOCKET NO. 44009

Laso Services, L.L.C.
Respondent

MAILED
3-14-2024

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

To: **Laso Services, L.L.C.**
Attn: Daniel Laso, Jr.
10009 N 28TH Street
Tampa, FL 33612

You are hereby notified that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") will hold a hearing in the Hearing Room of the Commission, located at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701, **commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the April 24, 2024**, and continuing on such further days as the Commission deems necessary until completed, for the purpose of hearing evidence regarding alleged violations of O.C.G.A. T.46, Ch.2-91, as set forth herein under the heading titled "Matters Asserted" that, if proven, may result in the imposition of a penalty against Laso Services, L.L.C. (also referred to herein as "Respondent") in an amount not to exceed $15,000 per violation plus $10,000 for each day that the Respondent is found to be in violation of the Commission's Order. Notification of the following matters is hereby given:

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR HEARING

This hearing will be held under the authority and jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91; and in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

EXHIBIT 4

PROCEDURES

The following are the procedures to which any party to this hearing should adhere with respect to this docket:

1. **Intervention:**

   (a) Any person or party upon whom a statute does not confer an unconditional right to intervene must file an application to intervene within thirty (30) days following the first published notice of the proceedings.

   (b) Applications must clearly specify the docket in which the applicant seeks to intervene. In addition to the requirements prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59 for applications for leave to intervene, the applicant must: (1) identify other intervening parties or intervening party applicants whose interest is similar to that of the applicant along with an explanation of why the identified intervening parties or intervening party applicant will not adequately represent the applicant's interest: and (2) state the applicant's present intention to submit direct testimony and by whom and on what subject. The requirements identified herein shall constitute a continuing obligation of the applicant or intervening party. Any objections to applications must be filed in accordance with O.C.G.A § 46-2-59(d).

   (c) Any application for leave to intervene that is filed late must state the reason why such application was not filed within thirty (30) days of the first published notice. Objections to later intervention application must be filed in conformity with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59(d).

   (d) The Commission will take up and rule on applications for leave to intervene at the first hearing date scheduled in this docket.

2. **Service:**

   In addition to filing an original and eight (8) copies of documents, with a 3.5" disk containing the electronic version of the document in either Microsoft Word for text documents or Microsoft Excel format for spreadsheets, with the Commission's Executive Secretary, copies of all pleadings, filings, correspondence, and any other documents related to an submitted in the course of this docketed matter should be served upon all other interveners recognized by the Commission in this docket.

3. **Hearing Exhibits:**

   It shall be the responsibility of the party sponsoring any hearing exhibits to see that the court reporter and all parties of record, in addition to the individual Commissioners or hearing officer, receive copies of all exhibits at the time of their introduction at the hearing.

EXHIBIT 4

RIGHTS OF RESPONDENT

The Respondent has the following rights in connection with this hearing:

(1) To respond to the matters asserted in this document and to present evidence on any relevant issue;

(2) To be represented by counsel at its expense;

(3) To subpoena witnesses and documentary evidence through the Commission by filing requests with the Executive Secretary of the Commission; and

(4) Such other rights as are conferred by law and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

MATTERS ASSERTED

1.

The Commission has the power and authority to enforce the provisions of O.C.G.A. T 46 , Ch 2-91.

2.

The Commission issued an Order on requiring payment of a fine and/or completion of a damage prevention-training program in settlement of a violation of the Utility Underground Act. That Order specified that any fine was to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order, and any training was to be accomplished within forty-five (45) days of the date of the Order. Respondent has not paid such fine and/or completed a damage-prevention training program, violating the terms of the Order issued by the Commission.

STATUTES INVOLVED

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91: Failure, neglect, or refusal to abide by the terms of an Order issued by the Commission

WHEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS that:

A. This Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order shall be served upon the Respondent by certified mail and shall constitute notice to the Respondent of the matters asserted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a). A copy of this Order shall be served upon the Consumers' Utility Counsel pursuant to Commission Rule 515-2-1-.09; and public notice of this investigation and hearing shall also be given by publication by the Commission.

B. The Commission hereby adopts the schedule, procedures, and statements regarding the issues and matters asserted set forth within this Order.

C. A motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

D. Jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

E. The Commission hereby assigns this matter for hearing before its hearing officer, Mr. Phillip J. Smith, Esq.

NOTICE: No continuance or postponement of the above-scheduled hearing will be granted, except upon 72 hours' written notice and except for good cause shown. All requests for continuance should be addressed to Mr. Will Culbreath, with a copy to Mrs. Yolanda Clay, at Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701 [facsimile # 404-463-6532] or via e-mail to wculbreath@psc.state.ga.us and yclay@psc.state.ga.us. Please include documentation in support of your request for continuance. If your presence is required in court or before a government agency on the hearing date scheduled in this Notice, you must provide a copy of the court or agency calendar or subpoena showing the date and time of the conflicting hearing. Only upon receipt of written response from the Commission excusing your appearance are you excused from your duty to appear at the hearing noticed hereby.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on January 16, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

3-11-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

3-11-24
Date

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
Laso Services, L.L.C.,	)	DOCKET NO. 44009
RESPONDENTS	)	(PSC Case No. 21-22944,
	)	21-23059, and 21-23060)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Notice of Hearing was filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via hand delivery as indicated by an asterisk, or by depositing same in the United States mail.

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Georgia Public Service Commission
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Laso Services, L.L.C.
Attn: Daniel Laso, Jr.
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Respectfully Submitted this 14th day of March, 2024:

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
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Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-23059; 21-23060
Laso Services, LLC;

DOCKET NO. 44009

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FINAL ORDER

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Ray-Kelle Preston

Laso Services, LLC: No appearance

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On the following dates and at the following addresses

- March 4, 2021, while working at 3761 Evans to Locks Road, Augusta
- May 4, 2021, while working at 435 Weyanoke Drive, Evans
- February 21, 2021, while working at Gardenbrook Drive

Laso Services, LLC ("Respondent") caused damage to a utility facility while using mechanized equipment. Following its investigation of this incident, Commission Staff determined that the Respondent was in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 25-9-8(b) and 25-9-8(a) (the "Violations") and recommended, through Consent Agreement, that Respondent be assessed a $15,000 civil penalty with the ability to mitigate $12,000 by completing a Commission approved damage prevention training program.

On January 17, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order. Respondent was advised that a hearing would be held for the purpose of hearing evidence regarding the Violations and that, if proven, such Violations may result in the imposition of a civil penalty as provided by law.

On May 17, 2023, a hearing was conducted in this Docket, at which time the Commission's Hearing Officer heard testimony from Staff witnesses. Staff entered two exhibits into evidence. Exhibit 1 was a chart that detailed information regarding: the incident date and location, violation cited, terms of Consent Agreement, date of service for both Consent Agreement and Notice of Hearing, and status of certified mail return receipt for Notice of Hearing. Exhibit 2 included copies of: The Notice of Probable Violation, Incident Investigation Report, Consent Agreement, Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order, Certified Mail Return Receipt and other supporting documentation. At the hearing, several issues were presented for determination, including whether Respondent committed the Violations and whether the Respondent should be penalized pursuant to O.C.G.A § 25-9-14(k)(7) [pursuant to O.C.G.A § 25-9-13(h)(7) prior to September 2022] in an amount of up to $10,000.00 for each violation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Staff witnesses Onterio Johnson and Morgan Mitchell testified at the proceeding. Mr. Johnson is a Commission GUFPA investigator and is generally responsible for investigating notices of probable violation of the Act. Ms. Mitchell is the assistant to the GUFPA Program and Assistant Program Managers, and is generally responsible for the delivery of consent agreements, Notice of Hearings, and Final Orders to probable violators of GUFPA and O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91. Mr. Johnson submitted a detailed copy of his report of the investigation. Based on the probable violation damage reports filed by the utility and upon further investigation into the matter. Mr. Johnson determined that:

1. Respondent struck, injured, or loosened any utility facility which had been staked or marked in violation of O.C.G.A. § 25-9-8(a); and
2. Respondent failed to exercise reasonable care when blasting or excavating is to take place within the tolerance zone in violation of O.C.G.A. § 25-9-8(b);

Based upon the facts and circumstances presented in this case, the Commission finds that Respondent committed the Violations.

PENALTIES

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 25-9-14(k)(7), the Commission has the authority to impose a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000.00 for each violation of the Act, if it is proven that any person violated any provision of the Act as a result of a failure to exercise reasonable care.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that pursuant to O.C.G.A § 25-9-14(k)(7) a civil penalty in the amount of **$16,000** be imposed against Respondent for the above cited violations. Respondent shall pay such civil penalty to the Commission, in certified funds, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Respondent may mitigate $12,000 off the civil penalty ordered in this case by a minimum of five (5) employees completing a Commission-approved damage prevention training course within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all findings, conclusions and decisions contained within the preceding sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decisions of regulatory policy of this Commission.

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ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 15th day of August 2023.

Sallie Tanner

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

10-17-23

Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

10-17-23

Date

EXHIBIT 4

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 44009 **Laso Services, LLC; 23059; 21-23060** **Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-**

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This 18th day of October, 2023.

Maritza Rivera
Clerk
Georgia Public Service Commission
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EXHIBIT 4

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-23059; 21-23060
Laso Services, LLC;

DOCKET NO. 44009

RECOMMENDED FINAL ORDER

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Ray-Kelle Preston

Laso Services, LLC: No appearance

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Sallie Tanner	**Tricia Pridemore**
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 44009 **Laso Services, LLC; 23059; 21-23060** **Case Nos. 21-22944; 21-**

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This 13th day of January, 2023.

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Sallie Tanner

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Executive Secretary

10-17-23
Date

Jason Shaw
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This 18th day of October, 2023.

Maritza Rivera
Clerk
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Date	Date

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This 13th day of June, 2023.

Nancy Gibson
Hearing Officer
Georgia Public Service Commission
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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DOCKET# 44009
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IN THE MATTER OF:

GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 21-22944, 21-23059 and 21-23060

DOCKET NO. 44009

Laso Services, L.L.C.,
Respondent

MAILED
3.16.2023

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

To: **Laso Services, L.L.C.**
Attn: Daniel Laso, Jr.
10009 N 28TH Street
Tampa, FL 33612

You are hereby notified that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") will hold a hearing in the Hearing Room of the Commission, located at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701, ***commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 17, 2023*** and continuing on such further days as the Commission deems necessary until completed, for the purpose of hearing evidence regarding alleged violations of O.C.G.A. T. 25, Ch. 9, as set forth herein under the heading titled "Matters Asserted" that, if proven, may result in the imposition of a penalty against Laso Services, L.L.C. (also referred to herein as "Respondents") in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00 per violation. Notification of the following matters is hereby given:

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR HEARING

This hearing will be held under the authority and jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by O.C.G.A. §25-9-13 and §46-2-91; and in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. §50-13, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

PROCEDURES

The following are the procedures to which any party to this hearing should adhere with respect to this docket:

1. **Intervention:**

   (a) Any person or party upon whom a statute does not confer an unconditional right to intervene must file an application to intervene within thirty (30) days following the first published notice of the proceedings.

   (b) Applications must clearly specify the docket in which the applicant seeks to intervene. In addition to the requirements prescribed in O.C.G.A. §46-2-59 for applications for leave to intervene, the applicant must: (1) identify other intervening parties or intervening party applicants whose interest is similar to that of the applicant along with an explanation of why the identified intervening parties or intervening party applicant will not adequately represent the applicant's interest: and (2) state the applicant's present intention to submit direct testimony and by whom and on what subject. The requirements identified herein shall constitute a continuing obligation of the applicant or intervening party. Any objections to applications must be filed in accordance with O.C.G.A §46-2-59(d).

   (c) Any application for leave to intervene that is filed late must state the reason why such application was not filed within thirty (30) days of the first published notice. Objections to later intervention application must be filed in conformity with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §46-2-59(d).

   (d) The Commission will take up and rule on applications for leave to intervene at the first hearing date scheduled in this docket.

2. **Service:**

   In addition to filing an original and eight (8) copies of documents, with a 3.5" disk containing the electronic version of the document in either Microsoft Word for text documents or Microsoft Excel format for spreadsheets, with the Commission's Executive Secretary, copies of all pleadings, filings, correspondence, and any other documents related to, and submitted in, the course of this docketed matter should be served upon all other interveners recognized by the Commission in this docket.

3. **Hearing Exhibits:**

   It shall be the responsibility of the party sponsoring any hearing exhibits to see that the court reporter and all parties of record, in addition to the individual Commissioners or hearing officer, receive copies of all exhibits at the time of their introduction at the hearing.

RIGHTS OF RESPONDENT

Respondent have the following rights in connection with this hearing:

(1) To respond to the matters asserted in this document and to present evidence on any relevant issue;

(2) To be represented by counsel at its expense;

(3) To subpoena witnesses and documentary evidence through the Commission by filing requests with the Executive Secretary of the Commission; and

(4) Such other rights as are conferred by law and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

MATTERS ASSERTED

1.

The Commission has the power and authority to enforce the provisions of O.C.G.A. T, 25, Ch 9.

2.

The Commission Staff received reports of multiple probable violation of GUFPA alleging that on or about March 04, 2021, Respondent violated O.C.G.A. T. 25, Ch. 9. A copy of this report is attached hereto as Attachment A. The allegations contained in the report constitute violations of O.C.G.A. T. 25, Ch. 9.

STATUTES INVOLVED

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

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

WHEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS that:

A. This Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order shall be served upon the Respondent by certified mail and shall constitute notice to the Respondent of the matters asserted pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-13-13(a). A copy of this Order shall be served upon the Consumers' Utility Counsel pursuant to Commission Rule 515-2-1-.09; and public notice of this investigation and hearing shall be given by the Commission.

B. The Commission hereby adopts the schedule, procedures, and statements regarding the issues and matters asserted set forth within this Order.

C. A motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

D. Jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

E. The Commission hereby assigns this matter for hearing before its hearing officer, Nancy Gibson.

NOTICE: If Commission Staff determines to its satisfaction that the Respondent has satisfied the obligations of the prior Consent Order, Staff shall be authorized to *nolle prosequi* the Rule Nisi. No continuance or postponement of the above-scheduled hearing will be granted, except upon 72 hours' written notice and except for good cause shown. All requests for continuance should be addressed to Mr. Will Culbreath at Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701 [facsimile # 404-463-6532] or via e-mail to wculbreath@psc.state.ga.us. Please include documentation in support of your request for continuance. If your presence is required in court or before a government agency on the hearing date scheduled in this Notice, you must provide a copy of the court or agency calendar or subpoena showing the date and time of the conflicting hearing. Only upon receipt of written response from the Commission excusing your appearance are you excused from your duty to appear at the hearing noticed hereby.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on January 17, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

3-15-23
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

3-15-23
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Respectfully Submitted this 16th day of March, 2023:

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
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Incident Location: Various

To Whom It May Concern:

A Notice of Probable Violation(s) ("NOPV") of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act ("GUFPA" or the "Act") has been filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office ("Staff") naming you as the probable violator ("Respondent"). A copy of the Act can be found at www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode (Title 25, Chapter 9). The probable violations alleged are as follows:

O.C.G.A. Violations

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

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

Violations of the Act are punishable by civil penalties of up to $10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) *per violation*. **Staff recommends a civil penalty of $15,000.00. Respondent may choose from one of several options regarding the alleged probable violations. Staff recommends mitigation of $12,000.00 of the above-recommended civil penalty by attendance of five or more employees at a Commission approved damage prevention class. The respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $3,000.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.**

Specific information about the above probable violation(s) is provided in this packet so please read all documentation **completely** and **carefully**. In this packet, you will find the **Response Options**, **NOPV/Incident Report**, **Consent Agreement**, **GUFPA Questionnaire**, additional information on **Requests for GUFPAAC**, and a list of **Commission Approved Damage Prevention Trainers**.

YOUR AFFIRMATIVE WRITTEN RESPONSE IS REQUIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOPV (See "Response Options" page for more information). Failure to respond either by executing the consent agreement or requesting a hearing before the Advisory Committee will result in the issuance of a Rule NISI to be heard before the Georgia Public Service Commission.

If you have any questions, please call me at (404) 463-6526.

Sincerely,

Onterio Johnson
ojohnson@psc.state.ga.us
GPSC GUFPA Investigator

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RESPONSE OPTIONS

(Please check only one)

Respondent: Laso Services, L.L.C.
Docket #: 44009
Case #: PSC 21-22944, 21-23059, and 21-23060

Respondent may choose from **ONE** of the following **OPTIONS** to dispose of this case:

☐ **OPTION 1 – I Disagree and want to attend GUFPAAC**: If you *disagree* with the probable violation(s) alleged you may request to appear and have your case heard before the Georgia Utility Facility Act Advisory Committee ("GUFPAAC"), a committee of industry stakeholders and peers. Please dispute same by submitting a detailed written response and return it along with all supporting evidence (pictures, diagrams, maps, witness statements and any other documentation to be used in support of your position) and sign/return the below statement within **thirty (30) days** of this NOPV:

I hereby request the opportunity to present my case to the GUFPAAC and I certify under the penalty of perjury that the response(s) and information provided regarding the afore-mentioned probable violation(s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Authorized Representative of Respondent Date

*****Upon receipt of your signature above, your detailed written response and all supporting evidence, your case will be scheduled to be heard by the GUFPAAC and you will be notified by mail of the date of this GUFPAAC meeting.**

☐ **OPTION 2 – I Disagree and want a Hearing before the Hearing Officer:** If you disagree with the probable violation(s) alleged, please dispute by submitting a detailed, written response along with all supporting evidence (pictures, diagrams, maps, witness statements and any other documentation) to be used in support of your position **within 30 days of receipt of this letter.** If you need more time to gather your information, **you must contact the GUFPA staff to request additional time. Note: The information you provide will not close the case, it will assist the investigator in his/her investigation to arrive at a more informed conclusion. If at the point you still disagree with the findings of the investigator, your case will be heard by a Commission hearing officer.**

**** Sign below only if you are choosing Option 2 ****

I certify under the penalty of perjury that the response(s) and information provided regarding the afore-mentioned probable violation(s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Authorized Representative of Respondent Date

☐ **OPTION 3 – I Agree and Wish to Pay the Mitigated Civil Penalty and attend Training:** If you agree with the alleged probable violation(s) please complete, sign and return the **Consent Agreement** provided for in this package. A **minimum of five (5) employees** of your company shall attend Commission approved damage prevention training. You must pay the recommended **mitigated** civil penalty of **$3,000.00**. Staff must receive the **signed Consent Agreement** and **this "Response" page** indicating your decision, and the mitigated penalty amount by certified check or money order within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

PLEASE NOTE: Georgia Law requires that ALL information requested in OPTION 1 and OPTION 2 be provided upon Staff's request. (O.C.G.A. §§ 24-10-26, 46-2-20 and 25-9-1 *et. seq.*). Failure to respond and/or comply with these requests for information in the 30 days provided for shall result in the loss of one or more of the **OPTIONS** presented.

☐ **OPTION 4 – I Agree and Wish to Pay the Full Civil Penalty**: If you agree with the alleged probable violation(s) please complete, sign and return the **Consent Agreement** provided for in this package and pay the full recommended civil penalty of **$15,000.00**. Staff must receive the **signed Consent Agreement** within **thirty (30) days** of this NOPV. THIS OPTION DOES NOT REQUIRE TRAINING.

DOCKET #44009: LASO SERVICES, L.L.C.

				INCIDENT ADDRESS				
	CASE NUMBER	INCIDENT DATE	REPORT DATE	STREET	CITY	COUNTY	REPORTING FACILITATOR	VIOLATION CODES
1	PSC 21-22944	3/4/2021	4/2/2021	3761 Evans to Locks Road	Augusta	Columbia	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b)
2	PSC 21-23059	5/4/2021	5/27/2021	435 Weyanole Drive	Evans	Columbia	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b)
3	PSC 21-23060	2/21/2021	4/26/2021	Gardenbrook Drive	Grovetown	Columbia	Georgia Power Company	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b)

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 21-22944

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	3/4/2021	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	1/2
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	3761 Evans to Locks Road, Augusta		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Service		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	Stake Center
LOCATE NUMBER:	210304-004269
WAS FACILITY LOCATED?	Yes
LOCATE MARKS WITHIN 18 INCHES?	Yes

REPORTING INFORMATION

REPORTING COMPANY:	Atlanta Gas Light
CONTACT NAME:	Christy Rainwater
CONTACT NUMBER:	404-584-3135
MAILING ADDRESS:	Ten Peachtree Place N.E.
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Atlanta, GA 30309
CUSTOMERS AFFECTED:	0
REPAIR COST:	$629.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
CONTACT NAME:	James Battle
CONTACT NUMBER:	(813) 863-3157
MAILING ADDRESS:	Attn: Daniel Laso, Jr.
	10009 N 28TH Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Tampa, FL 33612

FACILITY OWNER INFORMATION

FACILITY OWNER:	Atlanta Gas Light
CONTACT NUMBER:	404-584-3135

PROBABLE VIOLATION(s)

O.C.G.A Violations

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES:

Laso Services damaged a 1/2" plastic gas service line with mechanized equipment while installing cable line.

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GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GEORGIA UTILITY FACILITY PROTECTION ACT

NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 21-22944

Mail, Fax or e-mail to:	Georgia Public Service Commission Facilities Protection Unit 244 Washington Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	44009
Case Number:	PSC 21-22944
Report Date:	4/2/2021
Incident Date:	3/4/2021
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	Stake Center
Locator Phone:	434-942-6949
Excavator:	Laso Services
Excavator Phone:	404-599-0081
Violator:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
Contact:	James Battle
Address:	Attn: Daniel Laso, Jr. 10009 N 28TH Street
City, State, Zip	Tampa, FL 33612
Incident Location:	3761 Evans to Locks Road
Incident City:	Augusta
Incident County:	Columbia
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	1/2
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	MP
Utility Line Function:	Service
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$629.00

INCIDENT IMPACT

Injury (# of outpatient care):	0
Injury (# of inpatient care):	0
Fatalities:	0
Fire Department Response:	Unknown
Police Department Response:	Unknown

EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES

Utility Ticket Number(s):	210304-004269
Equipment Involved:	Directional Drilling
Nature of Excavation:	Cable TV
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

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SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, Laso Services, L.L.C. was excavating at 3761 Evans to Locks Road, Augusta, Georgia on March 4, 2021. Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because Laso Services, L.L.C., struck and damaged a marked gas service facility and failed to exercise reasonable care while excavating within tolerance zone.

INVESTIGATION:

Staff from the Facilities Protection Unit of the Georgia Public Service Commission received a notification of probable violation from Atlanta Gas Light regarding the damage that occurred at 3761 Evans to Locks Road, Augusta, Georgia on March 4, 2021. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates Laso Services, L.L.C. caused damage to a 1/2" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a CATV main and while excavating with mechanized equipment, the contractor struck and damaged a marked buried gas service facility. This incident was reported as a violation of OCGA 25-9-8(a) Striking, damaging, injuring or loosening any utility facility which has been staked or marked. OCGA 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within the tolerance zone.

Staff conducted a search of the Georgia (811) locate request database and was able to find a valid locate ticket present. According to the (811) positive response database, the gas service was marked prior to the incident. Damage at incident location coincides with the damage report submitted by Atlanta Gas Light. Thus far, based on this initial information submitted by Atlanta Gas Light; GUFPA staff finds Laso Services, L.L.C. in violation.

CONCLUSION:

The Pipeline/Facilities Safety Staff found **Laso Services, L.L.C.** in violation of:

O.C.G.A. Violations

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

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

This investigation is pending the excavator's (your) response. If no response is submitted, staff will proceed to hearing based solely on the information submitted by the facility owner.

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 21-23059

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	5/4/2021	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	1/2
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	435 Weyanoke Drive, Evans		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Service		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Boring		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	Stake Center
LOCATE NUMBER:	210226-001011
WAS FACILITY LOCATED?	Yes
LOCATE MARKS WITHIN 18 INCHES?	Yes

REPORTING INFORMATION

REPORTING COMPANY:	Atlanta Gas Light
CONTACT NAME:	Christy Rainwater
CONTACT NUMBER:	404-584-3135
MAILING ADDRESS:	Ten Peachtree Place N.E.
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Atlanta, GA 30309
CUSTOMERS AFFECTED:	0
REPAIR COST:	$970.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
CONTACT NAME:	James Battle
CONTACT NUMBER:	813-863-3157
MAILING ADDRESS:	Attn: Daniel Laso 10009 N 28th Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Tampa, FL 33612

FACILITY OWNER INFORMATION

FACILITY OWNER:	Atlanta Gas Light
CONTACT NUMBER:	404-584-3135

PROBABLE VIOLATION(s)

O.C.G.A Violations

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES:

Laso Services damaged a 1/2" plastic gas service line with mechanized equipment while installing cable TV main.

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GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GEORGIA UTILITY FACILITY PROTECTION ACT

NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 21-23059

Mail, Fax or e-mail to:	Georgia Public Service Commission Facilities Protection Unit 244 Washington Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	44009
Case Number:	PSC 21-23059
Report Date:	5/27/2021
Incident Date:	5/4/2021
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	Stake Center
Locator Phone:	434-942-6949
Excavator:	Laso Services
Excavator Phone:	813-863-3157
Violator:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
Contact:	James Battle
Address:	Attn: Daniel Laso 10009 N 28th Street
City, State, Zip	Tampa, FL 33612
Incident Location:	435 Weyanoke Drive
Incident City:	Evans
Incident County:	Columbia
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	1/2
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	MP
Utility Line Function:	Service
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$970.00

INCIDENT IMPACT

Injury (# of outpatient care):	0
Injury (# of inpatient care):	0
Fatalities:	0
Fire Department Response:	Unknown
Police Department Response:	Unknown

EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES

Utility Ticket Number(s):	210226-001011
Equipment Involved:	Boring
Nature of Excavation:	Cable TV
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

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SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, Laso Services, L.L.C. was excavating at 435 Weyanoke Dr., Evans, Georgia on May 4, 2021, Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because Laso Services, L.L.C. struck and damaged a marked gas service facility and failed to exercise reasonable care while excavating within tolerance zone.

INVESTIGATION:

Staff from the Facilities Protection Unit of the Georgia Public Service Commission received a notification of probable violation from Atlanta Gas Light regarding the damage that occurred at 435 Weyanoke Dr., Evans, Georgia on May 4, 2021. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates Laso Services, L.L.C. caused damage to a ½" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a CATV main and while excavating with mechanized equipment, the contractor struck and damaged a marked buried gas service facility. This incident was reported as a violation of OCGA 25-9-8(a) Striking, damaging, injuring or loosening any utility facility which has been staked or marked. OCGA 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within the tolerance zone.

Staff conducted a search of the Georgia (811) locate request database and was able to find a valid locate ticket present. According to the (811) positive response database, the gas service was marked prior to the incident. Thus far, based on this initial information submitted by Atlanta Gas Light; GUFPA staff finds Laso Services, L.L.C. in violation.

CONCLUSION:

The Pipeline/Facilities Safety Staff found **Laso Services, L.L.C.** in violation of:

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 21-23060

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	2/21/2021	MATERIAL TYPE:	Cable
FACILITY TYPE:	Power	SIZE:	1/0
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	Gardenbrook Drive, Grovetown		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Boring		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	NOT REPORTED
LOCATE NUMBER:	210208-004812
WAS FACILITY LOCATED?	No
LOCATE MARKS WITHIN 18 INCHES?	No

REPORTING INFORMATION

REPORTING COMPANY:	Georgia Power Company
CONTACT NAME:	Gina Ruark
CONTACT NUMBER:	706-667-5606
MAILING ADDRESS:	2103 N Leg Road
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Augusta, GA 30909
CUSTOMERS AFFECTED:	0
REPAIR COST:	$1,721.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
CONTACT NAME:	DANIEL LASO
CONTACT NUMBER:	813-863-3157
MAILING ADDRESS:	10009 N 28TH Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Tampa, GA 33612

FACILITY OWNER INFORMATION

FACILITY OWNER:	GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
CONTACT NUMBER:	706-667-5606

PROBABLE VIOLATION(s)

O.C.G.A Violations

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES:

CONTRACTOR CUT GPC PRIMARY - MARKS NOT VISIBLE - TROUBLEMAN ON SIT TALKED TO CREW, LASO EMPLOYEES SAID MARKS WERE WASHED AWAY DUE TO RAIN. LASO DID NOT TALK TO HAVE REMARKED.

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GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 21-23060

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Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	44009
Case Number:	PSC 21-23060
Report Date:	4/26/2021
Incident Date:	2/21/2021
Facility Owner:	GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
Facility Owner Phone:	706-667-5606
Locator:	NOT REPORTED
Locator Phone:	NOT REPORTED
Excavator:	LASO SERVICES
Excavator Phone:	813-863-3157
Violator:	Laso Services, L.L.C.
Contact:	DANIEL LASO
Address:	10009 N 28TH Street
City, State, Zip	Tampa, GA 33612
Incident Location:	Gardenbrook Drive
Incident City:	Grovetown
Incident County:	Columbia
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Power
Material Type:	Cable
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	1/0
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	NOT REPORTED
Utility Line Function:	Main
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$1,721.00

INCIDENT IMPACT

Injury (# of outpatient care):	0
Injury (# of inpatient care):	0
Fatalities:	0
Fire Department Response:	Unknown
Police Department Response:	Unknown

EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES

Utility Ticket Number(s):	210208-004812
Equipment Involved:	Boring
Nature of Excavation:	Cable TV
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

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SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, Laso Services, L.L.C. was excavating on Gardenbrook Drive, In Grovetown, Georgia on February 21, 2021, Georgia Power Company reported this incident because Laso Services, L.L.C. struck and damaged a marked power service facility and failed to exercise reasonable care while excavating within tolerance zone.

INVESTIGATION:

Staff from the Facilities Protection Unit of the Georgia Public Service Commission received a notification of probable violation from Georgia Power Company regarding the damage that occurred on Gardenbrook Drive, In Grovetown, Georgia on February 21, 2021, The submitted Georgia Power Company damage report indicates Laso Services, L.L.C. caused damage to a primary power service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a CATV main and while excavating with mechanized equipment, the contractor struck and damaged a marked buried power service facility. This incident was reported as a violation of OCGA 25-9-8(a) Striking, damaging, injuring or loosening any utility facility which has been staked or marked. OCGA 25-9-8(b) Failure to exercise reasonable care when excavating or blasting is to take place within the tolerance zone.

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Laso Services, L.L.C.,
RESPONDENTS

CASE NUMBER: PSC 21-22944, 21-23059, and 21-23060

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Laso Services, L.L.C., ("Respondent(s)"), hereby agrees to presentation of the following proposed disposition of the above named matter to the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

1.

The Commission has the power and authority to enforce the provisions of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act, ("Act"), O.C.G.A. T. 25, Ch. 9.

2.

The Commission received a Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV"), alleging that on various dates, Respondent(s) violated O.C.G.A. T. 25, Ch. 9. The Staff has recommended to the Commission that the NOPV be resolved pursuant to the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement.

AGREEMENT

By signing below, Respondent(s) hereby agree that this matter should be resolved as follows:

1.

This Consent Agreement, if approved by the Commission, shall constitute a final resolution of this proceeding. Respondent(s) agree that each will abide by the terms of this Consent Agreement.

2.

Respondent(s) agree that each will comply with all applicable provisions of the Act.

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3.

Respondent(s) agree to pay to the Commission a penalty of $15,000.00 within thirty (30) days after the date of an Order issued by the Commission approving of this Consent Agreement. Payment must be forwarded to:

Georgia Public Service Commission
Facilities Protection Unit
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701

All payment of penalties must be remitted in certified funds: money order, cashier's check, or official check.

Personal/Company checks will not be accepted.

4.

If Respondent(s) choose training in lieu of paying $12,000.00 of the penalty described above, Respondent(s) agree to promptly complete a training program acceptable to the Commission, ***minimum of five (5) employees required to attend training.*** **The respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $3,000.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.**

5.

Respondent(s) understands that all payments will be processed upon receipt. However, this does not release the Respondent of the terms of this agreement.

6.

Respondent(s) understands that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement could subject each to additional penalties.

7.

This Consent Agreement shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Commission. Respondent(s) enter into this Consent Agreement without admission of fault or liability.

8.

The undersigned authorized representative of the Respondent(s) acknowledges that he/she has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. The undersigned representative acknowledges that the undersigned party freely, knowingly and voluntarily enters into this agreement. The undersigned representative hereby consents to the resolution of this proceeding as provided herein.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Consented to:
(***Sign, date, and mail, email, or fax***)

_____

On behalf of: Laso Services, L.L.C.

PSC 21-22944, 21-23059, and 21-23060

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"GUFPA" Questionnaire

PSC 21-22944, 21-23059, and 21-23060 Docket No. 44009

Please answer all questions in a written statement and include your case number on each page.

1. Name of entity (company, corporation, municipality, etc.) submitting this information?

2. Name of person submitting this information and title or position in the company or corporation?

3. Is this business incorporated? If incorporated, how so (corporation or limited liability)? In what state? Name and full address of the corporation's Registered Agent? If not incorporated, how is the business organized (i.e. partnership, sole proprietor, "D/B/A" or other)? Name and full address of the businesses highest ranking official (i.e. president or chief executive officer)?

4. Was a locate request made with **Georgia 811/Utilities Protection Center** prior to beginning excavation? If so, when and by whom? Provide the ticket number and the name of the company/party requesting the locate? Legal date of ticket? Expiration date of ticket? Provide name of party performing the excavation if different from ticket holder? Please provide a copy of all locate tickets associated with this excavation.

5. Was any other contractor (i.e. primary or subcontractor) involved? If subcontractor involved, is there a signed contractor agreement of responsibility? If subcontractor involved, is there a signed contract allowing one party to work under the locate ticket of another? Please provide a copy all contracts associated with this excavation.

6. Were you working under an emergency locate request? If so, please ***describe in detail*** what qualifies this as an emergency situation and describe what actions you took to perform your excavation with reasonable care in order to prevent damage to the underground facilities.

   Please note: An emergency as defined by the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act means there is an *immediate danger* to life or property or the loss of utility service requiring *immediate action*. Even in an emergency situation, the excavator is held responsible for exercising reasonable care in carrying out its excavation activities and is held responsible for any damage such activities might cause. Furthermore, there is no required show-up time for an emergency locate. The only timeframe required for performing locates by the facility owner/operator is 48 hours beginning the next business day as contained in 25-9-7 of the dig law.

7. Did you physically white-line **OR** "describe with sufficient particularity" (verbal white-lining), the area of excavation, prior to the utility owner/operator marking their facilities? Please provide proof thereof? If not, explain.

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8. Did your company utilize the Positive Response Information System through **Georgia 811/Utilities Protection Center** to verify that all utility owner/operators had responded prior to your beginning excavation? Please provide a copy of the Positive Response Information for each locate ticket associated with this excavation? If not, explain.

9. Was locate marking done within the allotted time frame? If not, was a second request made to **Georgia 811/Utilities Protection Center**?

10. Were any/all utilities marked? If not, explain.

11. Please provide evidence (signed witness statements which must include name, address and contact number for each witness, pictures, maps, diagrams and any other written documentation) that supports each of the above responses.

12. Were the utilities marked accurately (within 18" of either side of the facility)? Were pictures taken of the utility markings prior to excavation? If so, please provide copies and any other supporting documentation.

13. Were the utilities "potholed" prior to excavation to get a visual of the utilities and exposed with non-mechanized means to prevent damage (i.e. shovel, hand tools, etc.)?

14. What type of work was being performed when the incident occurred (i.e. installing CATV, landscaping, grading, installing irrigation, etc.)?

15. What type of equipment or machinery was being used when the incident occurred (i.e. backhoe, mechanical auger, directional drill, etc.)?

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16. Was the direction of excavation parallel or perpendicular to the damaged utility?

17. Did excavation cease after the damage occurred?

18. Was Georgia 811/Utilities Protection Center contacted after the incident occurred? If yes, provide the damage ticket number and a copy of each damage ticket associated with this excavation.

19. Was 911 called for all damages to natural gas facilities?