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IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO. 43389	**I & C Telecom, Inc.**	**CASE NO. 20-18262; 20-18264; 20-18277; 20-18**

FINAL ORDER

MAILED
4.22.2025

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Chesley Dix

RESPONDENT: No appearance

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On the following dates and at the following locations:

- February 5, 2020, at 1812 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta;
- March 6, 2020 at 1618 Ivy Spring Drive SE in Marietta;
- March 12, 2020, at 3130 Cobb Parkway in Marietta; and
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I & C Telecom, Inc. ("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(a), 25-9-8(b), and 25-9-8(e) (the "Violations"), sections of the Georgia Underground Facilities Protection Act ("GUFPA"). Staff recommended, through Consent Agreement, that Respondent be assessed a $25,000 civil penalty with the ability to mitigate $22,500 by completing a Commission approved damage prevention training program.

On May 21, 2024, 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 October 23, 2024, 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 an investigator with the Facility Protection section of the Commission and is generally responsible for investigating notices of probable violation of the Act. Ms. Mitchell is an administrative assistant with the Facility Protection section of the Commission 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
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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 **$26,000** 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 $22,500 of 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.

ORDERED FURTHER, that 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, 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 4th day of March 2025.

Sallie Tanner

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4-17-25
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

4-17-25
Date

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NO. 43389	I & C Telecom, Inc.;	Case Nos. 20-18262; 20-18264; 20-18277; 20-18

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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 ensure delivery and addressed as follows:

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This 22nd day of April, 2025.

Maritza Rivera
Clerk
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RECOMMENDED FINAL ORDER

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

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

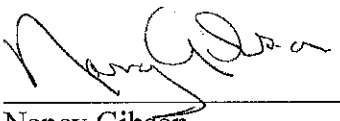
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Recommended 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 ensure delivery and addressed as follows:

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This **26** day of **November**, 2024



Nancy Gibson
Hearing Officer
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

EXHIBIT 2

COMMISSIONERS:
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN THE MATTER OF:

~~GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 20-18262, 20-18264, 20-18277 and 20-18278~~

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DOCKET NO. 43389

I & C Telecom, Inc.,
Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

To: **I & C Telecom, Inc.**
Attn: Corina Melnichuc
1377 Duncan Lane
Auburn, GA 30011

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 October 23, 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. 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 I & C Telecom, Inc. (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 6, 2020, 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.

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

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 May 21, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-6-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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Date

EXHIBIT 2

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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I & C Telecom, Inc.,	)	DOCKET NO. 43389
RESPONDENTS	)	(PSC Case No. 20-18262,
	)	20-18264, 20-18277 and
	)	20-18278)

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.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

I & C Telecom, Inc.
Attn: Corina Melnichuc
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Auburn, GA 30011

Respectfully Submitted this 10th day of September, 2024:

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington St. Ste. 112
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12/27/2023

I & C Telecom, Inc.
Attn: Corina Melnichuc
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Date of Incident:	Various
Docket #:	43389
Case #:	PSC 20-18262, 20-18264, 20-18277 and 20-18278
Incident Location:	Various

To Whom It May Concern:

A Notice of Probable Violation(s) ("NOPV") of the Georgia Underground 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.

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

On May 3, 2023, Commission Staff received a "Damage Prevention Training" certificate from Georgia Utility Contractors Association dated April 28, 2023. The respondent is responsible for the $2,500.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission and returning the signed Consent Agreement.

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 NOPV/Incident Report and Consent Agreement.

YOUR AFFIRMATIVE WRITTEN RESPONSE IS REQUIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOPV. Failure to respond by executing the consent agreement 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.ga.gov
GPSC GUFPA Investigator

EXHIBIT 2

DOCKET #43389: I & C TELECOM, INC.							
			INCIDENT ADDRESS				
CASE NUMBER	INCIDENT DATE	REPORT DATE	STREET	CITY	COUNTY		VIOLATION CODES
PSC 20-18262	3/6/2020	4/1/2020	1618 Ivy Spring Drive SE	Marietta	Cobb	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b), 25-9-8(e)
PSC 20-18264	3/27/2020	4/1/2020	2645 Dallas Highway	Marietta	Cobb	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-6(c), 25-9-8(e)
PSC 20-18277	3/12/2020	3/25/2020	3130 Cobb Parkway	Marietta	Cobb	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b)
PSC 20-18278	2/5/2020	2/10/2020	1812 Sandy Plains Road	Marietta	Cobb	Atlanta Gas Light	25-9-8(a), 25-9-8(b)

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IN THE MATTER OF:

I & C Telecom, Inc.,
RESPONDENTS

CASE NUMBER: PSC 20-18262, 20-18264, 20-18277 and 20-18278

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I & C Telecom, Inc., ("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 Underground 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.

3.

Respondent(s) agree to pay to the Commission a penalty of $25,000.00 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 $20,000.00 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 $5,000.00 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: I & C Telecom, Inc.

PSC 20-18262, 20-18264, 20-18277 and 20-18278

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 20-18262

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	3/6/2020	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	2 inch
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	1618 Ivy Spring Drive SE, Marietta		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	USIC Locating Service, Inc.
LOCATE NUMBER:	02210-265-036
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:	$12,671.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
CONTACT NAME:	Corina Melnichuc
CONTACT NUMBER:	773-430-2600
MAILING ADDRESS:	Attn: Corina Melnichuc 1377 Duncan Lane
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Auburn, GA 30011

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.

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

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES:

IMC Telecom, Inc. hit 2" gas main with boring equipment while installing new cable conduit.

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GEORGIA UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT

NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 20-18262

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Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	43389
Case Number:	PSC 20-18262
Report Date:	4/1/2020
Incident Date:	3/6/2020
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	USIC Locating Service, Inc.
Locator Phone:	317-810-8077
Excavator:	IMC Telecom
Excavator Phone:	773-430-2600
Violator:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
Contact:	Corina Melnichuc
Address:	Attn: Corina Melnichuc 1377 Duncan Lane
City, State, Zip	Auburn, GA 30011
Incident Location:	1618 Ivy Spring Drive SE
Incident City:	Marietta
Incident County:	Cobb
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	2 inch
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	Medium
Utility Line Function:	Main
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$12,671.00

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):	02210-265-036
Equipment Involved:	Directional Drilling
Nature of Excavation:	Telecommunications
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, I and C Telecom, Inc. was excavating at 1618 Ivy Spring Drive, Marietta, Georgia on March 6, 2020. Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because I and C Telecom, Inc. 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 1618 Ivy Spring Drive, Marietta, Georgia on March 6, 2020. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates I and C Telecom, Inc., caused damage to a 2" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a fiber main and while excavating with boring 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. OCGA 25-9-8(e) Failure to notify both the UPC (811) and the affected utility facility owner/operator after a damage occurs.

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. Staff was unable to find a valid damage ticket covering incident date and address. 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 I and C Telecom, Inc., in violation.

CONCLUSION:

The Pipeline/Facilities Safety Staff found **I & C Telecom, Inc.** 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.

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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 20-18264

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	3/27/2020	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	2 inch
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	2645 Dallas Highway, Marietta		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	S&N Locating Services, LLC
LOCATE NUMBER:	02250-400-159
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:	2
REPAIR COST:	$6,985.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
CONTACT NAME:	Brandon Brown
CONTACT NUMBER:	773-430-2600
MAILING ADDRESS:	1377 Duncan Lane
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Auburn, GA 30011

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:

IMC telecom hit and damaged a 2-inch gas main with a directional drill while boring.

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GEORGIA UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT

NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 20-18264

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Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	43389
Case Number:	PSC 20-18264
Report Date:	4/1/2020
Incident Date:	3/27/2020
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	S&N Locating Services, LLC
Locator Phone:	770-530-8790
Excavator:	IMC TELECOM
Excavator Phone:	773-430-2600
Violator:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
Contact:	Brandon Brown
Address:	1377 Duncan Lane
City, State, Zip	Auburn, GA 30011
Incident Location:	2645 Dallas Highway
Incident City:	Marietta
Incident County:	Cobb
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	2 inch
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	Medium
Utility Line Function:	Main
Number of Customers Affected:	2
Repair Cost:	$6,985.00

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):	02250-400-159
Equipment Involved:	Directional Drilling
Nature of Excavation:	Telecommunications
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, I and C Telecom, Inc. was excavating at 2645 Dallas Highway, Marietta, Georgia on March 27, 2020. Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because I and C Telecom, Inc. 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 2645 Dallas Highway, Marietta, Georgia on March 27, 2020. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates I and C Telecom, Inc., caused damage to a 2" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a fiber main and while excavating with a boring 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 large project locate ticket present. According to the (811) positive response database, the gas service was marked prior to the incident. Staff was able to find a valid damage ticket covering incident date and address. 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 I and C Telecom, Inc., in violation.

CONCLUSION:

The Pipeline/Facilities Safety Staff found **I & C Telecom, Inc.** in violation of:

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 20-18277

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	3/12/2020	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	2 inch
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	3130 Cobb Parkway, Marietta		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	S&N Locating Service, LLC
LOCATE NUMBER:	01270-400-024
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:	$7,390.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
CONTACT NAME:	Leonardo Cruz
CONTACT NUMBER:	773-430-2600
MAILING ADDRESS:	1410 General Arts Road
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Conyers, GA 30012

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:

I&C Telecom Inc. a contractor for Quanta Telecom damaged a 2-inch gas main with a directional drill while boring.

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NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 20-18277

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Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
Work Number:	(404) 463-6526
Website:	www.psc.state.ga.us
Docket Number:	43389
Case Number:	PSC 20-18277
Report Date:	3/25/2020
Incident Date:	3/12/2020
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	S&N Locating Service, LLC
Locator Phone:	770-530-8790
Excavator:	I&C Telecom Inc.
Excavator Phone:	773-430-2600
Violator:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
Contact:	Leonardo Cruz
Address:	1410 General Arts Road
City, State, Zip	Conyers, GA 30012
Incident Location:	3130 Cobb Parkway
Incident City:	Marietta
Incident County:	Cobb
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	2 Inch
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	Medium
Utility Line Function:	Main
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$7,390.00

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):	01270-400-024
Equipment Involved:	Directional Drilling
Nature of Excavation:	Telecommunications
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, I and C Telecom, Inc. was excavating at 3130 Cobb Parkway, Marietta, Georgia on March 12, 2020. Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because I and C Telecom, Inc. 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 3130 Cobb Parkway, Marietta, Georgia on March 12, 2020. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates I and C Telecom, Inc., caused damage to a 2" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing a fiber main and while excavating with boring 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 large project locate ticket present. According to the (811) positive response database, the gas service was marked prior to the incident. Staff was able to find a valid damage ticket covering incident date and address. 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 I and C Telecom, Inc., in violation.

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 20-18278

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	2/5/2020	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	4 inch
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	1812 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	USIC Locating Service, Inc.
LOCATE NUMBER:	01300-286-020
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:	$18,002.00

PROBABLE VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VIOLATOR COMPANY NAME:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
CONTACT NAME:	N/A
CONTACT NUMBER:	773-430-2000
MAILING ADDRESS:	1377 Duncan Lane
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	Auburn, GA 30011

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:

I&T Telecom hit and damaged a 4-inch gas main with a directional drill while drilling to install cable conduit.

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GEORGIA UNDERGROUND FACILITY PROTECTION ACT

NOPV / INCIDENT REPORT – PSC 20-18278

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Investigator:	Onterio Johnson
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Docket Number:	43389
Case Number:	PSC 20-18278
Report Date:	2/10/2020
Incident Date:	2/5/2020
Facility Owner:	Atlanta Gas Light
Facility Owner Phone:	404-584-3135
Locator:	USIC Locating Service, Inc.
Locator Phone:	317-810-8077
Excavator:	I&C Telecom Inc.
Excavator Phone:	773-430-2000
Violator:	I & C Telecom, Inc.
Contact:	N/A
Address:	1377 Duncan Lane
City, State, Zip	Auburn, GA 30011
Incident Location:	1812 Sandy Plains Road
Incident City:	Marietta
Incident County:	Cobb
Jurisdiction:	NOT REPORTED

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

Facility Type:	Gas
Material Type:	Plastic
Size (Diameter/Voltage/Pairs/etc.):	4 Inch
Pressure (PSIG/Inches):	Medium
Utility Line Function:	Main
Number of Customers Affected:	0
Repair Cost:	$18,002.00

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):	01300-286-020
Equipment Involved:	Directional Drilling
Nature of Excavation:	Cable TV
Direction of Excavation Relative to Damaged Utility Line:	

EXHIBIT 2

SYNOPSIS

According to a submitted report of probable violation, I and C Telecom, Inc. was excavating at 1812 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, Georgia on February 5, 2020. Atlanta Gas Light reported this incident because I and C Telecom, Inc. 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 1812 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, Georgia on February 5, 2020. The submitted Atlanta Gas Light damage report indicates I and C Telecom, Inc., caused damage to a 4" plastic gas service line. According to the report, the contractor was installing conduit lines and while excavating with boring 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.

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You have just received a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) from The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) and here is why.

Anytime a buried public utility is damaged by mechanized equipment, by law that utility operator must repair the damaged utility and then report the incident to The PSC within 30 days. That utility operator is also required by law to do an investigation to determine the cause of the damage. If the damage was a result of an error made by the Utility operator or the locate company, the utility company must report themselves to the PSC. If the damage was the result of an error made by the contractor, the utility company must report the contractor, and list the dig law violations that may have occurred during the incident. Once the incident is reported, it gets assigned to a Georgia Dig Law Investigator and a notice is mailed.

Please keep in mind you have NOT been found in violation yet. The NOPV is sent to inform you of what has been reported against you, and is pending on a response from you. You must respond to the notice by letting your investigator know if you agree or disagree with the violations.

If you do NOT respond within 30 days, the PSC will proceed, finding you in violation. This decision will be based solely on the information provided by the utility operator.

Contact information for your investigator will be at the bottom of the first page. Please feel free to call or send an email to your investigator, they will be more than happy to assist and walk you through this process.

EXHIBIT 2

Common questions about this NOPV

I disagree how do I respond

Check option 1 or 2 on the response options page, return that document to your investigator by USPS or email. Send a statement letting us know why you disagree, along with any documentation or photos that proves why you are not in violation. The investigator will continue the investigation based on your disagreement and will contact you once the investigation is complete.

I agree with the violation, what do I do next?

Check option 3 or 4 on the response options page, Option 3 indicates you agree with the violations and you would like to pay the smaller mitigated penalty by sending employees to a training class. Option 4 indicates you agree with the violation but would rather pay the fine in full instead of attending training. After you've chosen an option, please sign and date the two page consent agreement and return those 3 documents to you investigator by email or USPS. If you chose option 3 you will have 30 days to get the training completed, penalty payments can be mailed or delivered to The Georgia Public Service Commission. Cashier checks or money orders are the only acceptable payment methods at this time.

I hired a subcontractor am I responsible for the violation / I was a subcontractor am I at fault?

The Georgia dig laws falls on whom ever was operating the equipment at the time of the incident. If you receive a notice from the PSC and you hired a sub, you should disagree with the violation. Check the appropriate box, provide a statement saying who you hired and provide documentation (Invoice) and contact information on the sub. Staff at The PSC will remove your name from the notice and reissue the notice to the Subcontractor.

How do I attend damage prevention training?

Use the GUFPA Training list that was provided in the packet to call and schedule the class. The class is a one-day class that usually last about 4 hours. After you complete training, you will get certificates of completion. The training facility will send copies of the certificates to the PSC.

I paid the utility company for the damage why do I have to pay the PSC?

Payment made for the repair cost to the utility company is a civil matter. That repair payment has no bearing over the possible penalty amounts for a violation of the state dig law.

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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I & C Telecom, Inc.,	)	DOCKET NO. 43389
RESPONDENTS	)	(PSC Case No. 20-18262,
	)	20-18264, 20-18277 and
	)	20-18278)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Consent Agreement was served upon all parties and persons listed below by depositing same in the United States mail.

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