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DOCKET NO. 55761 RAMS Underground, Inc. PSC Case No. 24-26424

FINAL ORDER

APPEARANCES:

Georgia Public Service Commission Staff: Chesley Dix

RAMS Underground, Inc.: No appearance

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 11, 2024, while working at the intersection of Keg Creek Drive and Tallulah in Grayson, **RAMS Underground, 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) and 25-9-8(b) (the "Violations"), sections of the Georgia Underground Facilities Protection Act ("GUFPA"). Staff recommended, through Consent Agreement, that Respondent be assessed a $5,000 civil penalty with the ability to mitigate $4,000 by completing a Commission approved damage prevention training program.

On June 5, 2024, Staff received a returned Consent Agreement signed by **RAMS Underground, Inc.** The Commission issued an order on June 18, 2024, requiring the Respondent to pay the civil penalty within thirty (30) days of the date of the order and provide proof of training within forty-five (45) days from the date of the order.

On October 21, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing and Procedural and Scheduling Order to address Respondent's failure to have complied with the Commission's Final Order. 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 June 18, 2024 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 15, 2026.

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 1 and 2 into evidence. Exhibit 1 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 2 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 June 18, 2024, 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 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 #2.

Ms. Mitchell testified that as of the date of this proceeding, Respondents failed to comply with the Order of the Commission in this Docket. Specifically, Respondents 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 for 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 4th day of August, 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-2-26
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

9-2-26
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 **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 _____ day of August, 2026

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