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Re: Request for Written Submission - Bill 211, Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act

To Whom it May Concern:

Pidherney's is an Alberta based Civil Construction Company with over 500 employees during peak season, we offer services in oilfield, civil underground and earthworks, and hauling.

As a civil contractor that works throughout Alberta, we often experience situations whereby our crews arrive at a construction site ready to excavate and yet the utility owner has not yet completed their locating or the locates are inaccurate thus causing the contractor to request a private locator. There is a financial cost to this delay/inaccuracy that ultimately rests with the contractor and potentially Alberta tax payers. If the process was consistent across the province for all buried infrastructure, our projects would be completed on time and on budget. This would also help to provide a safety work environment.

Pidherney's Inc. supports Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act* and we encourage your committee to recommend Bill 211.

We believe that the new damage prevention legislation can change the behavior in Alberta with the following:

- Consistency amongst utility owners
- Less downtime
- Protects assets
- More accountability that process is followed by all stakeholders
- Force organizations to locate and not "risk" that there is nothing in the way
- Provide more clarity and structure on all aspects for all parties involved
- Better data collection as more utility owners will be forced to use the system
- Simplify process
- Create compliance with non-industry members
- Will begin cultural transformation around damage prevention
- Mandated system for all utility owners will support more consistency around the definition or a response to a call request.

Regards,

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