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Attn: Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship

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Hello and thank you for requesting my input in regard to Bill 211, *Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System Consultation Act*. I have reviewed the Bill and, while I feel there are some things that need to be addressed / worked out, I definitely support Bill 211 in principle. For the last 10 years the 2nd CALL[®] provincial underground locating service has worked closely with the Alberta One Call notification system, as an additional public service, that standardly double checks locatable One Call registered underground facilities and checks for locatable unregistered underground facilities.

To understand some of my comments / recommendations now, and in the future, it is important to note that in the past underground facilities have been generally referenced using three categories:

- 1) The first is **One Call member facilities** which were underground lines that had been registered by facility owners with the One Call notification system. These owners would respond to locate and mark their underground facilities when notified by One Call to do so.
- 2) The second was **non-member underground utilities** which were underground lines owned by utility owners that chose not to register their facilities with the One Call notification system and so do not receive notifications from One Call.
- 3) The third was **private underground facilities** which were underground facilities owned by private individuals and / or companies. These facilities are not typically One Call member facilities.

Unfortunately, we have found that the above categories are no longer accurate and so could put people's lives, and underground infrastructure, in unnecessary danger.

Through the 2nd CALL[®] underground locating service, I have upgraded and the types of underground lines in the ground to two main categories for "Ground Disturbance Death and Injury Prevention":

- 1) **One Call REGISTERED member facilities** which are underground lines that had been registered by facility owners with the One Call notification system. These owners respond to locate and mark their underground facilities when notified by One Call to do so.
- 2) **UNREGISTERED underground facilities / hazards** which include all types of underground lines that are **not** registered with the One Call notification system and are **not** checked for, or marked out, if only the One Call notification centre is notified. This includes, but is not limited to, abandoned underground facilities, accidentally miss registered and / or miss mapped One Call member underground facilities, privately owned facilities and secondary facilities. Many unregistered underground lines have no owners, and are not mapped, and so cannot be registered with a notification system. ****Unregistered underground facilities can be in any dig area. At least**

two separate calls (or clicks) are required to check for unregistered facilities and to have them located / marked out as required by OH&S Code Part 32 Section 447 1.1(d).

Again, although I support Bill 211 in principle, I also feel very strongly that due care and attention must be made in this bill to ensure that the difference between One Call registered lines and unregistered lines is clearly identified and addressed. The Bill does not seem to address this at this time. Failure to do so would put lives and infrastructure in danger.

Enforcement of rules is another area of concern as rules would need to address both facility owners concerns, the notification centre's concerns and excavator concerns.

With proper input and support from the different stakeholders, I think Bill 211 has a lot of potential and is needed to help infrastructure Damage Prevention now and in the future.

Thank you for considering my input. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information and / or if you have any questions. I would also very much like to continue to provide input to the Standing Committee about Bill 211 should the Committee allow me to do so.

Sincerely,

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