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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Damage Prevention Section 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Peter A. Chace, Chief Facility & Operations Field Division

Re: Case Number 21-00082

Mr. Chace,

Monte Construction wants to request a reconsideration of the case number 21-00082. Monte Construction has not historically, currently or intends on ever excavating without an OUPS ticket call in. Our records show thousands of tickets called in and/or updated for over 40 years in underground utilities installation or repair.

This particular instance <u>DID</u> have an OUPS ticket called in. The director of the utility owner who oversees the entire west side of Lake County's water system, who employs Monte Construction to repair water system, calls in each event. He performs this duty countless times. In this instance he may have failed to use our information when calling the excavation ticket (hundreds of water main breaks occur, oftentimes several at once). Countless tickets have been called in prior to this event and afterwards successfully and, more importantly without damage to any utilities.

Our past performance and our experience do not reflect careless and irresponsible excavation but a prudent and consciencous effort. Additionally, this excavation DID have a ticket called in as previously stated and the damaged utility (5/8" direct burial plastic gas service) was not marked by the utility marking service.

Monte Construction would like a reconsideration with the information in this letter and the current state of weakened labor in the utilities industry considered. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino S. Montoni

Monte Construction LLC

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