

1035 N Main Street, Lima Ohio – Excavation Damage Summary

Background

On 7/15/2020 at approximately 11:46 AM, a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) Construction and Maintenance (C&M) employee was working on N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio, and noticed an excavation in progress at the foundation of 1035 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio, without locate flags or marks visible.

Damage Description

This was reported to the DEO C&M supervisor who immediately went to the site at approximately 11:55 AM on 7/15//2020 and found Cornerstone Basement Solution employees, who had just completed a significant excavation around and under the foundation of the house. The natural gas service line had been exposed and approximately 8 feet was suspended in the air. The meter was still being supported by the support stake in the remaining soil along the foundation of the building.

Investigation

The investigation revealed that Cornerstone Basement Solution did not generate a one call ticket prior to excavating around the foundation of address 1035 N. Main Street in Lima.

The operations supervisor questioned the Cornerstone Basement Solution employees on site whether they had an excavation one call ticket from Ohio811 and the employees indicated “no” and they also questioned if they needed one if they were only excavating around the foundation. The operation supervisor indicated, “yes”, and that they should stop digging until they generated an excavation ticket, so that everything could be marked. They indicated they were basically done excavating and that they would only be backfilling with stone from this point forward.

The picture(s) below detail the Cornerstone Basement Solution vehicles on site on 7/15/2020 and the exposed service line along the side house wall at 1035 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio.











Conclusions

Cornerstone Basement Solution failed to generate an excavation one call ticket prior to excavating at 1035 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio for an excavation to take place on 7/15/2020.

Cornerstone Basement Solution failed to comply with the following section of the Ohio Revised Code:

3781.28 [Effective 3/27/2013] Excavator notifying protection service or pipeline owner

(A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (C), (D), (E), and (F) of this section, at least forty-eight hours but not more than ten working days before commencing excavation, the excavator shall notify a protection service of the location of the excavation site and the date on which excavation is planned to commence.