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ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 12, 2024

The Honorable Terry Rice
The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw
Arkansas Legislative Council
1 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Quarterly Report – Arkansas Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act

Dear Co-Chairs Rice and Wardlaw:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-271-104(g), I submit this quarterly report for review by the Arkansas Legislative Council. This report covers the period from April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The Arkansas Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act (the “AUFDP”), Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-101 et. seq., requires, among other things, that my office report (1) the number of complaints submitted under the AUFDP; (2) the number of the submitted complaints that were settled or prosecuted; and (3) the amount of fines collected during the previous quarter.

From April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, my office mailed 30 letters to excavators notifying them that my office received complaints that they violated the AUFDP. In these letters, I requested that they voluntarily undergo training in underground facilities damage prevention offered by the One Call Center as required by the AUFDP. From April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, the One Call Center has confirmed that 18 excavators have completed the training. My office continues to follow up with the excavators that have not completed the training or that have not responded to the letters. During this quarter, my office continued its investigations of excavators with multiple alleged violations of the AUFDP. Those investigations are ongoing, and we have not collected any fines.

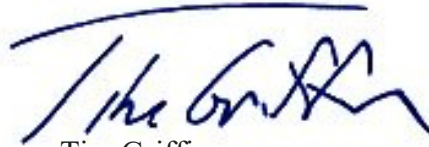
Finally, from April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, my office has received 56 complaints against excavators, compared to the 49 complaints in the prior quarter. We have also received one complaint against an operator of underground facilities, which alleges that the operator did not timely mark underground facilities. My office will continue to work closely with the Public Service Commission’s Office of Pipeline Safety and the One Call Center to ensure that we are putting forth our best effort to enforce the AUFDP.

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If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 837-5190.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

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Tim Griffin

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