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ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 7, 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-104(g), I submit this quarterly report for review by the Arkansas Legislative Council. This report covers the period from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

The Arkansas Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act, codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-101 et seq., requires, among other things, that my office report (1) the number of complaints submitted under the Act; (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 44 letters to excavators notifying them that my office received complaints that they violated the Act. 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 Act. From July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, 28 excavators 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 Act. Those investigations are ongoing, and we have not collected any fines.

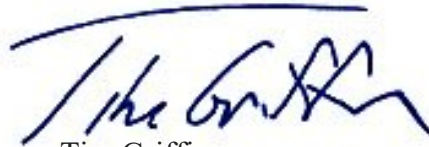
Finally, from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, my office has received 46 complaints against excavators, compared to the 56 complaints in the prior quarter. My office will continue to work closely with the Public Service Commission's Office of Pipeline Safety and the One Call Center to ensure that we are putting forth our best effort to enforce the AUFDP.

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

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With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Griffin", with a horizontal line above it.

Tim Griffin

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