

Minutes –Burke / Caldwell Counties - NC 811 Meeting

October 8, 2019

Present:

Brian Morehouse – NC811 UCC
Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water
Robert Turner – Brentwood Water
Troy Houser – Brentwood Water
Roger Lowery – Brentwood Water
Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying
David Wortman – Town of Rhodhiss
Jeremy Hussey – USIC

Mike Sheffield – PRG Consulting
Richard Lawrence – Duke Energy
Will Ellis – City of Morganton
Ronnie Suttles – City of Morganton
Kevin Pritchard – City of Lenoir
Derek Goble – City of Lenoir
Jerry Roberts – Piedmont Natural Gas

The October 2019 Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton, NC. The meeting was called to order by Ralph Johnson, Chairperson. Troy Houser offered a prayer of blessings on the meeting and meal.

Brian Morehouse was made his monthly presentation for October 2019. A complete listing of all stats for the previous month of September 2019 are included in the PowerPoint presentation attached to the email used to send these minutes out. Listed below is a highlight of ticket / transmission for September 2019:

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Brian Morehouse Contact Information: Email at: bmorehouse@nc811.org. Cell Number is: 336-482-6890.

Listed below is the contact Information for USIC & Piedmont Natural Gas Locators Supervisors for Burke and Caldwell Counties:

Burke County:	Daniel Breland, USIC -	704-441-4513
Caldwell County:	Jeremy Hussey, USIC -	704-441-4631
USIC:	Hugh Spinks (Area Supervisor)	773-619-3672

PNG:

Jennifer Henderson, Heath Consulting

980-613-1579

Brian requested that we begin documenting any locating issues that might develop during the course of work during the coming months.

Brian is continuing to request that if our companies or organizations has a website, that we consider put a link on our website that will take our customers directly to their website.

<http://www.nc811.org>

That county members are identified on the NC 811 App. If you have not downloaded this app onto your smart phones, you need to do so. This is a most valuable tool especially when you are in the field and need to communicate with NC 811.

There has been a lot of new laws that have begun as of October 1, 2019 relating to damages and how to handle underground utilities.

Damage Reporting: Remember that if you damage an underground utility, it is your responsibility to report this damage to NC 811 UCC. Offices in Greensboro.

Below is the website where you can go to communicate "Damage Violations".

<https://www.nc811.org/report-a-violation.html>

If you are using the NC 811 "app" on your smart phone, you now have the ability to submit an emergency request of a locate. This should greatly speed up getting these locates done in a timely manner.

Finally, if you have a complaint concerning damages to your system by someone. It is your responsibility submit the report for those damages. NC 811 can not make the report for you!

Round-table Discussions:

Will Ellis & Ronnie Suttles – City of Morganton: A lot of new taps for water and a lot of Housing development being work on at the present time. Longhorn Steak House has been construction on South Sterling Street across from the Hospital/

Kevin Pritchard & Derek Goble – City of Lenoir: Lenoir too is experiencing a lot of new growth. Several housing developments and a new Hampton Inn is being built.

Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying: Still staying very busy. They are still working on the DOT bridge replacement for the Sugar Hill Road crossing I-40 in McDowell County. Very hard to find new employees, this is causing delays in getting new work started.

Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water: We continue to stay very busy. We have experienced a problem with plastic pipe failure in one area of our system. This pipe was installed around

eighteen years ago. The problem is that the hubs are cracking causing leaks to the system. The repair clamps currently being used cost around \$200/each. We have 8 repairs in about ½ mile line. We are in the process of getting bids to make a total replacement of this line.

Jeremy Hussey – USIC – Caldwell County: Jeremy reports that he has been able to secure some new employees. Very shortly, he should be able to report that things are much better for USIC in Caldwell County.

Thank you for making a special effort to attend this very important meeting. We had five new members to join us today.

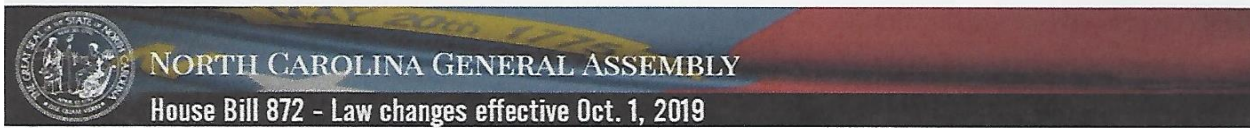
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We hope that you will tell others about the value of getting together to network and invite others to attend our next meeting which **will be held again on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton.**

Hope to see you next month!!

Submitted by Robert Turner – Secretary

Copy of Information for Recently adopted House Bill 872 – Effective October 1, 2019



Definitions

- **87-117 (1a)** Board – The Underground Damage Prevention Review Board
- **87-117 (18a)** Parcel – An extended area of land with fixed boundaries

Notification Center

- **87-120 (a) & (c)** Notification Center removed from receiving, maintaining and providing general administration of reports of alleged violations.
- **87-120 (c) (9)** Notification Center shall have the duties to provide information requested by the UGDPRB in consideration of reports of alleged violations.

Facility Operator

- **87-121 (a) (1)** The dimension of the pipe shall be indicated every 50 feet if the diameter or width of facility is greater than four inches.
- **87-121 (a) (1a)** The operator's identity marked in the area where the proposed excavation or demolition is to occur. At a minimum, beginning/intervals of 200 linear feet/end.

Excavator

- **87-122 (b) (5) a.** A single parcel that may exceed ¼ mile in linear length identified by a single address.
- **87-122 (b) (5) b.** The lesser five adjoining parcels identified by addresses, not to exceed ¼ mile in linear length or an area not to exceed ¼ mile in linear length.
- **87-122 (c) (6)** Three hour notices – additional notice (allows for on-line submission)
- **87-122 (c) (10)** Gas, oil, petroleum an electric transmission line has been expanded to read oil, petroleum products, or highly volatile liquid pipeline system, a gas transmission line, or an electric transmission line. No mechanized equipment within 24" of a facility unless the facility operator has consented to the use in writing and the operator's representative is on site during the use of the mechanized equipment.

Exemptions

- **87-124 (6)** An excavation or demolition performed when those responsible for routine maintenance of a right of way or any other governmental entity are performing, with labor on their permanent payroll, maintenance activities within the right-of-way.
- **87-124 (6)** Drainage structures are not included in maintenance activities.
- **87-124 (6)** The provisions do not apply when the excavation or demolition is performed by a contractor acting on behalf of a person or entity responsible for routine maintenance of a ROW or on behalf of any other governmental entity.

Emergency Excavation

- **87-125 (a)** Emergency excavation – give notice (allows for on-line submission)
- **87-125 (c)** Any person who falsely claims that an emergency exists requiring an excavation or demolition shall have violated the provisions of this Article, which shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor and may subject the violator to the imposition of penalties or other action to be taken by the Board pursuant to G.S. 87-129.

Design Notices

- **87-127 (a) (1) & (3)** proposed area of excavation removed – area designated by the design notice

Underground Damage Prevention Review Board; enforcement; civil penalties

- **87-129 (b)** All reports will be submitted to the Board – Notification Center removed from the process
- **87-129 (b1)** The Board shall approve training courses and the sponsors of those training courses. Any fees for training courses will be paid by the person determined to have violated this Article.
- **87-129 (e)** The Board is authorized to employ contractors or other personnel as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article.
- **87-129 (f)** Board shall maintain record of reports of alleged violations for at least four years.
- **87-129 (g)** On request of the Board, the Attorney General’s office shall assign a legal representative to provide legal counsel.
- **87-129A** Board is authorized to impose an annual fee on operators in order to fund activities and operation of the Board in reviewing reports of alleged violations not to exceed \$200,000 annually.

This above information is being reprinted from the NC 811 UCC Presentation for the Burke / Caldwell Counties Monthly Meeting, dated August 13, 2019.

Burke-Caldwell
October 2019





October is...

Tackling Hunger Month

www.NationalDayCalendar.com

NATIONAL
DAY
CALENDAR™



#TacklingHungerMonth

HOW TO OBSERVE

Donate some non-perishable food to your local homeless shelter, and use #TacklingHungerMonth to post on social media and spread the word! October is generally the time of year people start getting ready for holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now is a great time to start thinking about helping those who may not get to enjoy big Thanksgiving dinners or cookies on Christmas Eve. There are many simple ways you can help, and it won't take much of your time or money.

- **Bulk up your food drive.** Canned goods, peanut butter, dry beans, brown rice, olive oil, nuts, and soups are all excellent foods to donate, and they won't put a dent in your bank account.
- **Donate money.** Relief agencies like Action Against Hunger, the Hunger Project, Feeding America, and Share Our Strength are always accepting donations with a goal in mind to make sure nobody goes hungry.
- **Support food banks** and make contributions of any kind, whenever you can. A little bit goes a long way when someone is going hungry.

#TacklingHungerMonth





Let's look
at the numbers



Locate Requests & Transmissions

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County Ticket Volume

YTD stats compared with previous year

Burke	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
2018	124	61	6630	141	1822	8778
2019	385	71	6822	189	2320	9787
+/- Var	210.5%	16.4%	2.9%	34.0%	27.3%	11.5%
				Locates per day		52



County Ticket Volume

YTD stats compared with previous year

Caldwell	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
2018	222	68	5737	195	2214	8436
2019	600	73	7255	352	2185	10465
+/- Var	170.3%	7.4%	26.5%	80.5%	-1.3%	24.1%
				Locates per day		56

County Ticket Volume

2019 Stats Compared with 2018

Burke	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
2018	42	5	810	27	188	1072
2019	43	12	653	13	278	999
+/- Var	2.4%	140.0%	-19.4%	-51.9%	47.9%	-6.8%
				Locates per day		45



County Ticket Volume

2019 Stats Compared with 2018

Caldwell	3 HR	CNCL	NEW	RXMT	UPDT	Total Tickets
2018	59	11	625	27	260	982
2019	80	10	617	42	237	986
+/- Var	35.6%	-9.1%	-1.3%	55.6%	-8.8%	0.4%
				Locates per day		45



County Ticket Distribution



BURKE	999
CONNELLY SPRINGS	114
HICKORY	97
HILDEBRAN	37
ICARD	32
JONAS RIDGE	24
MORGANTON	495
VALDESE	165

County Ticket Distribution

CALDWELL	986
BLOWING ROCK	15
CAJAHS MOUNTAIN	13
GAMEWELL	35
GRANITE FALLS	209
HICKORY	68
HUDSON	117
LENOIR	491
SAW MILLS	17



County Member Operator Identity Information

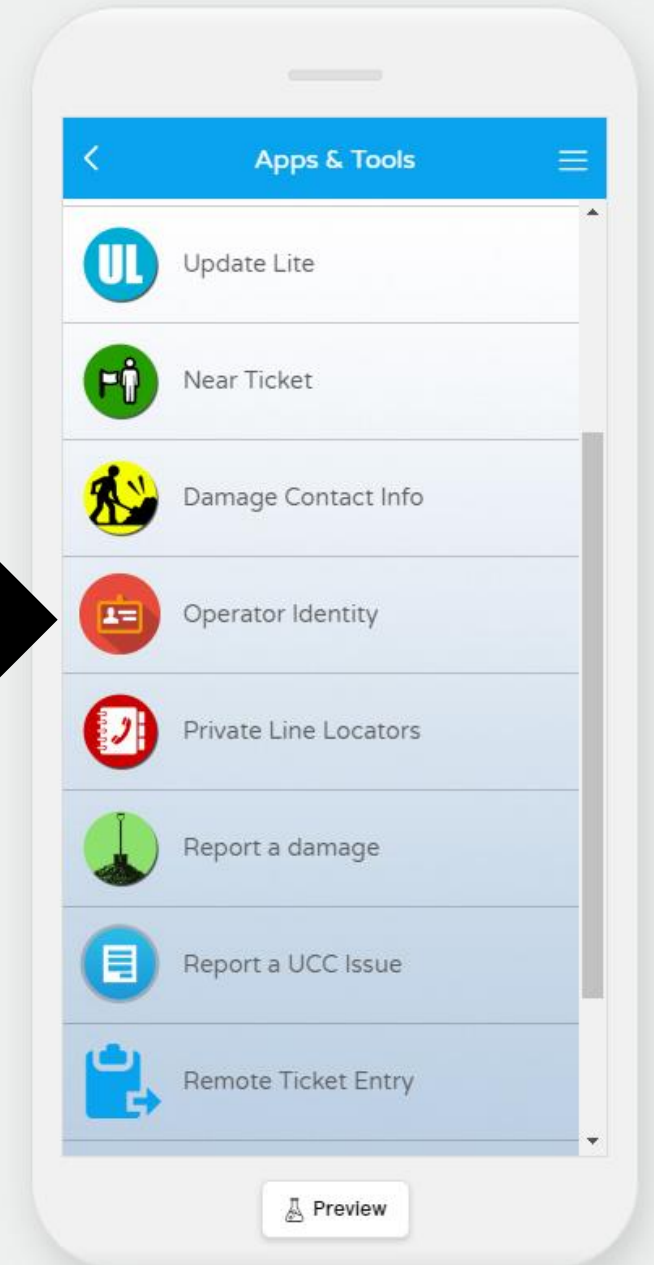
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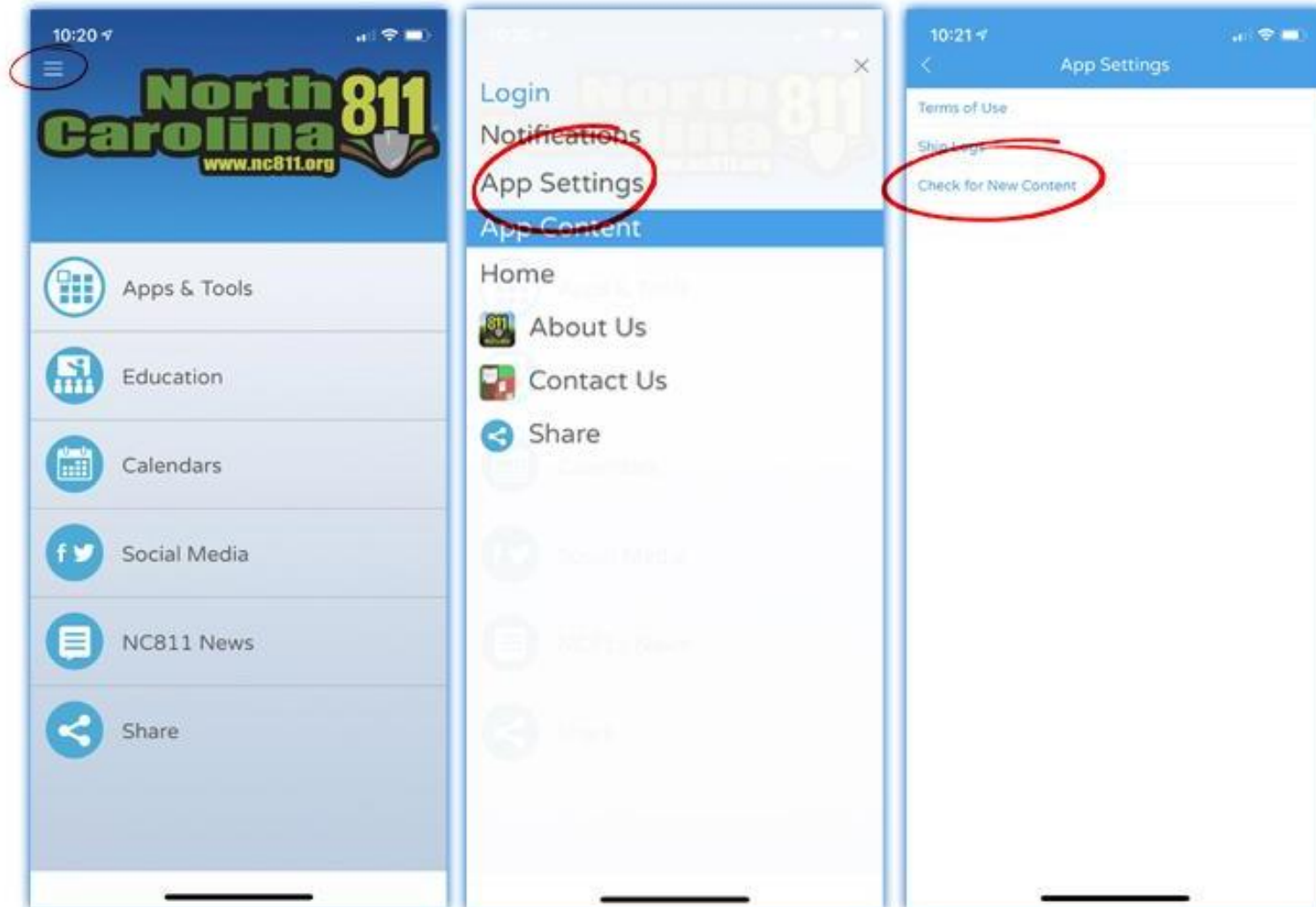
Members Notified for County GUILFORD

Code	Name	Description	Op Id
ALT02*	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	WINDSTREAM PHONE	
ARC01	CITY OF ARCHDALE	WATER AND SEWER	
ATT01	ATT/T (TRANSMISSION)	FIBER OPTIC	AT&T/T F/O
ATT312*	ATT/D (DISTRIBUTION)	PHONE - COPPER OR FIBER	ATT/D
BKC01	BURKELY COMMUNITIES	FIBER OPTIC	
CAR02	CARDINAL PIPELINE COMPANY	GAS	
CNH01	CONE HEALTH	COPPER AND FIBER OPTIC	ConeHealth
COB01	CITY OF BURLINGTON	WATER AND SEWER	COB01
COP02	COLONIAL PIPELINE COMPANY	GAS	
CPL30*	DUKE ENERGY	POWER	DUKE
CTT01*	CTLCL-CENTURYLINK	PHONE AND FIBER OPTIC	
CTT02*	CTLCL-CENTURYLINK	PHONE AND FIBER OPTIC	

Available on the nc811.org homepage, the Member Services page and on the NC811 App starting Oct 1, 2019.



Update your NC 811 app.



PLEASE NOTE

If the diameter or width of the facility is greater than four inches, the dimension of the facility shall be indicated at least every 50 feet in the area of the proposed excavation or demolition. An operator who operates multiple facilities in the area of the proposed excavation or demolition shall locate each facility.

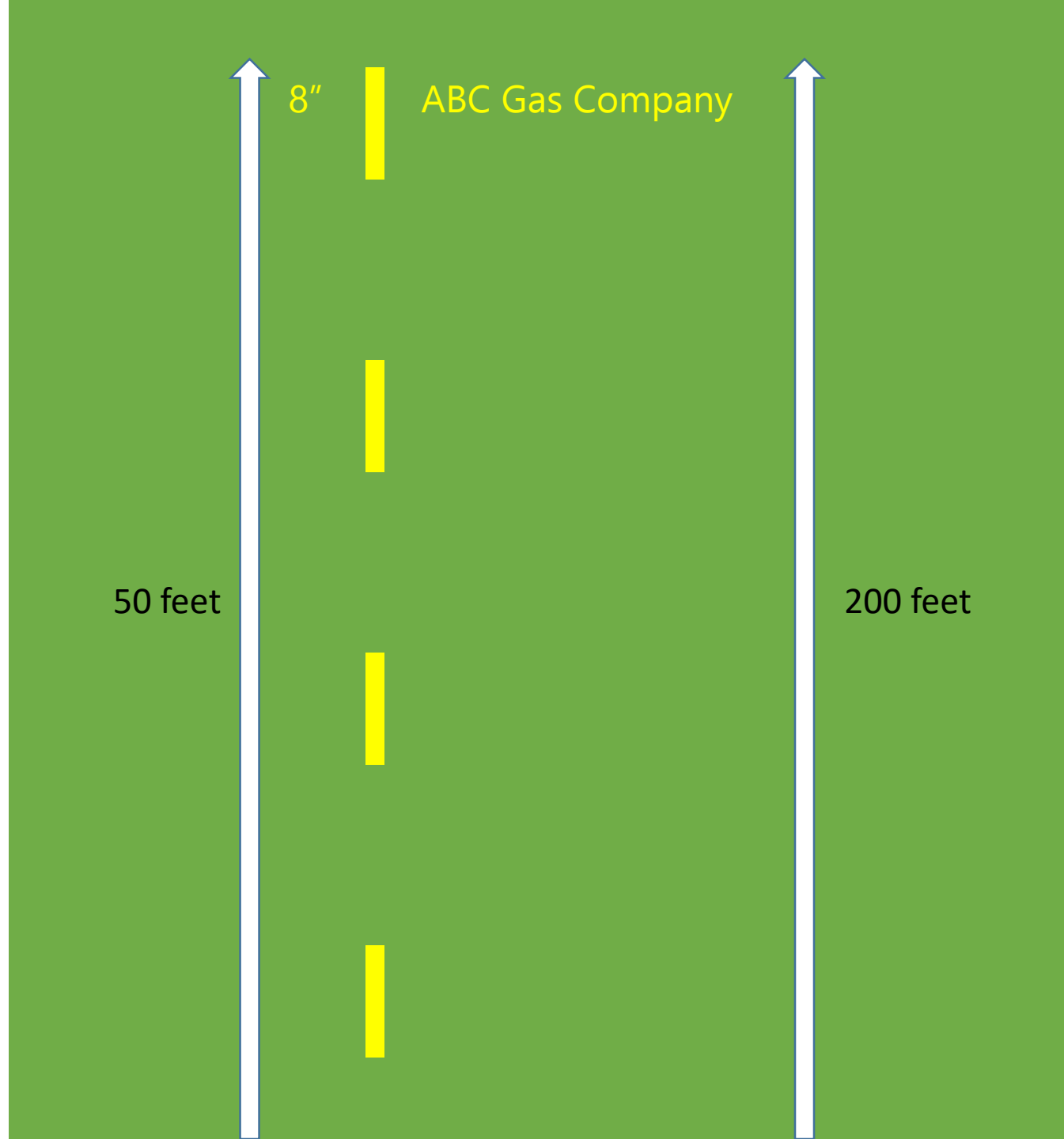
The operator's identity, marked as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in the area where the proposed excavation or demolition is to occur. At a minimum, the operator's identity shall be marked at the beginning point, at intervals of 200 linear feet, and at the end point of the proposed excavation or demolition.

50 feet

8"

ABC Gas Company

200 feet



House Bill 872

Law changes effective Oct. 1, 2019

Available on
nc811.org



UPCOMING

EVENTS



Upcoming Holiday Information

- ***Veterans Day: Monday, November 11th**
- **Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 28th**
- **Day after Thanksgiving: Friday, November 29th**

All above holidays are excluded from the three working day notice.

** Denotes Observed Holidays. NC811 will be open to accept all locate requests on observed holidays. The observed holiday is excluded from the three working day notice as well.*



**BOARD
MEETING**



3Q19

October 18, 2019

Shell Island Resort, Wrightsville Beach, NC

4Q19

January 17, 2020

Greensboro, NC

For booking info, contact
Tonya Hargraves: tonya@nc811.org

NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board

*Located at: Dempsey E. Benton Water
Treatment Plant*

2301 Benson Rd., Garner, NC

October 15, 2019 - 10am to 4pm



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NC Locate Resolution Partnership Committee

Every 2 months on the third Wednesday
NC 811, 5009 High Point Rd, Greensboro, NC

Wednesday, October 16, 11:00am – 1:00pm





State UCC Meeting
Piedmont Natural Gas Co
1321 S 10th St, Wilmington, NC

Tuesday, November 5, 10:00am – 12:00pm



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Department is here to help you!*



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