



## Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority

### Open Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 11, 2026

#### Agenda Item 1

##### **Call to Order/ Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Wilkins at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held at the Miss Utility Conference Center in Hanover, MD.

#### Agenda Item 2

##### **Introductions:**

There were no introductions.

#### Agenda Item 3

##### **Roll Call Attendance:**

The Recording Secretary conducted a roll call attendance of the Authority members. In attendance were Authority members: David Wilkins, Tim Kaptein Jennifer Arroyo , Ryan Reese, Justin Lowther and Hal Metzler were present. Keith Dill and Bahareh Inanloo were absent. Executive Director Michael Jewell and Susan Stroud, the Deputy Director were present The Recording Secretary informed the Chair that there was a quorum. Executive Director Michael Jewell was asked by the Chairman to proceed with the Agenda for the March 11, 2025 Open Meeting.

#### Agenda Item 4

##### **Approval of Minutes:**

The Open Meeting minutes for the March 11, 2025 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Chairman David Wilkins and seconded by Vice Chairman Reese. The motion carried by acclamation.

## Agenda Item 5

### Hearing: NPV 32214

Washington Gas vs Sepol Construction Corporation  
Alleged Violations – §12-127 (c) (2) – Failure to Test Pit  
Recommendation: \$1026.00 fine w/ Damage Prevention Training

Chairman Wilkins opened the hearing at 9:41 a.m. and gave the floor to Executive Director Michael Jewell. Ms. Dal Lopes was present for Sepol Construction, the defendant. The Executive Director and Ms. Dal were sworn in by the Chairman. The recorder was turned on and the presentation of the case presented by Mr. Jewell began. The Executive Director presented the Evidence Log and accompanying documentation into the record and distributed the Evidence log to the Authority members present and the Defendant Ms. Lopes of Sepol Construction. The Executive Director presented the research he conducted for NPV# 32214, which corroborated the alleged violation. The defendant stated that she had photographic evidence that proved that the marks were wrong. However, the Recording Secretary made note of the fact that neither photograph were dated and time stamped. The 2 photographs submitted by the Defendant were entered into the record as Defendant's Exhibit's 1 & 2. After a few clarifying questions, the Chair closed the hearing at 10:35 a.m. The Authority will review the evidence and make a determination in Closed Executive Session.

## Agenda Item 6

### New NPV's for investigation and review (41)

- a. 15 Marking
  - b. 18 No ticket
  - c. 8 Due Care
1. – Washington Gas vs May Construction Group
    - a. Location: 9213 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814
    - b. Submitted: 02/03/25
    - c. Alleged Violations: 06/28/24(Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)  
§12-124 - No Miss Utility Ticket - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Facility

## Agenda Item 7

### February Financials:

The Executive Director provided the February financial statement. He reported that the February Operating Account Account\$199,282.38had a balance of \$205,305.65 and the same month's Education and Outreach Account had a balance of \$62,875.21. There were \$400.00 in filing fees in February. The January 2026 total for the 5 cent surcharge on outgoing tickets was \$13,726.80.

The over/under running totals shows that as of the beginning of the Calendar year 2026, the over/under difference was (-\$257.20.) The Executive Director also gave an update on the Subscribers Grant which pays for the filing fees for a subscriber who files an NPV as of February 28, 2026 was \$13,726.60.

Agenda Item 8

**New NPV's for review in Closed Executive session:**

# 8	NPV's for Authority Review (closed executive session)
NPV# 32400	<p>Columbia Gas vs Driveway2Day            Location: - 19632 Portsmouth Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742            Alleged Violations 10/21/24(Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)            §§12-127 (c) (2) (i) – Failure to exercise due care to avoid a damage to a facility marked in accordance with §12-126</p>
NPV# 32403	<p>Washington Gas vs Rivers Construction Group, LTD            Location: 8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901            Alleged Violations: 04/18/24 (Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)            §12-127 (c) (3) – Before using mechanized equipment within 18 inches of the mark the person shall test pit by nondestructive means</p>
NPV# 32431	<p>Washington Gas vs. First Concrete LLC            Location: 5214 Lansing Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748            Alleged Violations 06/18/24 (Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)            §12-124 – No Miss Utility Ticket - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Facility</p>
NPV# 32434	<p>Washington Gas vs Stormwater Management Solutions, LLC            Location: 5320 Kings Canyon Court, White Plains, MD 20695            Alleged Violations 06/18/24 (Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)            §12-124 – No Miss Utility Ticket – 1<sup>st</sup> Offense</p>

NPV# 32438	<p>Washington Gas vs D &amp; F Construction  Location: 7629 Fontaine Street, Potomac, MD 20854  Alleged Violations: 06/24/24(Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)  §12-127 (c) (3) – Before using mechanized equipment within 18 inches of the mark the person shall test pit by nondestructive means</p>
NPV# 32441	<p>Washington Gas vs May Construction Group  Location: 9213 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814  Alleged Violations: 06/28/24(Under Post 6/01/22 Statute)  §12-124 - No Miss Utility Ticket - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense Facility</p>

Agenda Item 9

**Old Business:**

Case Management System - The Deputy Director informed the members that the Case Management System is being tested on the staging platform and the developers are working on the integration of stripe as the new payment method for both fees and fines. Once production is completed the CMS will be “pushed out” onto the website.

MGH Project – The filming has taken place and the editing is underway. We are waiting to see the 1<sup>st</sup> draft. Once the draft is approved MGH will work on integrating the new videos onto the website.

§12-135 – Civil Penalties – The Deputy Director presented a fine increase proposal to the members, which once approved it will be proposed at a Titel 12 rewrite meeting.

Agenda Item 10

**New Business:**

DPC Request – The DPC Chairman has requested that the Authority members attend a MD/DC - DPC meeting *en masse*. The group agreed that the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting would be good for their schedules. The Chairman will present a power point on the organization and its function.

Agenda Item/s 11 & 12

**Motion to Adjourn and Move to Executive session.**

Vice-Chairman Ryan Reese made the motion to adjourn and move to Executive Session, which was seconded by member Keesling. The motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 12:

**Next Meeting Date:**

The Next meeting will take place on April 8, 2026 at the One-Call Center Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. There will be both Open and Closed Executive Sessions.

Note: The approved meeting calendar for 2026 has an error on it. The April meeting date is not the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is the 8<sup>th</sup>. The Deputy will amend the Calander and change the error on the website. The members also asked that they be given a Google Calander Invitation for the next meeting and the DPC meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Susan A. M. Stroud

Recording Secretary