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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to pipeline safety; requiring notice to an operator of an interstate natural
1.3 gas or liquid oil pipeline under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2020, section 216D.04, subdivision 1a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216D.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1a. **Plans for excavation.** (a) Any person, prior to soliciting bids or entering into
1.8 a contract for excavation, shall provide a proposed notice to the notification center to obtain
1.9 from the affected operators of underground facilities the type, size, and general location of
1.10 underground facilities. Affected operators shall provide the information within 15 working
1.11 days. An operator who provides information to a person who is not a unit of government
1.12 may indicate any portions of the information which are proprietary and may require the
1.13 person to provide appropriate confidentiality protection. The information obtained from
1.14 affected operators must be submitted on the final drawing used for the bid or contract and
1.15 must depict the utility quality level of that information. This information must be updated
1.16 not more than 90 days before completion of the final drawing used for the bid or contract.
1.17 For the purposes of this subdivision, affected operators includes an operator of an interstate
1.18 natural gas or liquid oil pipeline if a proposed residential or nonresidential development is
1.19 located within 1,000 feet of the center point of an interstate natural gas or liquid oil
1.20 transmission pipeline operated or owned by the operator.

1.21 (b) This subdivision does not apply to bids and contracts for:

1.22 (1) routine maintenance of underground facilities or installation, maintenance, or repair
1.23 of service lines;

2.1 (2) excavation for operators of underground facilities performed on a unit of work or
2.2 similar basis; or

2.3 (3) excavation for home construction and projects by home owners.

2.4 (c) A person required by this section to show existing underground facilities on its
2.5 drawings shall conduct one or more preliminary design meetings during the design phase
2.6 to communicate the project design and coordinate utility relocation. Affected facility
2.7 operators shall attend these meetings or make other arrangements to provide information.

2.8 (d) A person required by this section to show existing underground facilities on its
2.9 drawings shall conduct one or more preconstruction meetings to communicate the project
2.10 design and coordinate utility relocation. Affected facility operators and contractors shall
2.11 attend these meetings or make other arrangements to provide information.

2.12 (e) This subdivision does not affect the obligation to provide a notice of excavation as
2.13 required under subdivision 1.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.