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### **2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO CBYD**

The Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut (UCAC) represents the underground utility and site work construction industry in Connecticut. UCAC is comprised of contractors, vendors, suppliers and manufacturers who support the utility contracting and construction industry. UCAC contractor members perform work to improve and enhance the utility infrastructure. Additionally, UCAC members take steps necessary to protect the public safety by avoiding damage to underground facilities and maintaining a safe construction site.

In 2015, UCAC continued to promote the Call Before You Dig underground damage prevention program throughout the state at meetings and events, on its website and in its periodic newsletter, *In the Pipeline*. Call Before You Dig is vital to utility contractors, excavators and public utility companies, in order to provide a safe work environment, protect public safety, and minimize damage to underground facilities.

In April, UCAC participated in a CBYD long-term strategic planning session at Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook. Participants discussed best practices regarding damage prevention, additional services CBYD can provide members and excavators, and how the potential changes would impact them.

UCAC participated in the annual recognition of Call Before You Dig Month in April, when the Governor issued a proclamation reminding residents and companies that perform excavation work to notify CBYD two days prior to commencing work.

UCAC continued to monitor amendments to the CBYD regulations proposed by PURA.

Training and education programs provided by utility companies and Pelican Corporation, the CBYD vendor, play a significant role in achieving participation in the program. In 2015, training for UCAC members on Confined Space, Trenching & Excavation, and OSHA 10-hour safety training included CBYD training.

UCAC and the CBYD Board of Directors have worked to foster open communication and dialogue, which has worked to the advantage of both organizations, respective members and the general public. Both organizations share a longtime, professional working relationship. Several members of the CBYD board of directors attended various

UCAC functions throughout the year, including the annual meeting and scholarship auction. A UCAC board member serves as an associate member to the board of CBYD, and he or UCAC staff regularly attend CBYD board meetings. A CBYD representative serves as liaison to the UCAC board.

UCAC continues to encourage members to utilize CBYD's on-line e-ticket service. UCAC appreciates its relationship with CBYD and looks forward to many productive years ahead.

In the meantime, the safety of utility contractors and the general public along with the prevention of damage to the state's vital utility infrastructure remain a priority for UCAC. UCAC will continue to promote the efforts of CBYD and its member companies.

Finally, UCAC would like to recognize call center manager Bill Petersen, who passed away in October, and dedicates this report in his memory. Bill was a consummate professional who worked closely with UCAC members and staff to help excavators and the public who contact the center. Bill's work helped prevent damage to underground facilities and protect the public safety. UCAC expresses its sincere condolences to Bill's family and colleagues at the call center.

Respectfully submitted,

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