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TO: ALL LA 811 FACILITY OWNER MEMBERS AND EXCAVATORS

Effective January 2, 2022, a new amendment will be added to the LA Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law (Dig Law) with House Bill 69. There are requirements in the new law for both excavators and facility owners. The following statements summarize the requirements for both groups:

Excavators:

The excavator or demolisher shall provide the specific location for excavation or demolition with notice or physically mark the route or area of excavation or demolition using white paint, flags, stakes or similar means prior to submitting notice. For purposes of this section, any physical markings or electronic drawings identifying a specific location shall not exceed the actual area of excavation or demolition. Note: The use of electronic notification through LA 811's on-line ticketing system (Next Gen) will suffice for compliance.

Facility Owners:

Should an underground utility or facility operator determine that its underground facilities are not in conflict with the location of the request or determine that its underground facilities are not fully marked for locating purposes, a notification shall be sent to the excavator prior to the mark-by time. A notification (electronic) to the regional notification center that generated the location request shall suffice for compliance with this section as it pertains to positive response.

Note: The use of a ticket management system which transmits the response to the excavator and by generating an electronic response to the LA 811 website will suffice for compliance.

If there are questions, please send your emailed communications to feedback@laonecall.com.

