



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
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California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board
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July 10, 2020

NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION

RAYJI POWERS
HOSOPO CORPORATION
DBA: HORIZON SOLAR POWER
27368 Via Industria, STE 101
Temecula, CA 92590

Case No.: 19LA1042

Address/Location of Violation(s): [REDACTED] Murrieta, CA

Date/Time of Violation(s): July 15, 2019 @ 12:10 pm

Dear: Mr. Powers,

The Board has concluded its investigation of an incident on the above date, time and location and has determined that Hosopo Corporation, DbA: Horizon Solar Power violated Article 2 of Chapter 3.1 of Division 5 of Title 1 of the California Government Code as follows:

Hosopo Corporation, DbA: Horizon Solar Power violated California Government Code 4216.2 (b) which states, except in an emergency, an excavator planning to conduct an excavation shall notify the appropriate regional notification center of the excavator's intent to excavate at least two working days, and not more than 14 calendar days, before beginning that excavation. However, an excavator and an operator may mutually agree to a different notice and start date.

On July 15, 2019, Horizon Solar Power was installing a solar device on the subject residence when one of their employees drove a grounding rod into the soil adjacent to the gas meter at the residence. The grounding rod punctured a property side 1/2" gas service line causing a gas leak. Horizon staff requested the Murrieta Fire Department and Southern California Gas Co to respond to the location. A Southern California Gas Co. crew arrived at 11:23 a.m. to being repair work on the line, but at 12:10 p.m., an

explosion occurred. Due to the explosion, there was 1 fatality (a SCG employee) and 3 other individuals suffered physical injuries requiring medical attention. The subject property and the adjacent home located at [REDACTED] were both declared total losses and several of the surrounding homes suffered broken windows and damaged facia.

Horizon Solar acknowledged in an interview that they failed to call 811 and request a ticket prior to commencing excavation. A check of the DigAlert database confirmed the admission made by Horizon Solar Power.

This matter will be referred to California Contractors State License Board with a recommendation for a financial penalty of the maximum amount allowed under California Government Code 4216.

The proposed sanction reflects the nature and gravity of the violation and takes into consideration the Respondent's history of prior offenses, cooperation with the investigation and demonstration of his/her intent to comply with Gov't Code §4216 et seq. in the future.

You may contest this notice by responding to this notice promptly. Please see attached instructions on completing and submitting your response for options available to you. Your response to this notice must be received by the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Board no later than August 21, 2020.

Sincerely,

Jason Corsey
Chief of Investigations
Dig Safe Board
916-926-1660

Proposed hearing date: September 14, 2020