

**Positive Response Feature** enhances Positive Response Requirement as defined within the state statute:

This feature will give Facility Operators the ability to notify the excavator of a valid locate request electronically. Excavators will be able to see real time updates from facility owners with the simple click of a button located within their locate request ticket.

**Positive Response Requirement** as defined within the state statute:

**§ 37-12-302. Notice of excavation by excavator; information to be supplied upon notice; exceptions; penalty.**

(d) An operator shall at its expense, upon receipt of the notice provided for in subsection (c) of this section, use reasonable care to mark the location of the underground facilities with stakes, flags, paint or by other clearly identifiable marking within twenty-four (24) inches horizontally from the exterior sides of the operator's underground facilities. The location shall be marked using American Public Works Association uniform color standards. If requested by the excavator, the operator receiving the notice shall advise the excavator of the nature, location, size, function, and depth if known, of underground facilities in the proposed excavation area. The operator shall respond no later than two (2) full business days after receipt of the notice from the notification center or at a time otherwise mutually agreed to by the operator and excavator.

Facility Operators notified by the Locate Request but not affected by the excavation are still required to provide a response to the request (W.S. 37-12-302 (d)). Facility owners may respond by marking the location appropriately, such as "gas clear" or "no power." Markings may include the facility owner's name. Facility owners may respond to the requestor with a phone call, email, on site discussion, **through the electronic positive response reporting option** or other appropriate means. Operators are only required to mark those facilities which they own and/or operate. Operators shall use stakes, flags, paints, or other clearly identifiable marking within twenty-four (24) inches horizontally from the exterior sides of the operator's underground facilities (W.S. 37-12-302 (d)). These marks should be made according to the APWA recommended marking guidelines and in sufficient quantity to clearly identify the routes of the facility.