

OPWA Member Advisory

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Bill 8, “The Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act” passed into law June 14

July 9, 2012 – Ontario One Call, Guelph, ON. As of June 14, 2012, Bill 8, formerly known as the “Ontario One Call Act”, officially became law passing its third reading and receiving royal assent.

Bill 8, establishes a not-for-profit, single point-of-contact call system for all underground infrastructure location services in Ontario. This replaces the previous voluntary system where numerous phone calls were required to gather locate information on utilities buried in a specified area, prior to construction. Any organization which owns an outside underground plant must now belong to a “One Call” system.

By adopting a mandatory approach, all underground utilities at the location of a dig will be marked.

Regulations for Ontario’s new one call system will now be set by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer Services.

For more information, contact Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 or visit: www.on1call.com

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