

## 515-9-4-.02 Definitions

Many of the terms used in this Large Project Rule are defined in O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3. For those terms used in these rules that are not otherwise defined in Title 25, Ch.9, each such term shall have the following meaning:

(a) “Act” means the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (O.C.G.A. § 25-9-1 *et seq.*).

(b) “Advisory committee” means the committee appointed by the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-9-13(g) (1).

(c) O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3 (17) defines “Large Project” as an excavation that involves more work to locate utility facilities than can reasonably be completed within the requirements of subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. Section 25-9-7.” This requires a facility owner or operator to locate and mark its facilities within 48 hours beginning the next business day after receipt of a locate request by the Utilities Protection Center (“UPC”). For simplicity of administration by the Commission, large projects shall be subdivided into two separate categories:

(i) “Linear large projects” shall include at a minimum, any single mechanized excavation or blasting, as those terms are defined by O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3(12), at a geographical site or area that exceeds or will exceed one linear mile of public right-of-way.

(ii) “Site specific large projects” shall include at a minimum, any single mechanized excavation or blasting, as those terms are defined by O.C.G.A. § 25-9-3(12), at a contiguous geographical area of excavation that is equal to or greater than 100 acres.

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