



## Mississippi 811 Service Area Buffer Reduction Agreement

Mississippi 811, Inc. notifies its member utility owners/operators based on the member's service area database and the locate request work area buffer. A member's service area is created by placing a 400-foot buffer (radius) around the underground utility information provided by the member company or its representative. When a locate request is being processed by the call center or portal user, the excavation area is marked on the map using a point, line or polygon marking tool. The system automatically places a 300-foot buffer (radius) around the drawn geometry to create the work area buffer. The locate request is transmitted to the member if the work area buffer touches or intersects the member's service area. The default service area and work area buffer sizes were determined and approved by the Mississippi 811, Inc. Board of Directors to help safeguard member facilities due to inaccuracies/ inconsistencies in GIS data and/or information provided by the excavator.

### **Manual Updates**

Mississippi 811 will set the default buffer size for your company in the Service Area Editor application to the reduced size requested in this agreement. The reduced buffer will result in any manual addition/deletion point or line geometries drawn within the Service Area Editor to be buffered at the reduced size. Manual addition/deletion polygon geometries drawn in the Service Area Editor will not be buffered.

### **GIS File Updates**

It is solely the responsibility of the member company or its representative to pre-buffer point and line geometries at the reduced size requested in this agreement before uploading the data to the Service Area Editor. Polygon geometry submissions to the Service Area Editor are excluded from the buffer requirement.

By signing this document, you agree that you have read, understand, and agree to all terms contained in this agreement, and you are requesting the buffer for your service area to be changed from the default buffer (radius) size to \_\_\_\_\_ feet on either side of your underground facilities (10 ft. minimum). You also agree that you will pre-buffer point and line geometries at a distance no less than the size requested in this agreement, you further agree that Mississippi 811, Inc. cannot be held liable for any damages resulting either wholly or in part from the reduction of your company's service area buffer.

Signature

Dispatch Codes

Date

Printed Name

Title

Member Company Name

Phone #

Email

*\*The area below is for Mississippi 811, Inc. use only\**

Mississippi 811 Representative Name

Mississippi 811 Representative Signature

Date