

222.29B. INJURY TO PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITY.

The defendant has been charged with injuring property of a public utility¹.

For you to find the defendant guilty of injuring property of a public utility, the State must prove two things beyond a reasonable doubt.

First, that the defendant [[stopped] [obstructed] [impaired] [weakened] [injured] [destroyed]] [[caused to be done any act(s) that [stopped] [obstructed] [impaired] [weakened] [injured] [destroyed]] any [building] [construction] [work] [engine] [machine] [structure] [matter or thing appertaining to] [hardware] [software] [other digital infrastructure necessary for the operations] of a public utility.

And Second, that the defendant acted willfully. Willfully means intentionally and without justification or excuse.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant willfully [[stopped] [obstructed] [impaired] [weakened] [injured] [destroyed]] [[caused to be done any act(s) that [stopped] [obstructed] [impaired] [weakened] [injured] [destroyed]] any [building] [construction] [work] [engine] [machine] [structure] [matter or thing appertaining to] [hardware] [software] [other digital infrastructure necessary for the operations] of a public utility it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

1. For a definition of public utility, see N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-3(23).