



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Ron Miller And Sons**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3114

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/4/2013

Damage Date: 5/29/2012 2:07:34 PM

Damage Address: 1604 Long Acre Dr

City: Indianapolis

County: Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **Ron Miller And Sons**

Contact: Dave Shipman

Address: 4105 S Biltmore Ave, Indianapolis, In 46221

Telephone:

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Contact: Tony Chan

Address: 2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes    Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205231732

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of work performed: Electric

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas main occurred during a directional drilling procedure to install electric.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/13/2012. The excavator had a valid locate prior to beginning the work; however, the gas operator failed to locate the facility. Now, after notice was sent by the IURC 9/5/2012 and having response time expired, the resulting determination is an OPERATOR VIOLATION.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to locate facilities.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jun 15, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan (Citizens Gas)

Business address (*number and street*): 2150 Dr. M.L. King Jr. St.

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46202

Telephone number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

Fax number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

E-mail address: AChan@CitizensEnergyGroup.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: RON MILLER & SON

Business address (*number and street*): 3915 DUNLAP DR

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46241

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-488-8760

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of work performed: Electric

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 29, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
1604 LONGACRE DR

Nearest intersection: MATTHEWS WAY

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 2

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 2

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

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**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 27

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1205231732

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contractor

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USIC

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? No

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Yes

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Facility could not be found/located

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### **Additional Comments**

Gas operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings. IC 8-1-26-18(f). MAO 7/11/2012.

Case # 3114. MAO 7/13/2012.