



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Power Environments

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3434

Report Date: 4/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 6/8/2012

Damage Address: 1659 N New Jersey St, Indianapolis, Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Power Environments**

Address: 6130 S Belmont Ave. A, Indianapolis, In 46217

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Pole

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 8

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation to install a pole.

Findings: Reported by Citizens Gas; excavator failed to respond to initial notice. The excavator provided notice of excavation however, the operator reports the facility was not marked.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide locate markings.

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



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Who is submitting this information?

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Excavator Information, if known

Full name: POWER ENVIRONMENT

Business address (*number and street*): 6130 S BELMONT AVE. A

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46217

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-788-7714

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Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Pole

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 8, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
1659 N NEW JERSEY ST

Nearest intersection: E 17TH ST

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

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? 8

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 7

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

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? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: _____

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? No

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? No

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Facility was not located or marked

Additional Comments

Excavator not in violation. Gas operator violated IC 8-1-26-18(f). MAO 8/2/2012.