



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Meade Electric

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3678

Report Date: 9/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/29/2012 10:24:34 AM

Damage Address: 4947 W 13th St, Speedway, Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **Meade Electric**

Address: 6057 Churchman Bypass, Indianapolis, In 46203

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Street Light

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208241380

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing street light work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide facility locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide facility locate markings.

**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: Sep 25, 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: MEADE ELECTRIC c/o JOE FISHER

Business address (*number and street*): 6057 CHURCHMAN AVE

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46203

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-780-0322

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

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

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Auger

Type of work performed: Street Light

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## Date and Location of Damage

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

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
4947 W 13TH ST

Nearest intersection: AUBURN 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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1.5

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? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 24

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## Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1208241380

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

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? Yes

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 was not located or marked

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### **Additional Comments**

Excavator did report damage to IN811. This is determined to be OPERATOR VIOLATION. MAO 9/27/2012.