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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Rieth-riley

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3720

Report Date: 6/26/2013 Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/23/2012 Damage Address: 8805 Washington Blvd W Dr, Indianapolis, Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Rieth-riley**

Address: 1751 W Minnesota St, Indianapolis, In 46206

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0 Fatalities: 0 Repair Cost (if known): $0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208080832 Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas Service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Citizens Gas; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to locate and mark the underground facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to locate the underground facility

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

DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Sep 5, 2012

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.

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

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E-mail address: AChan@CitizensEnergyGroup.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: RIETH RILEY

Business address *(number and street)*: 1751 W MINNESOTA ST

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46206

Telephone number *(area code)*: _____

Fax number *(area code)*: _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 23, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
8805 WASHINGTON BLVD W DR

Nearest intersection: 88TH 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*): 2

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? Service/Drop

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: 1208080832

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? 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? Yes

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? No

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 could not be found/located

Additional Comments

Excavator is not at fault since there was a valid locate; however, Gas operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings. MAO 9/5/2012.