



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Sub Surface Of Indiana Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3981

Report Date: 9/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/1/2012 11:15:56 AM

Damage Address: 3999 Southeastern Ave, Indianapolis, Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Sub Surface Of Indiana Inc**

Address: 7225 West 700 South, Morgantown, In 46160

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

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: 1209142720

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing water work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/16/2013. 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: Jan 2, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan

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

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E-mail address: AChan@CitizensEnergyGroup.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: SUB-SURFACE OF INDIANA c/o TODD LARSON

Business address (*number and street*): 7225 W 700 SOUTH

City, State, and ZIP code: MORGANTOWN, IN 46160

Telephone number (*area code*): 812-597-4195

Fax number (*area code*): 317-691-5194

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Oct 1, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
3999 SOUTHEASTERN AVE

Nearest intersection: PROSPECT ST

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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1

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? 24

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1209142720

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? No

Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments

The gas operator has self professed to an OPERATOR VIOLATION. MAO 1/2/2013.

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SUB-SURFACE OF INDIANA, INC.

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Dear :IURC

On behalf of Sub-Surface of Indiana the gas line was marked going to the house but another line spliced onto that line going back to another little apt behind the house and that line was not marked. Which is the one we hit the gas company representative said we were not at fault.

Damage Report

Date: <u>10-1-12</u>	Time of Damage: <u>11:00 AM</u>	Crew Leader: <u>JEREMY MCLEAN</u>
Address: <u>3999 Southeastern Ave.</u>		Crew Members: <u>JUSTIN AYCOCK</u>
Type of Line: <u>GAS</u>	Size of Line: <u>1/2</u>	<u>ADAM P. ROBBY D. MATT. F.</u>
Depth: <u>22</u> inches	Distance from Locates: <u>N/A</u> inches	Supervisor Contacted: <u>Todd L.</u>
Who Dug up to Repair: <u>we did.</u>		Pictures Taken: <u>Yes</u> / <u>No</u>
Down Time/ Time to Repair: <u>1.5 HR.</u>	Utility Working for: <u>Church.</u>	

Description of what Happened: Digging up water line @ House.

Found unmarked gas line. Hit gas line w/H.E.
there was a gas meter @ House that was unmarked we located
it. Found it to go ^{ACROSS} ~~to~~ driveway. But it also also had another
SAS line tap off of it going back to another house which is the one we
hit.

GAS COMPANY came out & fix.

TIC # 120914270 Damage # 1210011530 Locates were NOT CALL IN
Write any additional comments on the back BY US

Utility or Locator Company Who Came Out: <u>USIC (BRIAN FLATTER 538-5763) CITIZENS GAS</u>
Utility or Locator Representative: <u>CITIZENS - Bill Kennedy, Jeff Price TR-321-387</u>
What did the Representative say about the Damage: <u>JEFF PRICE FROM CITIZENS GAS SAID</u> <u>THAT USIC did NOT MARK the GAS RIGHT.</u>
<u>BRIAN FROM USIC SAID. the Locates were NOT CALL IN RIGHT, IN ORDER</u> <u>to get the lines not marked RIGHT.</u>

Crew Leader Signature:  Date: 10/1/12

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____