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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Alternative Trenching Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4644

Report Date: 8/14/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 4/19/2013 9:02:38 AM

Damage Address: 10103 Broadmeadow Dr, Indianapolis, Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Alternative Trenching Inc**

Address: 10185 Indian Lake Boulevard South Drive, Indianapolis, In 46236

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Unknown/Other

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed: Water

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No
3/11/2013

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1303071924

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE--THE ENTIRE PROPERTY--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 6/14/2013. The gas operator did not respond to a request for information. The excavator failed to maintain a valid locate ticket having allowed the ticket to expire prior to facility damage.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) Failure to provide notice of excavation - expired ticket.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

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Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 16, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan

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

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: ALTERNATIVE TRENCHING

Business address (*number and street*): 10185 INDIAN LAKE BLVD

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46263

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-791-9050

Fax number (*area code*): _____

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*): Apr 19, 2013

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
10103 BROADMEADOW DR

Nearest intersection: BADE ROAD

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? 4

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? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

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? Contract Locator

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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used:

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? Unknown/Other

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: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Contractor had expired locates (1303071924). Contractor notified Citizens Gas of damaged gas line.

**ALTERNATIVE TRENCHING INC
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May 17, 2013

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Pipeline Safety Division – Case No 4644
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Initial Documents Excavator

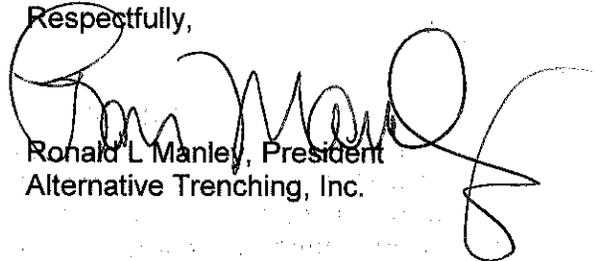
Good Afternoon,

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated May 1, 2013. Please accept this letter as our response. Below is a statement regarding the utility hit at 10103 Broadmeadow Dr., Warren, Marion County on 4/19/13.

The first work performed on the above referenced corner lot was to run the water line to the right of way for future water tap. Locates were performed and no gas line was present. While I was performing installation of the water line the gas company arrived to mark for the future gas service to the house. The representative of the gas company informed the superintendent the gas line could not be stubbed out on the water main side because there was not a gas main on that side of the house. The home is situated on a corner lot. When I returned to perform further work on the lot I did not relocate the property as I knew the gas line was not to be located in the area I was excavating. My actions were based on the representations of the gas company, previous locates and my prior work on the property.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



Ronald L. Manley, President
Alternative Trenching, Inc.