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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Howell Contractors Incorporated

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3162

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/27/2012

Damage Date: 6/8/2012 8:50:33 AM

Damage Address: 5063 Ford St

City: Speedway

County: Marion

The Parties

Excavator: **Howell Contractors Incorporated**

Contact: Chris Mause

Address: 980 Helen Ruth Drive, Fort Wright, Ky 41017

Telephone: (859) 331-5457

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Contact: Tony Chan

Address: 2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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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: 1206044244

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator failed to respond to initial notice was delivered and signed for on 7/16/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator failed to maintain two (2) feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b) Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jun 15, 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.

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: HOWELL CONTRACTORS

Business address *(number and street)*: 980 HELEN RUTH DR

City, State, and ZIP code: FT WRIGHT, IN 41017

Telephone number *(area code)*: 859-331-5454

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*): Jun 8, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
5063 FORD ST

Nearest intersection: GREENLAWN 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*): 45

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: 1206044244

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? Yes

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

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to maintain clearance

Additional Comments

This damage was reported by IN811 in Spreadsheet CF. MAO 7/11/2012.

Case # 3162. MAO 7/13/2012.