Complaint filed on behalf of or by:	Excavating Specialist
Contact Person:	Ryan Gustafson
Phone	(630) 945-7789
Name or Company Name	Excavating Specialist
Street Address or PO Box	PO Box 3239 Rapid City, South Dakota 57709 United States
Email	ryang@heavyconstructors.com
Date	Jan 08, 2020
Name of excavator / facility operator:	Montana Dakota Utilities
Phone	(605) 342-0160
Name or Company Name	Montana Dakota Utilites
Street Address or PO Box	718 Steele Ave Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States
Is this party aware of your allegations?	No

## Provide detail including whom you spoke with:

Nobody as of now besides the people present for ELM locating when the gas line was being fixed as well as MDU employees who were fixing the hit line.

#### **ALL SPECIFIC STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES MUST BE STATED:**

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Street Address / location of alleged violation:	3525 E Colorado Blvd
City	Spearfish
State	SD
Date of alleged violation:	Jan 08, 2020
Time of alleged violation:	12:00 PM

## Describe your allegation:

While trenching in a new communications duct at the address mentioned our operator hit a gas service line. This was along our flagged route

MDU had another service line marked approximately 20-30 feet away but no marks in this immediate area. 911 and 811 contacted and called MDU FAST

Do you believe the alleged violation	No
to be intentional?	No

### Why or why not?

Service line that was hit was not located prior to digging. MDU was then able to locate it after the line was hit to dig it up to fix it.

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?	Yes
Locate ticket #:	2000246204

Start date on ticket:	Jan 06, 2020
Start time on ticket:	08:15 AM
Did the excavator wait until the start date / time on the ticket before commencing excavation?	Yes
Did the excavator maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches between a marked facility and mechanical equipment?	Yes
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Excavation where the gas line was hit was approximately 20-30 feet away from where other marks were located.

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Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?	NA
Were facilities marked?	No
Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?	Yes
Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?	Yes
Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?	No
Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?	Yes
Type of facility involved:	Gas 3/4" Plastic
Type of facility involved:  Operator of facility (if known):	Gas 3/4" Plastic  Montana Dakota Utilities
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Operator of facility (if known):	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
Operator of facility (if known):  Operator address (Street or PO Box):	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States
Operator of facility (if known):  Operator address (Street or PO Box):  Operator Phone	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States  (605) 355-3035
Operator of facility (if known):  Operator address (Street or PO Box):  Operator Phone  Depth of Cover (If unsure put N/A)	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States  (605) 355-3035  NA
Operator of facility (if known):  Operator address (Street or PO Box):  Operator Phone  Depth of Cover (If unsure put N/A)  Pressure: (If none, write none)	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States  (605) 355-3035  NA  Not Sure
Operator of facility (if known):  Operator address (Street or PO Box):  Operator Phone  Depth of Cover (If unsure put N/A)  Pressure: (If none, write none)  Voltage: (If none, write none)	Montana Dakota Utilities  PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 United States  (605) 355-3035  NA  Not Sure  NONE

# If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage:

Unmarked Line was cut. Unsure of cost to MDU. Downtime/Reroute for excavating specialist estimated between 700-1500 dollars. ELM locating then re located another gas main on the job with question marks so their will also be costs associated with trying to find a gas line in which they are unable to provide us the location of.

Were damages on public right of way or private property?
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Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?	No
Were there fatalities?	No
Was operator service affected?	Yes
Was the one-call notification center immediately notified of the damage, dislocation, or disturbance?	Yes
Was the operator of the facility immediately notified of the damage, dislocation, or disturbance?	Yes
Was there an escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid?	Yes and 911 was called
Please provide a Fire Department or Emergency Services incident report, if available	Not Availiable
Attachment Information File names should not include symbols. Example:(\$, &, *, %.) etc.	