Dear Codi, our response to the MDU complaint is as follows. Locating the gas service in the alley way was difficult due to underground tree roots. However, greater care should have been taken when locating the line by hand. I was in the truck observing when the line was hit. The excavator both severed and bent and kinked the line in one motion, gas only escaped for a moment. Donovan immediately shut off the excavator thus, pinching the line with the bucket. At this time I entered the excavation and taped the already kinked line. As far as not dialing 911, that was a miscommunication between Donovan and myself, as I called 811 and Donovan called MDU.

We at Groundbreaking Construction take these matters very seriously. We have since started both a safety committee and safety reward program. Protecting underground lines is a topic with our weekly safety meetings. Please feel free to reply if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards, Jesse.

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020, 1:24 PM Codi Gregg <deputydirector@sd811.com> wrote:

Ground Breaking Construction,

Attached, please find a complaint that has been received by South Dakota 811 / South Dakota One Call. The attached letter reviews who filed, when a response is due and what actions should be taken.

Per SDCL 49-7A-22, The Enforcement Panel will be meeting on June 25, 2020 at 2PM CT (1PM MT) to review the submitted information. Further information will be sent out regarding attending the Panel Meeting.

Please contact me via email with any questions,

Thank you,

Codi Gregg

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