

Complaint filed on behalf of or by:

Montana Dakota Utilities Co.

Contact Person:

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Name or Company Name

Montana Dakota Utilities Co.

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United States**Email**marcus.christensen@mdu.com**Date**

Jun 30, 2020

Name of excavator / facility operator:

Heavy Constructors

Phone

(605) 342-3152

Name or Company Name

Heavy Constructors

Street Address or PO Box4101 Deadwood Ave #9692
Rapid City, South Dakota 57702
United States**Email**BretO@heavyconstructors.com**Is this party aware of your allegations?**

No

ALL SPECIFIC STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES MUST BE STATED:

49-7A-5. Notification of proposed excavation.

No excavator may begin any excavation without first notifying the one-call notification center of the proposed excavation. The excavator shall give notice by telephone or by other methods approved by the board pursuant to rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26 to the one-call notification center at least forty-eight hours prior to the commencement of the excavation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays of the state. The board may promulgate rules to reduce the forty-eight-hour interval for emergency or subsequent inquiries to the original locate request and may lengthen the forty-eight-hour interval for nonexcavation requests.

49-7A-8. Location of underground facilities--Marking.

An operator shall, upon receipt of the notice, advise the excavator of the location of underground facilities in the proposed excavation area by marking the location of the facilities with stakes, flags, paint, or other clearly identifiable marking within eighteen inches horizontally from the exterior sides of the underground facilities. The board shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish the response time for operators to mark the underground facilities. The response time shall be no later than forty-eight hours after the receipt of the notice, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays of the state or the excavation start time provided by the excavator, whichever is later. The response time may be less than forty-eight hours for emergency or subsequent inquiries to the original locate request and may be longer than forty-eight hours for nonexcavation requests. Excavators shall maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of eighteen inches between a marked underground facility and the cutting edge of any mechanical equipment. If excavation is required within eighteen inches, horizontally, the excavator shall expose the facility with hand tools or noninvasive methods approved pursuant to rule and shall protect and support the facility prior to further excavation with mechanical equipment.

Other information to support your position:

Contractor was doing some excavating when they hit the 2" gas main. They had potholed the 4" gas main across the road and it was 4 feet deep and they assumed the 2" main would be the same. The contractor punctured the 2" gas main with tooth on the bucket. The contractors locate was expired at the time of damage. Gas was blowing and 911 and 811 were both notified.

Street Address / location of alleged violation:

E Mall Dr

City

Box Elderq

State

South Dakota

Date of alleged violation:

Jun 24, 2020

Time of alleged violation:

11:12 AM

Describe your allegation:

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Do you believe the alleged violation to be intentional?

No

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?

No

Did the excavator wait until the start date / time on the ticket before commencing excavation?

No

Did the excavator maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches between a marked facility and mechanical equipment?

No

Explain

Contractor hit the gas line with the bucket of there excavator puncturing the gas line.

Were buried facilities exposed by hand or non-invasive equipment prior to excavation?

No

Were facilities marked?

NA

Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?	NA
Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?	NA
Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?	NA
Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?	NA
Type of facility involved:	2" Plastic Natural Gas Main
Operator of facility (if known):	Montana Dakota Utilities Co.
Operator address (Street or PO Box):	PO Box 1060 Rapid City, South Dakota 57700 United States
Operator Phone	(605) 355-4033
Depth of Cover (If unsure put N/A)	~24"
Pressure: (If none, write none)	50 psig
Voltage: (If none, write none)	none
# of cable pairs: (If none, write none)	none
Was the facility damaged?	Yes
If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage:	\$700
Were damages on public right of way or private property?	Public
Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?	No
Were there fatalities?	No

Was operator service affected?

Yes

If yes, provide detail (how many customers for how long):

2 hours and 1 customer

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 contacted by an Excavator

Please provide a Fire Department or Emergency Services incident report, if available

Not Available

Attachment Information

File names should not include symbols. Example:(\$, &, *, %, .) etc.

Attachment

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