



December 2, 2020

South Dakota Once Call Notification Board

RE: 30 Adams – MDU Gas Line Damage 10/28/2020 – Complaint OC20-085

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this in response to the MDU complaint referenced above for the gas line damage on 10/28/2020. RCS Construction, Inc. takes safety very seriously at all levels from management to supervisors to every employee and subcontractor in the field. We strive to abide by the Operations Manual for Facility Operators and Excavators and the OSHA standards.

We acknowledge that we hit the 2" poly gas line; however, after exposing the steel gas line by hand we thought we were in the clear. In our past experience, it is not uncommon to find 2" poly lines inside steel lines in Lead, SD. If records showed that a steel line had been abandoned, a new poly line had been installed, and then this information had been shared with us we would have continued potholing by hand until we found the poly line. We feel that we have taken steps in the past to properly train and educate our employees on 811 laws and the importance of always having active locate tickets on the jobsite.

We have enclosed a picture of the ditch that was dug showing where the gas line was hit (Exhibit #1). Then a picture of the ditch showing the abandon steel gas line and the 2" poly gas line next to each other (Exhibit #2). When the steel gas line was exposed, the crew thought they found the live line and proceeded to dig the ditch for the storm drain.

Our projects are typically known for excellence in the safety of our workers and subcontractors' employees, but also the safety of our clients and other contractors working in the facility and citizens in the surrounding area, which is why we take these incidents so seriously.

Given the information stated above and additional information enclosed, RCS requests that this complaint be rejected and damages suspended as two gas lines were located in close proximity to one another and the 2" gas line could have been avoided if we were given more information about the area.

Kind Regards,

RC Scull  
President

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**Exhibit #2**



**2" poly gas line**

**Steel gas line (not know it was abandon)**

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# TICKET 2029025013



Ticket Number: 2029025013      Old Ticket:  
Source: Mobile      Type: Normal  
Date: 10/16/2020 8:09 AM  
Update By: 11/6/2020 8:15 AM      Expires On: 11/10/2020 8:15 AM

## RESPONSE STATUS AS OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 4:56 PM

STATUS      CODE      NAME      FACILITIES

### COMPANY INFORMATION

RCS Construction Inc.  
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### WORK INFORMATION

State:	SD	Work Date:	10/20/2020 8:15 AM
County:	LAWRENCE	Done For:	City of Deadwood
Place:	DEADWOOD	Duration:	2 months
Street:	30 Adams St	Explosives:	False
Intersection:	Jefferson St	Right of Way:	False
Nature of Work:	Retaining wall and drain pipe	Tunnel/Bore:	False
Meet Requested:	False	Meet Date/Time:	
TRSQ:		Depth:	6 ft

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### REMARKS

Work Date: 10/20/2020 8:15:00 AM  
locate driveway area and behind 30 Adams st

### MEMBERS

CODE	NAME
BH3	Black Hills Power and Light Company
UW1	CTLQL-CenturyLink
DED	City Of Deadwood
LDD	Lead-deadwood Sanitary District
SDC	Midcontinent Communications
MT4	Montana-Dakota Utilities Company
BHF	Vast Broadband

# TICKET 2030230743



Ticket Number: 2030230743      Old Ticket:  
Source: Voice      Type: Damage  
Date: 10/28/2020 4:21 PM  
Update By: 11/16/2020 5:15 PM      Expires On: 11/18/2020 5:15 PM

## RESPONSE STATUS AS OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2020 11:03 AM

STATUS      CODE      NAME      FACILITIES

### COMPANY INFORMATION

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### WORK INFORMATION

State:	SD	Work Date:	10/28/2020 5:15 PM
County:	LAWRENCE	Done For:	RCS CONSTRUCTION
Place:	DEADWOOD	Duration:	
Street:	30 ADAMS ST	Explosives:	False
Intersection:	JEFFERSON ST	Right of Way:	False
Nature of Work:	EMER GAS LINE REPAIR	Tunnel/Bore:	False
Meet Requested:	False	Meet Date/Time:	
TRSQ:		Depth:	36 IN

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### REMARKS

DAMAGE TOOK PLACE AT THE VERY END OF THE DRIVEWAY, GAS LINE WAS HIT, 911, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CREW IS ON SITE

Utilities must respond within 2 hours M-F and within 4 hours after working hours.

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