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Subject: New One Call Complaint Form
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1. Action Requested By:

Complaint filed on behalf of or by: MidAmerican Energy Company
Contact Person: Silicia Boutchee
Phone: 800-275-5745 **Ext:**
Street Address or PO Box: 3500 104th St
City: Urbandale
State: IA
Zip: 50322
Fax: 515-242-3962
Email Address: Damageclaims@midamerican.com
Date: 6/3/2014

2. Action Requested Against:

Name of excavator / facility operator: Hodkinson Construction
Phone: 605-941-0290 **Ext:**
Street Address Or PO Box: PO Box 87959
City: Sioux Falls
State: SD
Zip: 57109
Fax: --
Email Address:

Is this party aware of your allegations?: Yes

Provide detail including whom you spoke with: Michele Olesen (MEC Customer Technician) worked with Keith Hodkinson during the project, contacted him about the damage. Mr Hodkinson would not admit to causing the damage. He would only say that Soo Sanitary Trenching called in the locates and had the permit for the work.

3. Basic Facts:

Street Address / location of alleged violation: 511 and 515 S 2nd Ave
City: Sioux Falls

State: SD

Date of alleged violation: 04/25/2014

Time of alleged violation: 3:10 p.m.

Describe your allegation: Signature Homes requested 7 homes to be demolished and gas services retired in February 2014. All of the demos were on the same block but different street addresses, but due to the weather conditions and the City not allowing winter street cuts MEC was only able to retire 3 of the services in the parking. Signature Homes said that was enough to get their project started and we could retire the other 4 services when the City allowed street cuts. MEC retired services to 211 E. 13th St, 507 S. 2nd Ave, and 509 S. 2nd Ave in the parking. Signature Homes proceeded to demo these houses first. In late March they requested we retire 2 more services at 220 E. 14th St. and 527 S. 2nd Ave, both could be retired without a street cut, but we would need City approval to allow us to close part of the street to dig them up. MEC was still awaiting City approval. While MEC crew was on-site looking at how they could possibly dig those 2 services up next to a busy street on E. 14th, they thought they smelled gas in the air. Upon further investigation they found that the demolition crew had already demolished the houses at 515 and 511 S. 2nd Ave without notification. The gas meters had been removed as well as the service lines being coiled up and buried close to the sidewalk. The service that had been to 511 S. 2nd Ave had actually been pulled apart and a vise grips put on it stop the flow of gas. Once MEC exposed the facilities, they found the damaged pipe with the vise grips. After some investigation we believe that Signature Homes contracted with Soo Sanitary Trenching to demo the buildings and they then sub-contracted with Keith Hodkinson. MEC believes that Keith Hodkinson is the one that buried the damaged service. At this time, Mr. Hodkinson has not admitted to causing damages, nor denied causing the damages.

Do you believe the alleged violation to be intentional?: Yes

Why or why not?: The excavator intentionally cut the gas services, coiled them up, removed the gas meters, and put vise grips on one service to attempt to stop the flow of gas. They then buried the services and did not call MEC or One Call to report the damages.

4. Excavation / Locate Information:

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?: Yes

If a locate was requested:

Locate ticket #: 1405801967

Start date and time on ticket: 03/03/2014 12:45 p.m.

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

If no, when did excavation begin (date and time)?:

Did the excavator maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 18 inches between a marked facility and mechanical equipment?: No

Explain: Damaged facilities

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

Were facilities marked?: Yes

Was the marking complete prior to the start time on the ticket?: Yes

Did the excavator pre-mark with white paint?: NA

Was the facility marked accurately (within 18 inches)?: Yes

Did the excavator use reasonable care to maintain locate marks for the life of project?: NA

Type of facility involved: 5/8" Plastic gas service

Operator of facility (if known): MidAmerican Energy Company

Operator address (Street or PO Box): 3500 104th St

City: Urbandale

State: IA

Zip: 50322

Phone: 515-252-6906

Depth of Cover: unknown

Pressure: 10#

Voltage: N/A

of cable pairs: N/A

5. Damages

Was the facility damaged?: Yes

If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage: Invoice Amount - \$1,461.03 (Labor \$1,134.42, Fleet \$230.57, Material \$32.44, Other \$60.00)

Were damages on public right of way or private property?: Private

Was anyone injured as a result of facility damage?: No

If yes, provide detail: N/A

Length of hospitalization: N/A

Were there fatalities?: No

If yes, provide detail: N/A

Was operator service affected?: No

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

Other information regarding injuries or damages: N/A

6. Statutory Violation

Specific statute(s) or rule(s) you believe were violated: SDCL 49-7A-12

Other information to support your position: Additional photo available