

1. ACTION REQUESTED BY

Complaint filed on behalf of or by: Watertown Municipal Utilities

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Date: Apr 20, 2016

2. ACTION REQUESTED AGAINST

Name of excavator / facility operator: Beck Plumbing

Phone:(605) 881-0908

Ext: 0

Street Address or PO Box: 915 6th Avenue SE

Watertown, South Dakota 57201

United States

Fax:

Email Address:

Is this party aware of your allegations?: Yes

Provide detail including whom you spoke with: Jerry Burns with WMU spoke with Steve Beck of Beck Plumbing and determined no locate ticket was requested because the plumber was in a hurry.

3. BASIC FACTS

Street Address / location of alleged violation:1604 13th Avenue SE

City: Watertown

State: SD

Date of alleged violation: Apr 14, 2016

Time of alleged violation: 02:40 PM

Describe your allegation: Beck plumbing deliberately dug without requesting a locate ticket.

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

Why or why not?: Steve Beck admitted that he was in a hurry and did not request a locate ticket because he was only digging a short distance.

4. EXCAVATION / LOCATE INFORMATION: if applicable

Was a locate requested from SD One Call?: No

Locate ticket #:

Start date on ticket:

Start time on ticket:

Did the excavator wait until the start date / time on the ticket before commencing excavation?: No

If no or not sure, when did excavation begin (date)?: Apr 14, 2016

If no or not sure, when did excavation begin (time)?: 02:00 PM

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

Explain: He did not conduct a proper site evaluation to determine potential conflicts before digging and did not request a ticket to excavate.

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?: No

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: 3/4" gas service

Operator of facility (if known): Watertown Municipal Utilities (WMU)

Operator address (Street or PO Box): 901 Fourth Avenue SW

Watertown, South Dakota 57201

United States

Operator Phone: (605) 882-6233

Depth of Cover: 30 inches

Pressure: 10 psi

Voltage: NA

of cable pairs: NA

5. DAMAGES: (Please provide pictures)

Was the facility damaged?: Yes

If yes, provide detail and an estimate of damage: 3/4" gas service line cut. Replaced about 2' of damaged line and tracer wire. Approximate cost of damages \$350.

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:

Length of hospitalization:

Were there fatalities?: No

If yes, provide detail:

Was operator service affected?: Yes

If yes, provide detail (how many customers for how long): One customer was without natural gas for about 1 1/2 hours

6. STATUTORY VIOLATION (if known):

Specific statute(s) or rule(s) you believe were violated: 49-7A, 49-7A-5, 49-7A-19

Other information to support your position:

LOCATE TICKETS, PHOTOS, WITNESS STATEMENTS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT YOUR ARGUMENT MUST BE ATTACHED WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM.

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