



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Prifogle Construction**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3054

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/3/2012

Damage Date: 5/15/2012

Damage Address: 8641 Fawn Lake Cir

City: Indianapolis

County: Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **Prifogle Construction**

Contact: M. Michael Prifogle, Owner

Address: 9136 Fawn Lake Dr, Indianapolis, In 46278

Telephone: 317-518-8755

Facility Owner: Citizens Gas

Contact: Tony Chan

Address: 2150 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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### **Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

### **Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number: No locate ticket requested

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Waterway Improvement

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged during excavation for dam reinforcement work.

**Findings:** Reported by Tony Chan (Citizens Gas); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/16/2012. Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g): Failure to provide notice of excavation.**

**Prifogle Construction** has no other report of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: May 19, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tony Chan (Citizens Gas)

Business address (*number and street*): 2150 Dr. M.L. King Jr. St.

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46202

Telephone number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

Fax number (*area code*): (317) 927-4619

E-mail address: AChan@CitizensEnergyGroup.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: MICHAEL M PRIFOGLA

Business address (*number and street*): 9136 FAWN LAKE DR

City, State, and ZIP code: Indianapolis, IN 46278

Telephone number (*area code*): 317-518-8755

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 15, 2012

County: Marion

City: Indianapolis

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
8641 FAWN LAKE CIR

Nearest intersection: W 86TH ST

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

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**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 24

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: No locate ticket requested

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contractor

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USIC

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? No

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

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### **Additional Comments**



## INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 3054

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*The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria.*

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

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### The Parties

#### Excavator Information:

Business Name: Prifogle Construction

Responsible Party Personal Name: M. Michael prifogle

Title (if any): Owner

Address (number and street): 9136 Fawn Lake Drive

City, State and ZIP Code: Indianapolis, IN, 46278

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317 3889065

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 317 5188755

Email Address: mmprifogle@sbcglobal.net

#### Facility Information:

Business Name: Same as above

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: None \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (select one): Unknown/Other

**Other Information (Witness, Police, Fire, Other):**

Personal Contact: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): North end of private lake for the Fawn Lake home Owners Association

City, State and ZIP Code: Indianapolis, IN 46278

Nearest Intersection: Fawn Lake Circle

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

Facility Type (*select one*): Distribution

Size (Diameter/etc.): 1"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): Unknown

Interruption in Service:  Yes  No Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation:  Yes  No If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ Unknown

Release of Product:  Yes  No

Ignition and/or Fire:  Yes  No

Excavator Notify 811:  Yes  No

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**Locate Information**

Excavator Request Locate:  Yes  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: N/A

- Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No
- Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No
- Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No
- Maps Used to Mark Facilities:  Yes  No
- Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:  Yes  No
- Operator Employees On-site during Excavation:  Yes  No

**Incident Impact Information**

Number of Outpatient Treated: 0

Number of Inpatient Treated: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

- Fire Department Response:  Yes  No
- Police Department Response:  Yes  No
- Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

**Additional Information / Comments**

I live in the Fawn Lake Estates addition and I am a member of the homeowners association. This project was a favor to the association to resecure a support that keeps the steel shoring that is in the ground from seperating. This was originally installed to prevent erosion acting like a dam to hold the water in the lake. Inorder to replace the defective bolts 87 holes had to be dug in the dirt on the outside of the shoring. While using a small excavator I hit a 1" natural gas line that feeds a single house in the addition. The area between the water and a driveway was only between 2 and 3 feet. I have no excuse for not following the "call before you dig" protocol. I my mind looking down that narrow portion of ground, I did not see how any utility could of been buried there. Excavating is not my normal field of expertise but I was aware of what I shoud have done. I am actually very lucky that I did not get blown off the equipment. All that I can say is that I am very sorry that my actions has resulted into this type of a situation. Unfortantly I can not go back and undo what has happend but this has been a real eye opener for me. I again I appologize for this and I can tell you that I will never dig in the ground again without first making the proper notifications.

Mike Prifogle

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3054

Your Full Name: M. Michael Prifogle

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Prifogle Construction

Your Business Title (if applicable): General Contractor

Address (number and street): 9136 Fawn Lake Drive

City: Indianapolis State: IN ZIP Code: 46278

Your E-mail Address: mmprifogle@sbcglobal.net

Today's Date (month, day, year): 07/16/2011

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if any) Owner

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**  
**101 West Washington Street, 1500E**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)