



Complaint 24-114

Location: 616 s felts Rd Spokane Valley

Date 12/31/2024

Ticket number: 24517056 & 24484499 all valid for excavation

Austin Hattenburg was using a mini excavator to dig a ditch to install Fiber optics under a valid dig ticket.

He hit and damaged a gas line. The damage was not significant.

The first gas line mark was indicated with a triangle as unlocatable, but was then blacked out and remarked further away from the actual gas line. Triangle was not at the main either.

Both marks were over 2' away from the tolerance zone of the gas line surface marking.

Avista Crew responded and concluded that the damage was not significant.

Law violation: rcw 19.122.030

Significance to worker and public safety. Extreme threat.

(3) Upon receipt of the notice provided for in subsection (1) of this section, a facility operator must, with respect to:

(a) The facility operator's locatable underground facilities, provide the excavator with reasonably accurate information by marking their location;



Damaged gas line 1
Austin and 3 feet off
of mark



damage.

old mark blacked out

New mark



distance from mark, 3'
plus 1 full Austin 6'3"

note original blacked
out mark was over 6'
3" or the equivalent of
(1 austin) away from
the mark



Dec 23 2024 at 9:18:46 AM
170° S
600-712 S Felts Rd
Spokane Valley WA 99206
United States

damage
not
repaired
to phmsa
standard





UTILITY HIT

FORM DETAILS
Date: 12/23/2024
Job: 24-U556: 0869RX_01 Transport
Recorded By: Dusty Hattenburg
Category: Safety

HIT INFORMATION
Date/Time of Damage 12/23/2024 9:14 AM
State Washington
Address of Damaged Utility 615 Felts
Type and size of damage (lateral/main/drop) .5" gas service
Were evacuations required? No
If yes, how many evacuations? 0
Anyone hurt?: No
Was UTILITIY located correctly? No
Was CONTRACTOR at fault? No
Restoration completed? No



Conclusion, Locator error

Root cause: lack of investment by the investor owned utility into the work, costs and liability necessary to accurately mark the actual location of the line.

This analysis and resulting determinations will be recorded into the DIRT report for this incident.