



M&L Construction vs Avista
Case 24-043
205 W Florence Ave. Spokane WA

Avista Utilities Supporting Documentation Narrative

The stub discovered was unmapped at the time of locate and excavation. There was no way for Avista or ELM to know about the unmapped gas line prior to excavation. Based on other gas facilities installed in the area, it is expected this stub was installed in the early 1970's. Since then, Avista has update processes and procedures for recording and mapping changes to underground facilities. After discovery of the unmapped stub, a mapping correcting was submitted, and the stub was added to GIS mapping. While instances of unmapped facilities are infrequent, Avista takes these instances seriously. Avista is constantly working to ensure its mapping database is as complete as possible. This includes adding facilities to Avista's mapping system when they are discovered, including in the case where no digital or hard copy evidence an underground facility exists at the time of the locate or the requestor's excavation.