

UTC Incident Investigation Form

Notification ID:	3429	Investigation ID:	7873
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Inspector Name:	Lex Vinsel (Dennis Ritter)
Date Report Submitted to Chief Engineer:	
Date Report Reviewed & Approved by Chief Engineer:	

Operator:	Puget Sound Energy
District/Unit:	Lewis/Thurston District
Location:	11500 Bald Hill Rd SE Yelm WA 98597
Incident Date:	November 08, 2018

Description:

02/04/19 – Revised NRC# 1229902 submitted to engineer.

12/05/18 Incident with NRC# 1229902 Incident Report for Gas Distribution requires a form H for documentation. Investigation # 7873. Revised NRC required to complete submission. end lev

11/08/18 Incident is now federally reportable due to exceeding \$50,000 in repair costs per phone call from Mike Yang to Dennis Ritter. Incident Notification update and initial NRC report have been posted in investigation documents. DRW

11/01/18 (1148) [Incident ID#3429] PSE Tarker Indorf (425)424-7815 reported a gas line blowing for more than 2-hours at 11500 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm, WA 98597 yesterday(10-31-18) Contractor was boring and hit a poorly located main that was in the street. Locator marked IP main with an arrow on side of the road. end lev

Facts/Chronology of Events:

10/31/2018 14:10 – Company Notified
 10/31/2018 14:14 – Personnel On-Site
 10/31/2018 18:18 – Incident Controlled
 11/01/2018 09:03 – Reported to WUTC, Lex Vinsel

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11/08/2018 11:48 – PSE Mike Yang reports to Dennis Ritter that incident was reported to NRC due to incident cost exceeding \$50,000

11/08/2018 18:16 – NRC #1229902 issued due to incident cost exceeding the \$50K threshold.

Causes/Contributing Factors:

The final repair is estimated at \$128,000.00.

The damage was caused when a telecommunications contractor hit the gas main with a directional drill. The telecommunications contractor had an active locate ticket, but the main was not marked in the location where the pipeline was hit. PSE finds that the damage was a result of inaccurate locates by the locating company, ELM Utility Services.

Regulatory Analysis/ Violations:

Federally Reportable Incident when

49 CFR 191.3 (1)(ii) – Estimated property damage of \$50,000 or more...

PSE estimated that total costs for incident repair at \$128,000.00.

Follow up/ Recommendations: