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Moncton Company fined for violating Gas Distribution Act

A Provincial Court judge has fined MacArthur's Paving and Construction of Moncton \$1,000 (One thousand) for violating the province's Gas Distribution Act.

On Friday, the company pleaded guilty to damaging a gas pipeline in Dieppe in December of 2004.

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities charged MacArthur's last month after an investigation of the gas leak. These are the first charges under the Act. The legislation forbids damaging gas pipelines.

According to testimony in court, workers for MacArthur's were installing underground electrical service to a new home on Rene Court in the City of Dieppe. The gas pipe was broken by a back hoe causing a gas leak. No one was hurt in the incident. Charges against the operator of the back hoe were dropped.

A second company was also charged. Netco Electric was overseeing the installation of the electrical service. Company representatives are due enter a plea June 22.

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