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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Thomas Boyd

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1063

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/21/2012

Damage Date: 7/17/2010 3:24:01 PM

Damage Address: 1945 Jefferson St

City: Portage

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Thomas Boyd**

Contact: Thomas Boyd

Address: 1945 Jefferson Street, Portage, In 46368

Telephone: (219) 734-6407

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

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): $

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Fencing

Synopsis: Excavator struck a natural gas line while installing a fence.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; initial notice delivered and signed for on 11/2/2011, however excavator failed to respond. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

Thomas Boyd currently has no other reports of damage on the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

NiSource

December 2, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1063
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1063
To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 7/17/2010

Event Location: 1945 Jefferson St, Portage

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Thomas Boyd

Other Party: N/A

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NIPSCO has reviewed its recovery and damage prevention files for this matter and has provided answers, when known, to the list of questions set forth in the Information Request.

Upon completion of the investigation, NIPSCO requests that it be provided with a copy of the Pipeline Division's Investigation Report with findings that will be forwarded to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee. If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. ("Kit") Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)	10-1942
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)	475496
FIELD SUPERVISOR	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1063	
Date of Event	7/17/2010
Event Location	1945 Jefferson St, Portage
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Thomas Boyd
Date of IURC Information Request	11/2/2011
EVENT LOCATION:	
ADDRESS	1945
STREET	Jefferson Street
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Portage, IN 46368
COUNTY	Porter
TOWNSHIP	Portage
PROPERTY OWNER	Thomas Boyd
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	Residential
TENANT'S NAME	
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUIED	
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME	
EXCAVATOR:	
NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME	Tom Boyd
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	1945
STREET	Jefferson Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Portage, IN 46368
PREFERRED TELPHONE	
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:	
BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE	LUKE SELKING
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATE MARKS:	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No locate requested.
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No locate requested.
DATE OF EVENT	07/17/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested.
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1007170260
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	No locate requested.
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	No locate requested.
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	No locate requested.
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	No locate requested.
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	No
INJURIES:	
NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT	0
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES	0
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE	Unknown
DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY	
	NIPSCO gas service struck and damage during excavation for the installation of a fence. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

NO

EXCAVATOR

RESPONSE

PROVIDED