



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Edward Lopez**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1073

Investigator: Jay Scherer

Report Date: 02/09/2012

Damage Date: 07/22/2010 4:06:40 PM

Damage Address: 230 E Conkey St

City: Hammond

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Edward Lopez**

Contact: Edward Lopez, Homeowner

Address: 2631 164th Place, Hammond, In 46323

Telephone: (219) 201-6105

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

### 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): \$391

**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:** Damage to a natural gas service occurred during excavation for a fence.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; homeowner's response to initial notice received on 11/28/2011. Homeowner failed to request locates prior to beginning work.

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

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

**Edward Lopez** currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 15, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1073  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1073

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: 7/22/2010

Event Location: 230 E Conkey Street, Hammond

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Edward Lopez

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****Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1073**

Date of Event	7/22/2010
Event Location	230 E Conkey Street, Hammond
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Edward Lopez
Date of IURC Information Request	11/15/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS	230
STREET	Conkey Street
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Hammond, IN 46320
COUNTY	Lake
TOWNSHIP	North
PROPERTY OWNER	
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	
TENANT'S NAME	
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED	
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME	

**EXCAVATOR:**

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME	Edward Lopez
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	230
STREET	Conkey Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Hammond, IN 46320
PREFERRED TELPHONE	(219)201-6105
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATE MARKS:</b>	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No locate requested.
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No locate requested.
DATE OF EVENT	07/22/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested.
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1007222702
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
<b>INJURIES:</b>	
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 damaged during excavation for the installation of a fence. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

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DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1007222702 Date: 07/22/2010 Time: 16:01 Oper: ABOND Chan:007

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH  
Cityname: HAMMOND Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address : 230  
Street : E CONKEY ST  
Cross 1 : HOHMAN AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE REAR OF PROPERTY

Grids : 4136D8731D 4136D8731C  
Boundary: n 41.601868 s 41.600761 w -87.522690 e -87.518524

Work type : FENCE  
Done for : EDWARD LOPEZ  
Start date: 07/22/2010 Time: 16:03 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 2 FEET

Company : EDWARD LOPEZ Type: HOME  
Co addr : 2631 164TH PL  
City : HAMMOND State: IN Zip: 46323  
Caller : EDWARD LOPEZ Phone: (219)201-6105  
Contact : EDWARD LOPEZ (CELL) Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (219)201-6105

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER EDWARD: NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS DAMAGED IN THE REAR OF PROPERTY - GAS LINE IS  
BLOWING - HAS CALLED NIPSCO - UNSURE IF ANYBODY WITHOUT SERVICE - NO PREVIOUS  
TICKET - THANKS.  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 07/22/2010 Time: 16:01  
Members: COMCN IB ID0448 ID3128 ID4057 ID6405 ID6428 SM

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description
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**Information Request**

RECEIVED

**Pipeline Safety Division  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

NOV 28 2011

INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case No. 1073

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

**The Parties:**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name: *Edward Lopez*

Title (if any):

Address: *2631-164th Pl*

City, State Zip: *Hammond, IN 46323*

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number: *219-201-6105*

Email Address: *zepolde@7@yahoo.com*

**Facility Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:**

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Utility Line Impact:**

**Location of Damage:**

Address:

City, State Zip:

Nearest Intersection:

**Product Type (circle one):**

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Interruption in Service: Yes  No

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Evacuation: Yes  No

If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 390.99 paid to NIPSCO on 9/28/10 check #2188

**Cause of Damage Information:**

**Type of Equipment (circle one):**

Auger  
Backhoe/Trackhoe  
Boring /Drilling  
Directional Drilling  
Explosives  
Farm Equipment  
Grader/Scraper  
Hand Tools  
Milling Equipment  
Probing Device  
Trencher  
Vacuum Equipment  
Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (circle one):**

Agriculture  
Cable TV  
Curb/Sidewalk  
Bldg. Construction  
Bldg. Demolition  
Drainage  
Driveway  
Electric  
Engineering/Surveying  
Fencing  
Grading  
Irrigation  
Landscaping  
Liquid Pipeline  
Milling  
Natural Gas  
Pole  
Public Transit Authority  
Railroad Maintenance  
Road Work  
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)  
Site Development  
Steam  
Storm Drain/Culvert  
Street Light  
Telecommunications  
Traffic Signal  
Traffic Sign  
Water  
Waterway Improvement  
Unknown/Other

Release of Product:  Yes /  No  
Ignition and/or Fire: Yes   No  
Excavator Notify 811:  Yes /  No

**Locate Information:**

Excavator Request Locate:  Yes /  No ?  
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:         A          
Locate Marks Visible:  Yes /  No  
Locate Marks Correct:  Yes /  No  
Excavator "White Lined":  Yes /  No  
Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No ?  
Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:  Yes /  No  
Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: Yes   No

**Incident Impact Information:**

Number of Outpatient Treated:         NONE          
Number of Inpatient Treated:         NONE          
Number of Fatalities:         NONE          
Fire Department Response: Yes   No  
Police Department Response: Yes   No  
Ambulance Response: Yes   No

**Additional Information/Comments:**

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1073

YOUR FULL NAME: Edward Lopez

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): N/A

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): N/A

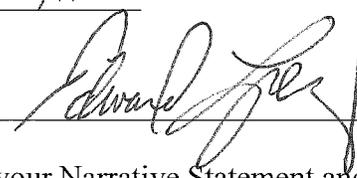
ADDRESS: 2631-164<sup>th</sup> Place

CITY: Hammond STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46323

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (219) 201-6105 SECOND NO. ( )      -     

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: zepolde@ya.hoo.com

TODAY'S DATE: 11/21/11

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any)     

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**  
**101 West Washington Street, # 1500E**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

**PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov**