



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Fort Wayne City Utilities Sewer Dept

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1093

Investigator: Jay Scherer

Report Date: 02/09/2012

Damage Date: 07/30/2010 9:59:45 AM

Damage Address: 1923 Huffman Blvd

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Fort Wayne City Utilities Sewer Dept**

Contact: Lindsey M Jackson

Address: 200 E Berry St, Fort Wayne, In 46818

Telephone: (260) 427-6363

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected:

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1007070110

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas main occurred during drainage work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice received on 12/09/2011. Excavator was working off of a locate request that was 23 days old.

Conclusion: The expiration of the locate request after 20 days equates to a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

Fort Wayne City Utilities Sewer Dept currently has 14 reports of damages in the record, between 05/19/2010 9:15:02 AM and 09/19/2011 1:25:16 PM.

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. 1093
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1093

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: 7/30/2010

Event Location: 1923 Huffman Blvd., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Fort Wayne City Utilities Sewer Dept

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

NiSource Corporate Services - Legal

Phone: 317-684-4904

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Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1093**

Date of Event	7/30/2010
Event Location	1923 Huffman Blvd., Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Fort Wayne City Utilities Sewer Dept.
Date of IURC Information Request	11/15/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	1923
STREET	Huff Blvd.
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Fort Wayne, IN 46808
COUNTY	Allen
TOWNSHIP	Wayne
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	
BUSINESS NAME	City of Fort Wayne, Sewer Department
ADDRESS	1
STREET	East Main Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELPHONE	(260)427-1255
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	PATRICK.DRUDGE@CI.FT-WAYNE.IN.USA

FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:

BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE	LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
260/439-1290

LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

7/7/10
7/8/10
07/30/10
1007070110
1007300582
Yes
No
Unknown
Yes - paint and flags
No

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED
DEPARTMENT NAME
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

0
0
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO gas main struck and damaged during excavation. Excavator failed to utilize hand excavation. Locate was 23 days old at time of damage

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NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1007070110 Date: 07/07/2010 Time: 06:48 Oper: SSIEMORE Chan:052

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 1923
Street : HUFFMAN BLVD
Cross 1 : TYLER AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4105B8510D
Boundary: n 41.094643 s 41.093521 w -85.170464 e -85.167351

Work type : INSTALLING DRAINAGE
Done for : CITY OF FT WAYNE
Start date: 07/09/2010 Time: 07:00 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 8 FEET

Company : FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES SEWER DEPT Type: CONT
Co addr : 515 E WALLACE ST
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46803
Caller : PAT DRUDGE Phone: (260)427-1255
Contact : PAT DRUDGE - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)427-1281
Fax : (260)427-1455
Email : PATRICK.DRUDGE@CI.FT-WAYNE.IN.USA

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 07/07/2010 Time: 06:48
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID7151 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description
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DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1007300582 Date: 07/30/2010 Time: 09:58 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 1923
Street : HUFFMAN BLVD
Cross 1 : TYLER AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4105B8510D
Boundary: n 41.094643 s 41.093521 w -85.170464 e -85.167351

Work type : INSTALLING DRAINAGE
Done for : CITY OF FT WAYNE
Start date: 07/30/2010 Time: 09:58 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 8 FEET

Company : FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES SEWER DEPT Type: CONT
Co addr : 515 E WALLACE ST
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46803
Caller : KIM THOMPSON Phone: (260)427-1255
Contact : PAT DRUDGE - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)427-1281
Fax : (260)427-1455
Email : PATRICK.DRUDGE@CI.FT-WAYNE.IN.USA

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER CALLER--NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS BLOWING--ADVISED TO CALL
911--DOES NOT KNOW WHERE LINE WAS CUT--CREW ON SITE--PREV TICKET 1007070110
(EXPIRED)--THANK YOU!!!

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 07/30/2010 Time: 09:58
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID7151 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description
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Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1093

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: City of Fort Wayne
Responsible Party Personal Name: Mime Fletcher
Title (if any): Foreman
Address: 515 E Wallace St.
City, State Zip: Ft. Wayne, IN 46803
Preferred Telephone: 260-427-6047
Cell Phone Number:
Email Address:

Facility Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO
Responsible Party Personal Name:
Title (if any):
Address: 801 E. 86th Ave
City, State, Zip: Merrillville, IN 46310
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number:
Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO
Responsible Party Personal Name: Jason Otto
Title (if any):
Address: 1501 Hale Ave
City, State Zip: Ft Wayne, IN 46802
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number: 260-241-3246
Email Address:

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

Personal Contact: Jeff Morris

Business/Organization Name: Water Pollution Control Maintenance
City of Fort Wayne

Title (if any)

Address: 200 E. Berry

City, State, Zip: Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Preferred Telephone: 260-427-5189

Cell Phone Number: 260-740-1861

Email Address: jeff.morris@cityoffortwayne.org

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address: 1923 Huffman Blvd

City, State Zip: Fort Wayne, IN

Nearest Intersection: Steup Ave

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches):

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected:

Evacuation: Yes / No If yes, How Many Evacuated?

Repair Cost (if known): \$

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: 1007070110

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: 0

Number of Inpatient Treated: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

Fire Department Response: Yes / No

Police Department Response: Yes / No

Ambulance Response: Yes / No

Additional Information/Comments:

City of Fort Wayne called in locates (locate no. 1007070110). NIPSCO's locates were 724" off the actual location of their facilities.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1093

YOUR FULL NAME: Lindsey M Jackson

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): City of Ft Wayne

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): Law Dept

ADDRESS: 200 E. Berry St

CITY: Ft Wayne STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46718

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (260) 427-1236 SECOND NO. () -

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: lindsey.jackson@cityoffortwayne.org

TODAY'S DATE: 12/8/11

YOUR SIGNATURE: Lindsey M Jackson TITLE (if any)

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

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1093
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov