



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Hipskind Concrete**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1111

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 03/03/2012

Damage Date: 08/06/2010 10:24:06 AM

Damage Address: Selkirk Dr

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Hipskind Concrete**

Contact: Joe Hipskind

Address: 5502 Mason Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46809

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Investigation regarding: Hipkind Concrete

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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: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1007132762

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Road Work

Synopsis: A 5/8" plastic natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator responded to initial notice on 10/31/2011. Excavator requested locates on 07/13/2010 and damaged the natural gas service line 24 days later.

Conclusion: Failure to provide notice.

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

Hipkind Concrete currently has 2 reports of damages in the record, between 08/06/2010 10:24:06 AM and 08/23/2011 1:47:15 PM.

Ticket ID: Version: 00 Notice ID: IUPPS2010071302841
Taken Time: 07/13/2010 16:54
NoticeType: Normal Notice

Case ID 1111

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1007132762 Date: 07/13/2010 Time: 04:54 Oper: JOE.HIPSKIND Chan:000

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

Address :

Street : SELKIRK DR
Cross 1 : CHADWICK DR Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: ON SELKIRK DR FROM CHADWICK DRIVE TO SELKIRK COURT LOCATE ENTIRE RIGHT
OF WAY
:
Grids : 4101D8505D 4101C8505D

Work type : REMOVE AND REPLACE STREET ADD DRAINAGE
Done for : CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Start date: 07/15/2010 Time: 17:15 Hours notice: 60/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 2 MONTHS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : HIPSKIND CONCRETE Type: CONT
Co addr : 5502 MASON DRIVE
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46809
Caller : JOE HIPSKIND Phone: (260)747-1340
Contact : PAT HIPSKIND Phone:
BestTime:
Pager : (260)760-6161
Mobile : (260)410-4710
Fax : (260)747-7227

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
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Submitted date: 07/13/2010 Time: 04:54
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID3525 ID5015 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Service Area: AEPIN (AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER)
Contact: AEPIN Web Account
Ph: Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: CC (COMCAST CABLEVISION - FT WAYNE)
Contact: JOHN GAYDAY
Ph: (260)458-5107 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: FW (FORT WAYNE, CITY OF)
Contact: FW Web Account
Ph: Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID3525 (TRI-STATE PIPELINE)
Contact: ID3525 Web Account
Ph: Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID5015 (PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOP.INC)
Contact: DOUG JOHANNIS
Ph: (419)399-5015 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID8000 (FRONTIER)
Contact: ID8000 Web Account
Ph: Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: NIPSCO (NIPSCO)
Contact: DAVE SCHAAFSMA
Ph: (866)732-6243 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph: (219)962-0448

October 20, 2011

*Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov*Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1111
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1111

To Whom It May Concern:

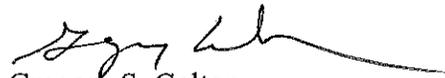
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 8/6/2010
Event Location: Selkirk Dr., Ft Wayne
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Hipskin Concrete
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 1111

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,

Gregory S. Colton
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal
Phone: 317-684-4923
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: gscolton@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1111**

Date of Event	08/06/10
Event Location	Selkirk Drive, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hipskin Concrete
Date of IURC Information Request	09/20/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	
STREET	SELKIRK DIRVE
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	FORT WAYNE, IN
COUNTY	
TOWNSHIP	
PROPERTY OWNER	
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	
TENANT'S NAME	
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUIED	
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME	

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME	
BUSINESS NAME	HIPSKIND CONCRETE
ADDRESS	UNKNOWN
STREET	UNKNOWN
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	UNKNOWN
PREFERRED TELPHONE	UNKNOWN
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	UNKNOWN
EMAIL ADDRESS	UNKNOWN

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

UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
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 SERVICE STRUCK AND DAMAGED DURING EXCAVATION BY
HIPSKIND CONCRETE. FACILITY WAS STRUCK DUE TO A FAILURE BY
SM&P TO ACCURATELY MARK THE FACILITY.

Hipskind Concrete Corp.

5502 Mason Dr. Ft. Wayne, IN 46809
Ph: 260-747-1340 fax: 260-747-7227
jhipskind@comcast.net

October 24, 2011

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1111
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Attn: William Boyd

Re: Case No. 1111

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 20, 2011
After my investigation of the damaged gas service line on Selkirk Dr. on 8-6-2010
This is our explanation of the incident.

While installing sub-surface drainage at depth of 2 feet, my operator, Richard Garland, cut a 5/8" service line which was bored in only 2 inches under the existing street. My driver and laborer, Bart Ruch, knowing that unless contained with 33% oxygen the threat of explosion was non-existent, simply folded the line over and pinched the line off to prevent any loss of product or danger to property. Richard then notified Nipsco immediately of the damage so that it could be repaired.

Locates were called in for this project on 7/13/2010. The ticket numbers are: 1007132778, 1007132762, 1007132771. Locates were again called in on 9/9/2010. The ticket numbers are: 1009092463, 1009092474, 1009092489.

Hipskind Concrete has been in business since 1979. We have never intentionally placed any employee or the general public in harm's way. We take pride in being one of Ft. Wayne's finest contractors. If we do hit a utility, it is usually because it was improperly installed (too shallow), improperly located or not located at all by the location service.

Sincerely,



Patrick D. Hipskind, President
Hipskind Concrete Corp.

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

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: *Hipskind Concrete Corp.*

Responsible Party Personal Name: *Patrick Hipskind*

Title (if any): *President*

Address: *5502 Mason Dr.*

City, State Zip: *FT. WAYNE, IN 46809*

Preferred Telephone: *260-747-1340*

Cell Phone Number: *260-410-4710*

Email Address: *jhipskind@comcast.net*

Facility Information:

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

City, State, Zip

Address:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: *Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address: *P.O. Box 219*

City, State Zip: *Greenwood, IN 46142*

Preferred Telephone: *822-230-0495*

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:

Product Type (circle one):

- Natural Gas
- Liquid Pipeline
- Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

- Distribution
- Gathering
- Service/Drop
- Transmission
- Unknown/Other *residence*

Size (Diameter/etc.): 5/8"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes / No **Number of Customers Affected:** 1

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

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: See attached letter

Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No

Locate Marks Correct: Yes / No

Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No

