



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **De Boer Egolf Corp**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1133

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/23/2012

Damage Date: 08/11/2010 12:44:33 PM

Damage Address: E Kenwood St

City: Hammond

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **De Boer Egolf Corp**

Contact: Lynn De Boer

Address: 5772 Melton Road, Portage, In 46368

Telephone: (219) 763-9700

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: False

Number of Customers Affected:

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1007072203

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas main occurred during excavation to install sewer/water facilities.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial notice on 09/21/2011 but has not submitted a response. Ticket identified above was a request for an extension, but damage occurred 35 days later. Information regarding this case is limited to the report from Indiana 811, that damage occurred.

**Conclusion:** Excavation causing damage occurred on an expired locate request, therefore, there was no notice of excavation.

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

**De Boer Egolf Corp** currently has 4reports of damages in the record, between 08/11/2010 12:44:33 PM and 11/23/2011 9:18:02 AM.

Ticket ID: Version: 00 Notice ID: IUPPS2010070702255  
Taken Time: 07/07/2010 13:04  
NoticeType: Normal Notice  
UPDATE OF: 1006212874

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NORMAL NOTICE JOB EXTENSION

Ticket : 1007072203 Date: 07/07/2010 Time: 13:04 Oper: LYNN.DEBOER Chan:000  
Old Tkt: 1006212874 Date: 06/21/2010 Time: 15:05 Oper: LYNN.DEBOER Rev: 00A

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

Address :  
Street : E KENWOOD ST  
Cross 1 : S COLUMBIA AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE SOUTH SIDE OF KENWOOD BEGINNING 450 FT EAST OF COLUMBIA  
GOING EAST AN ADDITIONAL 450 FT AND SOUTH 700 FT  
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Grids : 4135A8729A

Work type : INSTALLING SEWER, WATERMAIN  
Done for : SYNERGY GROUP  
Start date: 07/09/2010 Time: 13:15 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 8 MONTHS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : DEBOER EGOLF CORP Type: CONT  
Co addr : 5772 MELTON RD  
City : PORTAGE State: IN Zip: 46368  
Caller : LYNN DEBOER Phone: (219)763-9700  
Contact : MIKE EGOLF Phone:  
BestTime:  
Fax : (219)763-9703

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
JOB EXTENSION- REMARK IF NEEDED- PREVIOUS TICKET 1006212874  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 07/07/2010 Time: 13:04  
Members: COMCN IB ID0448 ID6405 ID6428 SM

Service Area: COMCN (COMCAST NORTH)  
Contact: MIKE JOHNSON  
Ph: (630)600-6360 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: IB (AT&T - DISTRIBUTION)  
Contact: HOWARD LAUDERMILK  
Ph: (937)409-0269 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID0448 (NIPSCO WEST)  
Contact: DAVE SCHAAFSMA  
Ph: (866)732-6243 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph: (219)962-0448

Service Area: ID6405 (HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT)  
Contact: SCOTT MITCHELL  
Ph: (219)853-6405 x635 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID6428 (HAMMOND WATER DEPARTMENT)  
Contact: NORM BAJDA  
Ph: (219)853-6428 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

October 20, 2011

*Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov*Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1133  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1133

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: 8/11/10

Event Location: E. Kenwood St., Hammond

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Deboer Egolt Corp.

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,

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**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1133**

Date of Event	8/11/10
Event Location	E Kenwood St., Hammond
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Deboer Egolf Corp.
Date of IURC Information Request	9/20/11

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS  
STREET  
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE  
COUNTY  
TOWNSHIP  
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  
ADDRESS  
STREET  
CITY/ STATE/ZIP  
PREFERRED TELEPHONE  
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  
CITY/STATE/ZIP  
PREFERRED TELEPHONE  
SECONDARY TELEPHONE  
EMAIL ADDRESS

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

[LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM](mailto: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

**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

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

There is no data available for this incident.

NO  
EXCAVATOR  
RESPONSE  
PROVIDED