



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Community Baptist Church**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1141

Investigator: Dan Novak

Report Date: 02/13/2012

Damage Date: 08/13/2010 2:28:14 PM

Damage Address: 8651 W 93rd Ave

City: St John

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Community Baptist Church**

Contact: William T Marshall, Pastor

Address: 8651 W 93rd Avenue, Saint John, In 46373

Telephone: (219) 365-9695

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: Trencher

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during a trenching operation.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice received on 11/22/2011. The pastor failed to request that underground utilities be located and marked prior to beginning work. The reason the trencher was rented and used was not made known.

Conclusion: There was a failure to request locates.

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

Community Baptist Church currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

December 2, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1141
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1141
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: 8/13/2010

Event Location: 8651 W. 93rd Ave, St. John

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Community Baptist Church

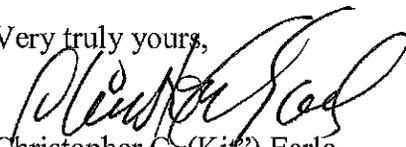
Other Party: N/A

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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
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 10-1888
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 497690
FIELD SUPERVISOR Mark Schiessle

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Date of Event 8/13/2010
Event Location 8651 W 93rd Ave, St. John
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator Community Baptist Church
Date of IURC Information Request 11/2/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS 8651
STREET W. 93rd Avenue
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE St. John, IN 46373
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 Community Baptist Church
ADDRESS 8651
STREET W. 93rd Avenue
CITY/ STATE/ZIP St. John, IN 46373
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	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	08/13/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested.
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1008131809
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	Yes per 811 Damage Notification
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. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

Information Request

**Pipeline Safety Division
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

Case No. 1171

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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:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Facility Information:

Business Name: *Community Baptist Church*

Responsible Party Personal Name: *Bill Marshall*

Title (if any): *Pastor*

Address: *8651 W. 93rd Ave*

City, State, Zip: *St. John, IN 46373*

Preferred Telephone: *219-365-9695*

Cell Phone Number: *N/A*

Email Address: *N/A*

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: 8651 W 93rd Ave

City, State Zip: St. John, IN 46373

Nearest Intersection: 93rd Ave & Cline 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.): 1 1/2" 1"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Evacuation: Yes (No) If yes, How Many Evacuated? 0

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: _____

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

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Additional Information/Comments:

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1141

YOUR FULL NAME: William Marshall

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): Community Baptist Church

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): CHURCH

ADDRESS: 8651 W. 93rd Ave

CITY: St. John STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46225

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (219) 365 - 9695 SECOND NO. () N/A

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: N/A

TODAY'S DATE: _____

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

November 17, 2011

Community Baptist Church

William T. Marshall, pastor

8651 W. 93rd Ave.

St. John, Indiana 46373

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

101 W. Washington St., Ste. 1500E

Indianapolis, IN 46204-3407

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a response to the letter we received from your office dated October 28, 2011. Your letter was addressed to Rick Miller, but, the responsible party in this event is solely mine. Rick simply called the gas supply company for me.

I am the pastor of the church and took on the challenge of running a trencher that we had rented. Never in my mind did I consider having the underground located. It was not a matter of refusing to have it located. It was truly an oversight on my part. When the existing line was struck, I immediately shut down the trencher and contacted NIPSCO. They were very quick to respond, much to my amazement. The line was clamped off in a matter of minutes. There were no souls using the building, so there was no need of any evacuation. Eventually NIPSCO billed us for their efforts and we assumed the costs. I now realize that I have positioned the church to incur a possible penalty for my actions. I ask that you would consider leniency in this matter. The church is very small and very limited in funds. I ask for you to extent grace in this matter.

I can assure that the lesson has been learned and I can promise that it will never occur again.

Sincerely in Christ,



William T. Marshall

Pastor

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