



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Jamie Gomeztagle**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1146

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/21/2012

Damage Date: 8/17/2010 7:09:13 AM

Damage Address: 11684 Westvalley Dr

City: Crown Point

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Jamie Gomeztagle**

Contact: Jamie Gomeztagle

Address: 12310 Cline Avenue, Crown Point, In 46307

Telephone: 219-313-0798

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: Auger

Type of work performed: Fencing

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged a natural gas line while installing a fence.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 11/16/2011, however the excavator failed to respond. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation

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

Jamie Gomeztagle currently has no other reports of damage on 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. 1146
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1146

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: 8/17/2010

Event Location: 11684 Westvalley Dr., Crown Point

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Jamie Gomeztagle

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. 1146**

Date of Event	8/17/2010
Event Location	11684 Westvalley Dr., Crown Point
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Jamie Gomeztagle
Date of IURC Information Request	11/15/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	11684
STREET	Westvalley Dr
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Crown Point, IN.
COUNTY	Lake
TOWNSHIP	Center
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	JAMIE GOMEZTAGLE
ADDRESS	12310
STREET	Cline Ave.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Crown Point, In.
PREFERRED TELPHONE	219-313-0798
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	8/17/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No Locate Requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1108170075
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 Locate Requested

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT	0
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES	0
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED	No
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	None
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	None
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED	None
DEPARTMENT NAME	None
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	None
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE	None

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

Contractor was installing a fence without the benefit of requesting a locate. Records indicate the damage was done the night before, Report stated the line was crimped off

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ID0448 00002 IUPPSa 08/17/2010 07:09:27 1008170075-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1008170075 Date: 08/17/2010 Time: 07:00 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: HANOVER
Cityname: CROWN POINT Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision: WESTWOODAddress : 11684
Street : WESTVALLEY DR
Cross 1 : 109TH AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ALONG THE DRIVEWAY
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Grids : 4124C8723B 4124B8723B 4124A8723B 4124C8723A 4124B8723A
Grids : 4124A8723A
Boundary: n 41.412540 s 41.405472 w -87.399284 e -87.391701Work type : INSTALL FENCE
Done for : PATRICIA GOODWIN
Start date: 08/17/2010 Time: 07:02 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 38INCompany : JAMIE GOMEZTAGLE Type: CONT
Co addr : 12310 CLINE AVE
City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307
Caller : JAMIE Phone: (219)313-0798
Contact : JAMIE GOMEZTAGLE--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)313-0798Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER CALLER--NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS NOT BLOWING--HAS BEEN
PINCHED--LINE WAS CUT ALONG DRIVEWAY--NO PREV TICKET--THANK YOU!!!
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:Submitted date: 08/17/2010 Time: 07:00
Members: COMCN IB ID0448 ID2287 SM

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED