



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Robert Kocher**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1153

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/21/2012

Damage Date: 8/18/2010 10:17:42 AM

Damage Address: 6208 W 136th Ave

City: Cedar Lake

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Robert Kocher**

Contact: Robert Kocher

Address: 6208 W 136th Avenue, Cedar Lake, In 46303

Telephone: 219-390-7079

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: Electric

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged a natural gas service line while trenching in a backyard to install an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811, 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.

Robert Kocher currently has no other reported damages on record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



December 2, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1153
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1153
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: 8/18/2010

Event Location: 6208 W 136th Ave, Cedar Lake

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Robert Kocher

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Earle".

Christopher C. ("Kit") Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)
FIELD SUPERVISOR

Based upon the information provided, we are unable to identify the damage incident.

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Date of Event 8/18/2010
Event Location 6208 W 136th Ave, Cedar Lake
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator Robert Kocher
Date of IURC Information Request 11/2/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS 6208
STREET W 136th Ave
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE Cedar Lake, In.
COUNTY Lake
TOWNSHIP Center
PROPERTY OWNER Robert Kocher
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL residential
TENANT'S NAME
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME Robert Kocher
BUSINESS NAME
ADDRESS 6208
STREET W 136th Ave
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Cedar Lake, In.
PREFERRED TELPHONE 219-390-7079
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	8/18/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1008180972
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
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	Cedar Lake
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

Homeowner trenching electric line to pool in backyard without locates and hit service line - USIC has damage pics

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED