



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Kevin Guthrie**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1207

Investigator: Dan Novak

Report Date: 03/03/2012

Damage Date: 09/06/2010 2:37:42 PM

Damage Address: 9684 N Bunker Hill Rd

City: De Motte

County: Newton

The Parties

Excavator: **Kevin Guthrie**

Contact: Kevin Guthrie, Homeowner

Address: 9684 Bunker Hill Road, Demotte, In 46310

Telephone: (219) 308-6884

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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): \$60

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during excavation to replace a deck.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice received on 11/17/2011. Homeowner damaged his service with a shovel while working to replace deck, and submits that the service was 2" deep where it was cut. NIPSCO submitted no information regarding depth of the service.

Conclusion: Excavator, homeowner, failed to request that the gas service be located prior to commencing work.

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

Kevin Guthrie 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. 1207
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1207

To Whom It May Concern:

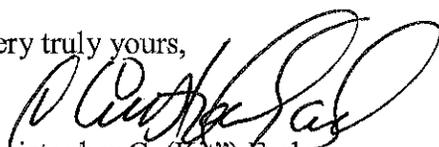
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 9/6/2010
Event Location: 9684 N Bunker Hill Rd., De Motte
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Kevin Guthrie
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

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 10-2104
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 527303
FIELD SUPERVISOR Wheeler Stanley

Pipeline Safety Division Case No.

1207

Date of Event 9/6/2010
Event Location 9684 N. Bunker Hill Rd., De Motte
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator Kevin Guthrie
Date of IURC Information Request 9/2/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS 9684
STREET N. Bunker Hill Road
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE Demotte, IN
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 Kevin Guthrie
BUSINESS NAME
ADDRESS 9684
STREET HN. Bunkher Hill Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Demotte, IN 46310
PREFERRED TELPHONE
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	09/06/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1009060272
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	Unknown
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 damaged during excavation by property owner during installation of a deck. Property owner excavated without the benefit of locates.

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1207

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: Kevin Guthrie

Title (if any):

Address: 9684 Bunker Hill RD

City, State Zip: Demotte, IN 46310

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number: 219-308-6884

Email Address:

kevinguthrie@hotmail.com

Facility Information:

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

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: 9684 Bunker Hill RD

City, State Zip: Demotte, PA 46310

Nearest Intersection: _____

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): _____

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): \$ 60.00

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
- Replacing old ~~deck~~ Deck with same size

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

Additional Information/Comments:
I WAS replacing An existing structure SAME size deck
All other utilities are on the other side of the house. Floored At
my bill and didn't see anything about calling ahead and the
NIA So guy who came out couldn't show me on the bill either.
there is A flower box right there and A tree so were digging
some roots when hit the line with shovel. the line is only
two inches in the ground. and it was under the old deck
so it would not of got marked. could of ~~been~~ hit
planting flowers. the tree roots are bigger than the depth of the
line. I didn't change anything that wasn't already there.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1207

YOUR FULL NAME: Kevin David Guthrie

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): _____

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: 9684 Bunker Hill Rd

CITY: Demotte STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46310

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (719) 388-6884 SECOND NO. () _____ - _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: kevinguthrie@hotmail.com

TODAY'S DATE: 11-17-11

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any) _____

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1207
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov