



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Crider & Crider Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1541

Investigator: William Boyd

Report Date: 06/04/2012

Damage Date: 09/25/2009

Damage Address: North Chestnut Street

City: Huntingburg

County: Dubois

The Parties

Excavator: **Crider & Crider Inc**

Contact:

Address: 1900 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, In 47403

Telephone: 812-336-4452

Facility Owner: Huntingburg Municipal Utilities

Contact: Greg Schmitt

Address: 508 N Van Buren Street, Huntingburg, IN 47542

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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Damage Impact

Product release: No

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 0909102604

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Storm Drain/Culvert

Synopsis: A two inch plastic gas main was damaged during excavation for a storm sewer.

Findings: Reported by Huntingburg Municipal Gas; excavator has chosen not to respond to any initial notices and requests for information for any of their cases; all were delivered and signed for on 01/25/2012. In the opinion of the Pipeline Safety Division Director, it is important to include Mr. Schmitt's comments from the Damage Information Report; this is a direct quote: "During a walk thru of the N Chestnut construction project we discovered a gouge in a 2" PE main. Crider & Crider did not report to us of damage when they had excavated to put in curbing. Heavy rains uncovered the pipe, exposing damage. We had to replace damaged section of pipe & lower to let sufficient cover."

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment. All damages that have been investigated occurred prior to June 24, 2011; however, considering this excavator's apparent lack of regard for the serious nature of the work of the IURC Pipeline Safety Division and the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee to reduce excavation damage of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines by not offering a single response to our initial notices and requests for information, not to mention the apparently deliberate action to cover damage caused by their crew in this case, it is the Pipeline Safety Division Director's recommendation to the Committee to consider required training for this excavator's personnel.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Crider & Crider Inc currently has 5 reports of damages in the record, between 07/30/2009 8:30:13 AM and 06/17/2011 10:50:37 AM. One of the five reports was found to be a case where a retired main was exposed during excavation and reported by the excavator.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1541

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: CRIPER + CRIPER

Responsible Party Personal Name: N/A

Title (if any):

Address: 1900 LIBERTY DR

City, State Zip: BLOOMINGTON IN. 47403

Preferred Telephone: 812-336-4452

Cell Phone Number: N/A

Email Address: N/A

Facility Information:

Business Name: HUNTINGBURG GAS UTILITY

Responsible Party Personal Name: GREG SCHMITT

Title (if any): GAS CREW CHIEF

Address: 508 N VAN BUREN ST

City, State, Zip: HUNTINGBURG IN 47542

Preferred Telephone: 812-683-3622

Cell Phone Number: 812-630-4834

Email Address: gschmitt@huntingburg-in.gov

Locator Service Information:

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1541

YOUR FULL NAME: GREG SCHMITT

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): HUNTINGBURG UTILITIES

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): GAS CREW CHIEF

ADDRESS: 508 N. VANBUREN ST.

CITY: HUNTINGBURG STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 4547542

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (812) 683-3622 SECOND NO. (812) 630-4834

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: g.schmitt@huntingburg-in.gov

TODAY'S DATE: _____

YOUR SIGNATURE: Greg Schmitt TITLE (if any) GAS CREW CHIEF

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

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1541
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

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: 0907300093

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: _____

Number of Inpatient Treated: _____

Number of Fatalities: _____

Fire Department Response: Yes / No

Police Department Response: Yes / No

Ambulance Response: Yes / No

Additional Information/Comments:

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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

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:

Personal Contact: N/A

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage: NORTH CHESTNUT ST
Address:

City, State Zip: HUNTINGBURG IN. 47542

Nearest Intersection: NORTHVIEW DR.

Product Type (circle one):

- Natural Gas
- Liquid Pipeline
- Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

- Distribution
- Gathering
- Service/Drop
- Transmission
- Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2" PE

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): 30

Interruption in Service: Yes / No Number of Customers Affected: _____

Evacuation: Yes / No If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ N/A

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED