



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: City Of Jasper

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1596

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 03/03/2012

Damage Date: 03/01/2010

Damage Address: W 34th St

City: Jasper

County: Dubois

The Parties

Excavator: **City Of Jasper**

Contact:

Address: 305 S Clay St., P.o. Box 29, Jasper, In 47546

Telephone: 812-482-1130

Facility Owner: Jasper Municipal Gas

Contact: Ernest Hinkle

Address: 825 E Second Avenue, Jasper, IN 47547-0750

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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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): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1002231402

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Storm Drain/Culvert

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during storm sewer repair.

Findings: Reported by operator; excavator, also a municipal entity, responded to the initial notice on 01/30/2012. A service stub extending into a city lot for future use was damaged. The existence of the service stub was not on the maps used by the locator and was unknown as a result, and therefore, not marked. Service stub was retired at the main as a result of the damage repair call.

Conclusion: Operator failed to locate and mark the service prior to excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

City Of Jasper currently has 4 reports of damages in the record, between 07/21/2009 and 03/01/2010.

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NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1002231402 Date: 02/23/2010 Time: 15:16 Oper: JILL.CRAVENER Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: DUBOIS Twp: RAINBRIDGE

Cityname: JASPER Inside: Y Near: N

Subdivision:

Address : 310

Street : W 34TH ST

Cross 1 : LESLIE DR Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE INLET IN FRONT OF 310 W 34TH ST---AREA MARKED WITH WHITE PAINT AND FLAGS

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Grids : 3825D8656C

Work type : INLET AND STORM SEWER REPAIR

Done for : CITY OF JASPER STREET DEPT

Start date: 02/25/2010 Time: 15:30 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 10 DAYS Depth: 4 FEET

Company : CITY OF JASPER STREET DEPARTMENT Type: OTHR

Co addr : PO BOX 29

City : JASPER State: IN Zip: 47546

Caller : JILL CRAVENER Phone: (812)482-1130

Contact : JEFF THEISING Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (812)639-1935

Fax : (812)634-1060

Remarks : SEE REMARKS

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Submitted date: 02/23/2010 Time: 15:16

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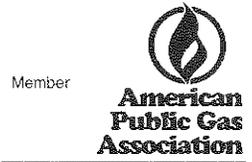
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Filtration Plant
(812) 482-2010

JASPER MUNICIPAL GAS AND WATER

P.O. Box 750 • 825 Second Avenue
Jasper, Indiana 47547-0750

TEL (812) 482-5252 • FAX (812) 482-9827



Member

Distribution
(812) 482-5383

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pipeline Safety Division __ Case No. 1596

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

101 West Washington Street, # 1500E

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Ernest Hinkle : Distribution Foreman

ehinkle@ci.jasper.in.us

Jasper Municipal Gas Utility

825 Second Avenue * P.O. Box 750

Jasper, IN 47547-0750

812-482-5252

Signature: _____

Ernest Hinkle

INFORMATION REQUEST

Pipeline Safety Division Investigation

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act

Indiana Code 8-1-26

Pipeline Division Case No. 1596

Event location: W. 34th Street, Jasper IN 47546, Dubois County, Bainbridge Township

The Parties: **Person doing the excavation/demolition**

Business Name: Jasper Street Department, 305 S. Clay St., P.O. Box 29, Jasper, IN 47546, (812) 482-1130

Person that was digging: Unknown

Facility Information/Owner

Jasper Municipal Gas Utility, 825 Second Ave., P.O. Box 750, Jasper, IN 47546, (812) 482-5252

Responsible Person: Ernest Hinkle, Distribution Foreman

Locator

Jasper Municipal Gas Utility, 825 Second Ave., P.O. Box 750, Jasper, IN 47546, (812) 482-5252

Responsible Person: Brad Thomas, Locate/Easement Coordinator

Other Witness

None

Utility Line Impact: Facility type: Natural Gas Service Line
Material type: Coated Steel Pipe
Size: 1"
Pressure: 35 P.S.I.
Utility Line Function: Service line for Natural Gas
Interruption in Service: No
Number of Customers Affected: None
Evacuation: No
Repair Costs: No Charge

Cause of Damage Information: Type of Equipment: Unknown
Type of Work Performed: Storm Sewer Repair
Release of Product: No
Ignition and/or Fire: No
Excavator Notify 811: No

Locate Information: Excavator request Locate: Yes Request Ticket Number: 1002231402
Locate Marks Visible: No
Excavator "White Lined": Yes
Maps used to Mark Utilities: Yes
Operator on Scene when Incident Happened: No
Operator Provide Positive Response: Yes

Incident Impact Information: Number of Outpatient Treated: None

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Fatalities: None

Fire Department Response: None

Police Department Response: None

Ambulance Response: None

Other Response: None

Narrative Statement: On March 1, 2010 the Jasper Municipal Gas Utility was notified that the Jasper Street Department had dug into a 1" coated natural gas service line. This line had been stubbed into a lot for future use and was never used for the property. It had not been marked due to the fact that it was installed prior to proper mapping and was unknown by the locator. The service line was traced back to the main and was disconnected. The Jasper Street Department cannot be held liable due to the fact that this line was not marked.

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LINES HIT BY EXCAVATION

PHONE #: 182-1130

DATE: March 1, 2010 LOCATION: 3rd St (Best description) LEAKING: ? Didn't know

TIME REPORTED: 8:20am. REPORTED BY: Adam Street Dept. RESPONSE TIME: 9:30

RECEIVED BY: [Signature] ISSUED TO: Mike Dorrain

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Hit Gas Line NOT LEAKING

SIZE OF LINE: 1" SERVICE OR MAIN: LINE LOCATED: NO CORRECTLY:

REPAIRS EFFECTED: THIS WAS A GAS LINE STUBBED INTO LOT CUT SERVICE OFF OF MAIN

REPAIRED BY:

DATE: 3-1-10 TIME TO REPAIR: SOIL CONDITION:

ODOR DETECTED: NO 5 MINUTE INDEX TEST: N/A PIPE CONDITION: GOOD

GAS DEPARTMENT WORK ORDER

W/O NO. _____

Page _____ of _____

Job Description: DISCONNECT 1" SERVICE LINE Date: 3, 1, 10

Person to Bill: IN HOUSE
(IF NOT TO BE BILLED - MARK AS "IN HOUSE")

Address: _____

Job Location: W. 34TH ST.
(IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

LABOR CHARGES

Name	Hours Worked	Rate Per Hr. <small>(ONLY IF BILLED)</small>	Total
<u>MIKE C.</u>	<u>5</u>	_____	_____
<u>JAY</u>	<u>5</u>	_____	_____
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EQUIPMENT CHARGES

Type Of Equipment Used	Hours Used	Rate Charged <small>(ONLY IF BILLED)</small>	Total
<u>SERVICE TR. 39</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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MATERIAL CHARGES

No. Used	Description Of Item Used	Part No.	Cost Each <small>(OR FT., GAL.)</small>	Total Cost
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COMPLETED BY: _____ AUTHORIZED BY: _____

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Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1596

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: CITY OF JASPER STREET DEPT.
Responsible Party Personal Name: RAYMIE ECKERLE
Title (if any): STREET COMMISSIONER
Address: P.O. BOX 29
City, State Zip: JASPER, IN 47547-0029
Preferred Telephone: 812-482-1130
Cell Phone Number: 812-639-0005
Email Address: streetdept@ci.jasper.in.us

Facility Information:

Business Name: JASPER GAS DEPARTMENT
Responsible Party Personal Name: ERNEST HINKLE
Title (if any): DISTRIBUTION FOREMAN
Address: 820 E 2ND AVE. P.O.
City, State, Zip: JASPER, IN 47547-0750
Preferred Telephone: 812-482-5252
Cell Phone Number: 812-639-0812
Email Address: ehinkle@ci.jasper.in.us

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: JASPER GAS & WATER DEPT.
Responsible Party Personal Name: BRAD THOMAS
Title (if any): DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER
Address: 820 E. 2ND AVE
City, State Zip: JASPER,
Preferred Telephone: 812-482-5252
Cell Phone Number: 812-639-2448
Email Address: bthomas@ci.jasper.in.us

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information: NONE

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: 310 W. 34TH ST.

City, State Zip: JASPER, IN 47546

Nearest Intersection: LESLIE 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.): 1"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): 35 P.S.I.

Interruption in Service: Yes / No Number of Customers Affected: 0

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

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 0

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: 1002231402

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:

AN UNUSED 1" SERVICE LINE WAS STUBBED INTO LOT AND WAS NOT MARKED.

ENCLOSED: COPY OF I.U.P.A.S. TICKET

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1596

YOUR FULL NAME: RAYMIE ECKERLE

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): CITY OF JASPER STREET DEPT

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): STREET COMMISSIONER

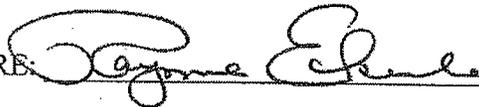
ADDRESS: PO Box 29

CITY: JASPER STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 47547-0029

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (812) 482-1130 SECOND NO. (812) 481-9162

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: Streetdept@ci.jasper.in.us

TODAY'S DATE: 1/30/2012

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any) STREET COMMISSIONER

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1596
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov