



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **St. John Trucking**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1601

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 5/21/2012

Damage Date: 4/21/2010

Damage Address: 620 N Elm St

City: North Vernon

County: Jennings

The Parties

Excavator: **St. John Trucking**

Contact: Jerry St. John, Owner

Address: 3625 W Us 50, North Vernon, In 47265

Telephone: 812-346-4824

Facility Owner: Midwest Natural Gas Corporation

Contact: Arthur Campbell

Address: 107 SE Third Street, Washington, IN 47501-0520

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: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1003091489

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Bldg. Demolition

Synopsis: Excavator had called IN811 for locates; however, the locate ticket had expired on March 29, 2010. During building demolition, a service line crossing the property of excavation for an adjacent property was damaged.

Findings: Reported by Terry Shafer, Midwest Natural Gas; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 5/4/2012. Excavator was performing work under an expired locate ticket and damaged a service line crossing the property of demolition.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide a notice of excavation by allowing the locate ticket to expire. Had the excavator called to request another valid locate ticket, the gas operator could have had opportunity to discover and locate the second service line running to the adjacent property.

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

St. John Trucking currently has no other report of damage in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
101 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 1500E
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-3407

<http://www.in.gov/iurc>
Office: (317) 232-2701
Facsimile: (317) 232-6758

April 17, 2012

Mr. Arthur Campbell
Midwest Natural Gas Corporation
107 SE Third Street
Washington, IN 47501-0520

Subject: Investigation Request for Information

Date of Event: 4/21/2010

Event Location: 620 N Elm St, North Vernon

Facility Owner: Midwest Natural Gas Corporation

Excavator: St. John Trucking

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 1601

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-26, the *Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act*, the Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Pipeline Division") is required to investigate reported incidents of alleged statutory violations involving underground pipeline safety. The purpose of this statute is to promote excavation and pipeline safety and to reduce the imminent danger to life, health, property, or loss of service associated with unsafe digging practices. Please note that the investigation does not entail determining criminal liability or a civil determination of fault or damages; however, it does determine whether any statutory violations were committed regarding public safety.

The Pipeline Division received information regarding potential statutory violations regarding the date and location referenced above. You were identified as a person or entity that might have information that would assist the Pipeline Division in its investigation. Therefore, we have contacted you in order to receive the full account of information in order to make a fair determination related to the circumstances of this incident.

We have asked all involved parties, entities and witnesses to provide *written* information within *30 days* in order to meet legal deadlines to conclude our investigation. **Please consider this letter as a formal request to receive any and all information and evidence (including a narrative, documentation, maps, photographs or any other written information) you can access regarding anything you may know about the incident referenced above.**

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1601

YOUR FULL NAME: Terry Shafer

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable) Midwest Natural Gas Corp.

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable) Regional Area Manager (Scottsburg Dist)

ADDRESS: 1652 W. McClain Ave. P.O. Box 707

CITY: Scottsburg STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 47170

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (812) 752-2230 SECOND NO. (812) 595-0633

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: tshafer@midnatgas.com

TOSAYS DATE: 12/5/2011

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE: Regional Area Mgr.

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

**Pipeline Safety Division-Case No. 1601
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

INFORMATION REQUEST

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1601

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: St. John Trucking
Responsible Party Personal Name: N/A
Title (if any): N/A
Address: 3625 N. US 50
City, State, Zip: North Vernon, IN 47265
Preferred Telephone: (812) 346-4824
Cell Phone Number: N/A
Email Address: N/A

Facility Information:

Business Name: Midwest Natural Gas Corp.
Responsible Party Personal Name: Terry Shafer
Title (if any): Regional Area Manager Scottsburg District
Address: 1652 W. McClain Ave. P.O. Box 707
City, State, Zip: Scottsburg, IN 47170
Preferred Telephone: (812) 752-2230
Cell Phone Number: (812) 595-0633
Email Address: tshafer@midnatgas.com

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Midwest Natural Gas Corp.
Responsible Party Personal Name: Barry Vance
Title (if any): Service Technician
Address: 1652 W. McClain Ave. P.O. Box 707
City, State, Zip: Scottsburg, IN 47170
Preferred Telephone: (812) 752-2230

Cell Phone Number: (812) 595-0633
Email Address: N/A
Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:
Personal Contact: N/A
Business/Organization Name: N/A
Title (if any) N/A
Address: N/A
City, State, Zip: N/A
Preferred Telephone: N/A
Secondary Telephone: N/A
Email Address: N/A

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address: 620 N. Elm St.
City, State, Zip: North Vernon, IN 47265
Nearest Intersection: Bay St.

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas
Liquid Pipeline
Unknown/Other

Facility Type (Circle One):

Distribution
Gathering
Service/Drop
Transmission
Unknown/ Other

Size (Diameter/etc.):

3/4" St.

Pressure (PSIG/Inches):

50

Interruption in Service:

Yes No

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation:

Yes No

If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if know): \$

N/A

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

St. John

TRUCKING, INC.

3625 W US Hwy 50
North Vernon, IN 47265

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

May 1, 2012

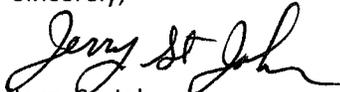
Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1601
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Case No. 1601, 620 N. Elm St., North Vernon, Jennings County

The location for the case in question was marked prior to work beginning. The gas line in question was not marked. We uncovered it, but did not break it. We immediately called Barry Vance with Midwest Natural Gas and he immediately responded to the location. He said the line was not marked and they would take care of it.

I have spoken to Barry Vance again about this since receiving this notice. He reiterated that the line was not marked and they had taken care of it. He also spoke to his boss at Midwest Natural Gas and his boss said he would be contacting you about this.

Sincerely,


Jerry St. John