



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Deichman Excavating**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1626

Investigator: Dan Novak

Report Date: 01/11/2012

Damage Date: 11/22/2010 3:25:05 PM

Damage Address: 2529 Us Rt 31 Bus

City: Peru

County: Miami

The Parties

Excavator: **Deichman Excavating**

Contact: Sandy Deichman, President

Address: P.o. Box 12, Logansport, In 46947

Telephone: (574) 355-6782

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): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1011050140

Type of Equipment: Grader/Scraper

Type of work performed: Grading

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during grading activity.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice received on 10/24/2011. A service tee was broken off by a bulldozer during grading. The excavator submits that while they exposed the main in several locations, this was not done at the location of the damage.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain proper clearance from the gas service.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Deichman Excavating currently has 6 reports of damages in the record, between 11/11/2010 3:14:08 PM and 08/17/2011 10:31:14 AM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



November 15, 2011

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1626
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1626

To Whom It May Concern:

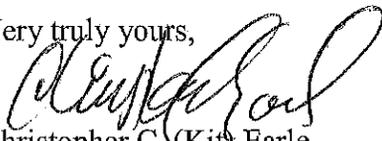
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 11/22/2010
Event Location: 2529 US Route 31 Bus, Peru
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Deichman Excavating
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 1626

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,


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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1626**

Date of Event	11/22/10
Event Location	2529 US Route 31 Bus, Peru
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Deichman Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	9/23/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	2529
STREET	US RT 31 Bus
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Peru, In
COUNTY	Miami
TOWNSHIP	Pipe Creek
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	
BUSINESS NAME	Deichman Excavating
ADDRESS	PO Box 12
STREET	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Logansport, IN. 46947
PREFERRED TELPHONE	574-355-6782
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
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
260/439-1290

LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	11/5/10
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	11/9/10
DATE OF EVENT	11/22/10
LOCATE NUMBER	1011050140
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1011122197
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	Yes
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	No
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	Unknown
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	Yes, Paint and Flags
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	Unknown

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

Damage was at 2538, not 2529 as reported to 811. Unknown as to cause.

Information Request

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**Pipeline Safety Division
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

OCT 24 2011

INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case No. 1626

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: DEICHMAN EXCAVATING
Responsible Party Personal Name: SANDY DEICHMAN
Title (if any): PRESIDENT
Address: 2245 S. CR 150 East
City, State Zip: 46947
Preferred Telephone: 574-722-7677
Cell Phone Number: 574-735-0924
Email Address: Sandy.pattie@hotmail.com

Facility Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO
Responsible Party Personal Name: Doug Easter
Title (if any):
Address: High St.
City, State, Zip: Logansport, IN
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number: 574-702-0198
Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Indiana Underground - 'USIC'
Responsible Party Personal Name: James From
Title (if any):
Address: P.O. Box 219
City, State Zip: Greenwood, IN 46142
Preferred Telephone: 800-382-5544
Cell Phone Number: 317-219-8186
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: 2529 S. US 31 Bus.

City, State Zip: Peru, IN 46970

Nearest Intersection: S. Willow Creek 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.): $\frac{1}{2}'' \rightarrow \frac{5}{8}''$

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): $\frac{?}{?}$

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected: 0

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

Repair Cost (if known): \$ $\frac{?}{?}$

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 Bull Dozer

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: 1011050140

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: The gas line that was damaged was @ a higher elevation than we were told. I pushed to relocate this line because I could see that it posed a constructability concern. Nipsco determined that their facilities would be below our grading limits. We had about 3500 feet of ditch to regrade on top of this gas line so it was not possible to hand excavate the entire 3500 feet. We did locate it in several areas. At the damage point, there was a service tree sticking up/vertical to 1 foot higher than the gas line. We caught that with the blade of our dozer. Finally, NIPSCO agreed with me/us that their line would need to be relocated after the WDO field representative issued them a work order. Line was then moved.

x Jacob B. Perchman

CONTACT PERSON:

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CALL AT LEAST TWO FULL WORKING DAYS

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IT'S THE LAW!

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INFORMATION NEEDED TO MAKE A LOCATE REQUEST

Contractor Number	1401	CALL-DATE: 11-5-10
Your Name	LARRY HUNT	
Your Title		
Phone Number	574 -722-7677	
Mobile Number		
Fax Number	574 .735. 0424	
Contractor Name	DEICHMAN EXCAVATING	
Contractor Address	2245. S. CR 150 E LOGANSPOOD	
County	MIAMI	
Municipality	PIPE CREEK	
Street Address	INTERSECTION BUS 31 + US 31 S.	
Cross Street		
Subdivision		
Lot Number		
Latitude / Longitude		
City / Town	PERU	
Type of Work	STREET REHAB	
Extent of Work	ON BUS 31 FROM POINT 1500' N OF INTERSECTION N. 1500'	
Depth	10'	
Width	C/L STREET SOUTH SIDE' INC. R.O.W.	
Blasting	NO	
On or Off the Road		
Start Date	11-9-10	EXP DATE: 11-25-10
Start Time		REC'D DATE: 11-22-10

REFERENCE NO. 1011050140



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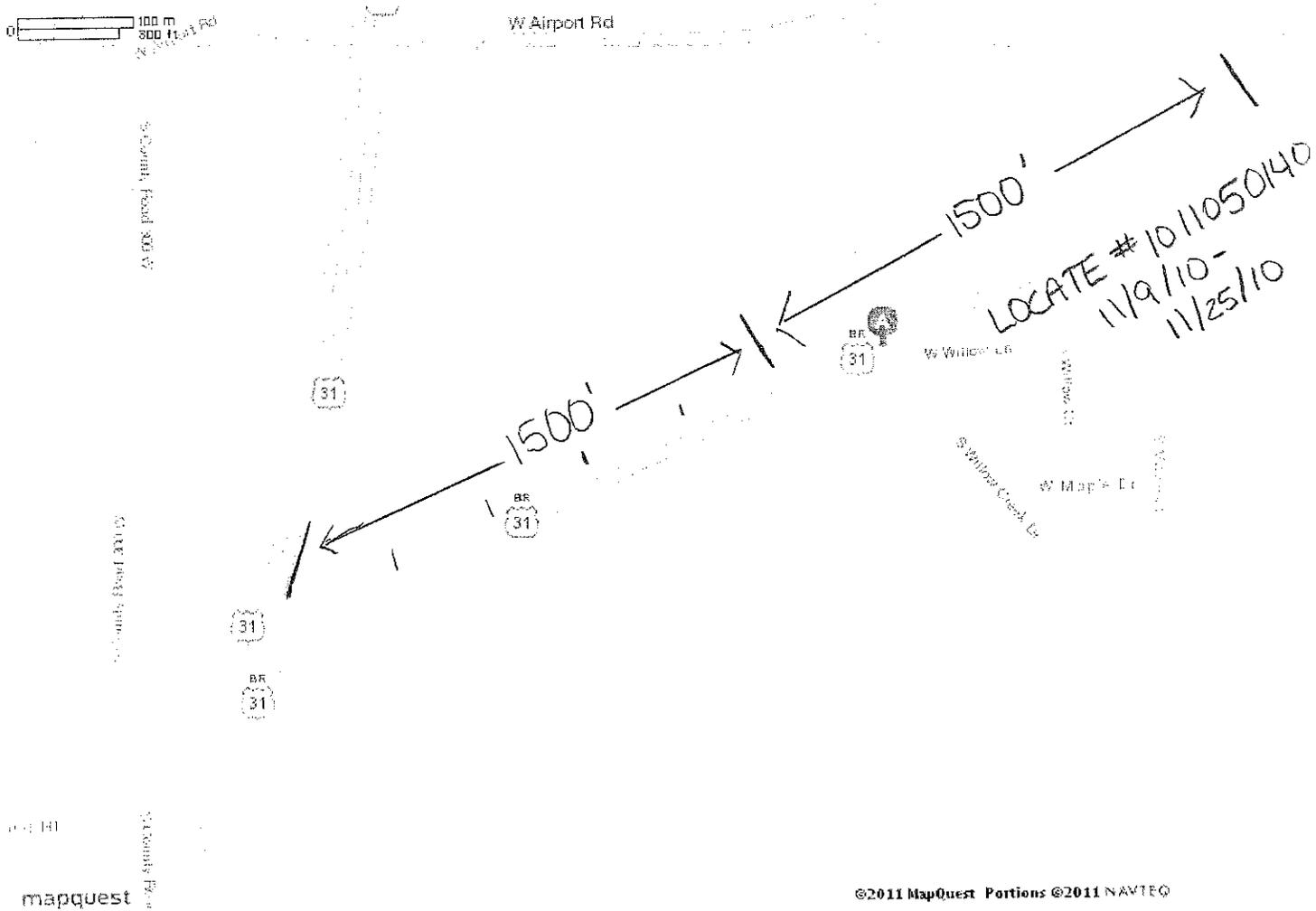
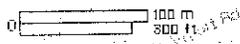


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