



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Jose Diaz**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1686

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/19/2012

Damage Date: 12/23/2010 1:40:55 PM

Damage Address: 3813 E Rudisill Blvd

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Jose Diaz**

Contact: Juliana Pashov

Address: 4726 Wheelock Road, Fort Wayne, In 46835

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### 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): \$0

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 11/17/2011, however the excavator failed to respond. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

**Jose Diaz** currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 15, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1686  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1686

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: 12/23/2010

Event Location: 3813 E Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Jose Diaz

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 G. (Kit) Earle

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**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST****Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1686**

Date of Event	12/23/2010
Event Location	3813 E Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Jose Diaz
Date of IURC Information Request	11/15/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS	3813
STREET	E Rudisill Blvd
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Fort Wayne, In. 46835
COUNTY	Allen
TOWNSHIP	Adams
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	Jose Diaz
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	4726
STREET	Wheelock Rd.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, In.46835
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>

**LOCATE MARKS:**

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No Locate Requested
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No Locate Requested
DATE OF EVENT	12/23/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No Locate Requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1010230508
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	Excavation was performed without benefit of a locate

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NIPSCO 00125 IUPPSa 12/23/2010 13:41:12 1012230508-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1012230508 Date: 12/23/2010 Time: 13:33 Oper: ABOND Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: ADAMS  
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:Address : 3813  
Street : E RUDISILL BLVD  
Cross 1 : WAYNE TRCE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE EAST SIDE OF HOUSE  
:  
Grids : 4103D8505C  
Boundary: n 41.051327 s 41.050205 w -85.091026 e -85.088028Work type : REPAIR SEWER  
Done for : JULIANA PASHOV  
Start date: 12/23/2010 Time: 13:35 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 2 HOURS Depth: 6 FEETCompany : JOSE DIAZ Type: HOME  
Co addr : 4726 WHEELLOCK ROAD  
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46835  
Caller : JULIANA PASHOV Phone: (260)341-1711  
Contact : JULIANA PASHOV (CELL) Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (260)241-7272Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER JULIANA: NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS CUT ON THE EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY - UNSURE OF  
SIZE AND COLOR - CREW IS ON SITE - GAS LINE IS BLOWING - UNSURE IF WITHOUT  
SERVICE - HAS CALLED NIPSCO - NO PREVIOUS TICKET - THANKS  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
:Submitted date: 12/23/2010 Time: 13:33  
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NO  
EXCAVATOR  
RESPONSE  
PROVIDED