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# Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

**Investigation regarding: City Of South Bend Waterworks**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1753

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/19/2012

Damage Date: 2/23/2011 11:32:04 AM

Damage Address: 619 Columbia St

City: South Bend

County: St Joseph

**The Parties**

Excavator: **City Of South Bend Waterworks**

Contact: Ryan Dustin

Address: 915 South Olive Street, South Bend, In 46619

Telephone: (574) 235-9464

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): $

**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 main while performing sewer work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 11/16/2011, 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.**

**City Of South Bend Waterworks** currently has five (5) other reports of damages in the record, between 6/22/2010 12:51:57 PM and 2/23/2011 11:32:04 AM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

NiSource

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 15, 2011

***Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov***

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1753
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1753

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: 2/23/2011

Event Location: 619 Columbia St, South Bend

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: City of South Bend Waterworks

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 1753

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 C. (Kit") Earle
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| **IURC INFORMATION REQUEST** | |
| **Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1753** | |
| Date of Event | 2/23/2011 |
| Event Location | 619 Columbia St, South Bend |
| Facility Owner | Northern Indiana Public Service Company |
| Excavator | City of South Bend Waterworks |
| Date of IURC Information Request | 11/15/2011 |
| **EVENT LOCATION:** | |
| ADDRESS | 619 |
| STREET | S. Columbia Street |
| CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE | South Bend, IN 46601 |
| COUNTY | St Joseph |
| TOWNSHIP | Portage |
| PROPERTY OWNER | |
| USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL | |
| TENANT'S NAME | |
| IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUIED | |
| IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME | |
| **EXCAVATOR:** | |
| NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME | |
| BUSINESS NAME | City of South Bend, Water Works |
| ADDRESS | 227 |
| STREET | W. Jefferson Blvd. |
| CITY/ STATE/ZIP | South Bend, IN 46601-1830 |
| 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 |

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|---|---|
| ADDRESS | 1501 HALE AVENUE |
| CITY/STATE/ZIP | FORT WAYNE, IN 46802 |
| PREFERRED TELEPHONE | 260/439-1290 |
| SECONDARY TELEPHONE | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM |
| **LOCATE MARKS:** | |
| DATE LOCATE REQUESTED | No locate requested. |
| DATE LOCATE PERFORMED | No locate requested. |
| DATE OF EVENT | 02/23/11 |
| LOCATE NUMBER | No locate requested. |
| 811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER | 1102230753 |
| 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 | Yes |
| 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 | NIPSCO gas main struck and damage during excavation for sewer facilities. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates. |

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NIPSCO 00173 IUPPSa 02/23/2011 11:32:13 1102230753-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1102230753 Date: 02/23/2011 Time: 11:27 Oper: DHIGHBAUGH Chan:091

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PORTAGE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 619
Street : COLUMBIA ST
Cross 1 : E BRONSON ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE FRONT OF PROPERTY
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Grids : 4140D8614B 4140D8614A
Boundary: n 41.670040 s 41.667793 w -86.246559 e -86.245041

Work type : RETIRING SERVICE LINE
Done for : SOUTH BEND WATER WORKS
Start date: 02/23/2011 Time: 11:29 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 5 FEET

Company : CITY OF SOUTH BEND WATER DEPT Type: MEMB
Co addr : 915 SOUTH OLIVE STREET
City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46619
Caller : RYAN DUSTIN Phone: (574)235-9464
Contact : RYAN DUSTIN- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)514-7066

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED---LINE IS BLOWING---1 INCH PINK
LINE---PLASTIC---911 HAS BEEN CALLED---LINE DAMAGED IN FRONT OF PROPERTY NEAR
TREE ROOTS---CREW IS ON SITE---NIPSCO HAS BEEN CALLED ALSO---NO PREVIOUS TICKET
GIVEN---THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 02/23/2011 Time: 11:27
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID2601 ID5610 ID5693 ID6590 ID7053 ID7150 NIPSCO
SBCIN SM ID2600

NO

EXCAVATOR

RESPONSE

PROVIDED