



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Dan Pedzinski**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1827

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/19/2012

Damage Date: 4/6/2011 4:36:18 PM

Damage Address: 1801 Colonial Dr

City: Rochester

County: Fulton

### The Parties

Excavator: **Dan Pedzinski**

Contact: Dan Pedzinski

Address: 1801 Colonial, Rochester, In 46975

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): \$

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

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 11/1/2011, 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.**

**Dan Pedzinski** currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



December 2, 2011

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1827  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1827

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: 4/6/2011  
Event Location: 1801 Colonial Dr, Rochester  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator: Dan Pedzinski  
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 C. (Kit) Earle  
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**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 11-1214  
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 543170  
FIELD SUPERVISOR

**Pipeline Safety Division Case No.** 1827

Date of Event 4/6/2011  
Event Location 1801 Colonia Dr, Rochester  
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
Excavator Dan Pedzinski  
Date of IURC Information Request 9/2/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS  
STREET 1801  
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE Colonial Drive  
COUNTY Rochester, IN 46975  
TOWNSHIP  
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 Daniel Pedzinski  
BUSINESS NAME  
ADDRESS 1801  
STREET Colonial Drive  
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Rochester, IN 46975  
PREFERRED TELPHONE  
SECONDARY TELEPHONE  
EMAIL ADDRESS

<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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>
<b>LOCATE MARKS:</b>	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No locate requested
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No locate requested
DATE OF EVENT	04/06/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1104062898
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
<b>INJURIES:</b>	
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	NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

NO  
EXCAVATOR  
RESPONSE  
PROVIDED