



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Reichhart Builders

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1846

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/20/2012

Damage Date: 7/12/2011 10:31:26 AM

Damage Address: 6924 Blake Dr

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Reichhart Builders**

Contact: Ron Reichhart

Address: 16733 Irving Road, New Haven, In 46774

Telephone: (260) 749-4750

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: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1106131885

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 9/30/2011, however the excavator failed to respond. Excavator requested utility locates on 06/13/2011 and damaged the underground natural gas line 29 days later, therefore working on an expired locate.

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

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

Reichhart Builders currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

November 14, 2011

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1846
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1846

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: 7/12/2011

Event Location: 6924 Blake Drive, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Reichhart Builders

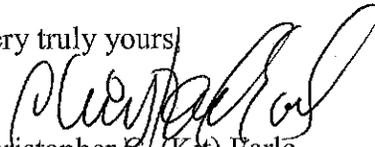
Other Party: N/A

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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,



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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1846**

1846

Date of Event

7/12/11

Event Location

6924 Blake Drive, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Reichhart Builders

Date of IURC Information Request

9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

6924

STREET

Blake Drive

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, IN 46804

COUNTY

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

BUSINESS NAME

Reichhart Builders, Inc.

ADDRESS

16733

STREET

Irving Road

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

New Haven, IN 46774

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

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	6-13-2011
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	Unknown
DATE OF EVENT	07/12/11
LOCATE NUMBER	1106131885
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1107121163
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	Unknown
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	Unknown
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	Unknown
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	Unknown
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

NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation by Reichhart Builders. Facility struck and damaged due to a failure to hand expose. Original locate requested on 6-13-2011, damage occurred 7-12-2011 with no additional locate requests.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED