STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Markael Watkins

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1899

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/20/2012

Damage Date: 07/23/2011 10:12:24 AM

Damage Address: 9000 Indian Boundary

City: Gary

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Markael Watkins**

Contact: Channae Watkins, President

Address: 9000 Indian Boundary, Gary, In 46403

Telephone: 219-938-7038

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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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: Fencing

Synopsis: A two inch plastic gas main was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; homeowner has not responded to initial notice that was mailed out 11/18/2011. Homeowner worked to install fencing without calling Indiana 811 to request that underground utilities be located and marked.

Conclusion: Homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Markael Watkins currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

NiSource

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 19, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1899
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1899

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: 7/23/2011

Event Location: 9000 Indian Boundary, Gary

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Markael Watkins

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	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1899	
Date of Event	7/23/2011
Event Location	9000 Indian Boundary, Gary
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Markael Watkins
Date of IURC Information Request	11/18/2011
EVENT LOCATION:	
ADDRESS	9000
STREET	Indiana Boundary
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Gary, IN 46403
COUNTY	
TOWNSHIP	
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	Markael Watkins
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	9000
STREET	Indiana Boundary
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Gary, IN 46403
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	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATE MARKS:	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No locate requested.
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No locate requested.
DATE OF EVENT	07/23/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested.
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	Unknown
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	No locate requested.
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	Unknown
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	NIPSCO gas main struck and damaged during excavation for the installation of a fence. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

#1899

NIPSCO 00027 IUPPSa 07/23/2011 10:12:29 1107230072-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1107230072 Date: 07/23/2011 Time: 10:07 Oper: DBROOKING Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: CALUMET
Cityname: GARY Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 9000
Street : INDIAN BOUNDARY
Cross 1 : N VERMILLION ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE FRONT PROPERTY
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Grids : 4136A8713B 4137D8713B 4136A8713A 4137D8713A
Boundary: n 41.617744 s 41.616642 w -87.231827 e -87.227997

Work type : INSTALL FENCE
Done for : WATKINS
Start date: 07/23/2011 Time: 10:09 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : MARKAEL WATKINS Type: HOME
Co addr : PO BOX 2755
City : GARY State: IN Zip: 46403
Caller : CHANNAE WATKINS Phone: (219)791-3513
Contact : CHANNAE WATKINS--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)791-3512

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
MARKAEL HAS HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE IN THE FRONT YARD--THE LINE IS BLOWING--THEY
HAVE CALLED NIPSCO AND 911--NO PREVIOUS TICKET
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 07/23/2011 Time: 10:07
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NO

EXCAVATOR

RESPONSE

PROVIDED