



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Northwest Indiana Fence

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1913

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 04/20/2012

Damage Date: 7/28/2011 9:54:19 AM

Damage Address: 140 Timber Point Ct

City: Valparaiso

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Northwest Indiana Fence**

Contact: Michaelina Mccarthy

Address: 1758 West Lincoln Way, Valparaiso, In 46385

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: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1106281719

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Fencing

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 11/3/2011, however the excavator failed to respond. Excavator requested locates on 06/28/2011 and damaged the natural gas line 30 days later.

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

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

Northwest Indiana Fence currently has six (6) other reports of damages in the record, between 7/7/2009 9:55:35 AM and 4/24/2012 11:17:19 AM.

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. 1913
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1913

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: 7/28/2011
Event Location: 140 Timber Point Court, Valparaiso
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Northwest Indiana Fence
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. 1913**

1913

Date of Event

7/28/11

Event Location

140 Timber Point Court, Valparaiso

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Northwest Indiana Fence

Date of IURC Information Request

9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

140 Timber Point Court

STREET

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Valparaiso, In

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

Northwest Indiana Fence

ADDRESS

1758

STREET

W Lincoln Way

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Valparaiso, IN

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
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

6-28-2011
unknown
7-28-2011
1106281719
1107280701

no

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED
DEPARTMENT NAME
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

The original locate was dated 6-26-2011 and the damage occurred on 7-28-2011. We have no other information available.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED