



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Matthew Risher**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1953

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 5/7/2012

Damage Date: 8/6/2011 2:38:24 PM

Damage Address: 306 Wheatland Ave

City: Logansport

County: Cass

The Parties

Excavator: **Matthew Risher**

Contact:

Address: 306 Wheatland Ave, Logansport, In 46947

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: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Synopsis: Homeowner struck and damaged a natural gas line while working with a post hole digger.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice received and signed for on 11/2/2011. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Matthew Risher currently has no other report of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

December 2, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1953
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1953

To Whom It May Concern:

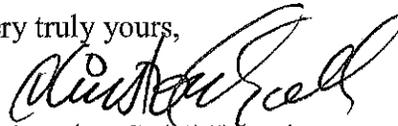
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 8/6/2011
Event Location: 306 Wheatland Ave, Logansport
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Matthew Risher
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

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)
FIELD SUPERVISOR

Based upon the information provided, we are unable to identify the damage incident.

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1953

Date of Event
Event Location
Facility Owner
Excavator
Date of IURC Information Request

8/6/2011
306 Wheatland Ave, Logansport
Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Matthew Risher
9/2/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS
STREET
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE
COUNTY
TOWNSHIP
PROPERTY OWNER
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL
TENANT'S NAME
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

306
Wheatland Ave
Logansport, In. 46947
Cass
Eel
Matthew Risher
residential

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME
BUSINESS NAME
ADDRESS
STREET
CITY/ STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

Matthew Risher

306
Wheatland Ave
Logansport, In. 46947
(574)355-6514

MATTHEWRISHER@YAHOO.COM

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	8/6/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No Locate Requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1108060234
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	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	Homeowner hit and damaged gas line due to not calling for locates prior to excavation using post hole digger.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED