



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Brienne Meehan**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1954

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 02/28/2012

Damage Date: 08/07/2011 12:58:22 PM

Damage Address: 10804 W 151st Ave

City: Cedar Lake

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Brienne Meehan**

Contact: Brienne Meehan, Homeowner

Address: 10804 West 151st Avenue, Cedar Lake, In 46303

Telephone: (219) 690-1423

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

**Investigation regarding: Brienne Meehan**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1954

**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$850

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

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Pole

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas service occurred during attempt to set a clothes line pole.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; homeowner responded to initial notice on 11/11/2011. Homeowner failed to request that underground utilities be located and marked.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure on the part of the homeowner to provide notice of excavation.

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

**Brienne Meehan** 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. 1954  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1954

To Whom It May Concern:

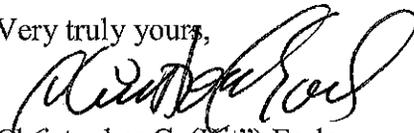
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 8/7/2011  
Event Location: 10804 W 151<sup>st</sup> Ave, Cedar Lake  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator: Brienne Meehan  
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  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
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**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)

11-1708

NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY)

555413

FIELD SUPERVISOR

Mark Schiessle

**Pipeline Safety Division Case No.**

1954

Date of Event

8/7/2011

Event Location

10804 W 151st Ave, Cedar Lake

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Brienne Meehan

Date of IURC Information Request

9/2/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS

10804

STREET

W. 151st Avenue

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Cedar Lake, IN 46307

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

Sean Meehan

BUSINESS NAME

ADDRESS

10804

STREET

W. 151st Avenue

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Cedar Lake, IN 46307

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

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	08/07/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested.
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1108070082
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	Yes per 811 Notification
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 damage during excavation relative to landscaping. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

# Information Request

## Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1954

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

### The Parties:

#### **Excavator Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name: Brienne Meehan

Title (if any): homeowner

Address: 10804 W 151st Ave

City, State Zip: Cedar Lake IN 46303

Preferred Telephone: 219-690-1423

Cell Phone Number: 219-313-7478

Email Address: briennesheehy@hotmail.com

#### **Facility Information:**

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone: 1 800 4 NIPSCO

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

#### **Locator Service Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name: N/A

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:**

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name: LAKE DALECARLIA VOLUNTEER F.D.

Title (if any) ~~NA~~

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Utility Line Impact:**

**Location of Damage:**

Address: 10804 W 151<sup>st</sup> Ave

City, State Zip: Cedar Lake IN 46303

Nearest Intersection: Wicker AVE.

**Product Type (circle one):**

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): Smaller than 1"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Interruption in Service: Yes No

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 850.00

**Cause of Damage Information:**

**Type of Equipment (circle one):**

- Auger
- Backhoe/Trackhoe
- Boring /Drilling
- Directional Drilling
- Explosives
- Farm Equipment
- Grader/Scraper
- Hand Tools shovel
- Milling Equipment
- Probing Device
- Trencher
- Vacuum Equipment
- Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (circle one):**

- Agriculture
- Cable TV
- Curb/Sidewalk
- Bldg. Construction
- Bldg. Demolition
- Drainage
- Driveway
- Electric
- Engineering/Surveying
- Fencing
- Grading
- Irrigation
- Landscaping
- Liquid Pipeline
- Milling
- Natural Gas
- Pole
- Public Transit Authority
- Railroad Maintenance
- Road Work
- Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)
- Site Development
- Steam
- Storm Drain/Culvert
- Street Light
- Telecommunications
- Traffic Signal
- Traffic Sign
- Water
- Waterway Improvement
- Unknown/Other clothes line ~~electrical~~

Release of Product:  Yes / No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes /  No

Excavator Notify 811:  Yes / No

**Locate Information:**

Excavator Request Locate: Yes /  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No

Locate Marks Correct: Yes/No

Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No

Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: Yes / No

Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: Yes / No

**Incident Impact Information:**

Number of Outpatient Treated: 0

Number of Inpatient Treated: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

Fire Department Response:  Yes / No

Police Department Response: Yes /  No

Ambulance Response: Yes /  No

**Additional Information/Comments:**

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1954

YOUR FULL NAME: Brienne Bunge Sheehy Meehan

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): NA

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): NA

ADDRESS: 10804 N 151st Ave

CITY: CEDAR LAKE STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46303

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: ( 219 ) 670 - 1423 SECOND NO. ( ) -

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: briennesheehy@hotmail.com

TODAY'S DATE: 11/10/11

YOUR SIGNATURE: Brienne Meehan TITLE (if any) homeowner

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1954  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

**PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov**