



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Ironclad Excavating**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1970

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 5/7/2012

Damage Date: 8/12/2011 10:11:55 AM

Damage Address: 2323 Bowser Ave

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Ironclad Excavating**

Contact: Dale Rupel

Address: 576 Geiger Drive Suite C, Roanoke, In 46783

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: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas line while excavating for a pool.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice signed for on 9/29/2011. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

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

Ironclad Excavating currently has 6 reports of damages in the record, between 4/5/2011 9:43:40 AM and 8/12/2011 10:11:55 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. 1970
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1970

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: 8/12/2011

Event Location: 2323 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Ironclad Excavating

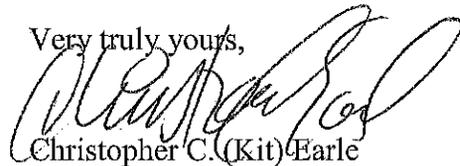
Other Party: N/A

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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. 1970**

1970

Date of Event

8/12/11

Event Location

2323 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Ironclad Excavating

Date of IURC Information Request

9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

2323

STREET

Bowser Avenue

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

COUNTY

Allen

TOWNSHIP

Wayne

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

Iron Clad Excavating

ADDRESS

576

STREET

Geiger Drive, Suite C

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Roanoke, IN 46783

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	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	06/27/11
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	Unknown
DATE OF EVENT	08/12/11
LOCATE NUMBER	1106270696
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	Unknown
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 Iron Clad Excavating. Facility struck and damaged due to excavation without the benefit of current locates. Contractor called in an Emergency locate after hitting our facilities for the installation of a pool. Ticket #1108120783

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED