



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Gary Sanitary District

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2021

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 5/7/2012

Damage Date: 8/24/2011 5:01:25 PM

Damage Address: 4184 Harrison St

City: Gary

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Gary Sanitary District**

Contact: Steven Suggs

Address: 4184 Harrison Street, Gary, In 46408

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: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice delivered and returned unsigned on 12/12/2011.. Excavator was working without benefit of underground utility locates.

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

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

**Gary Sanitary District** currently has no other report of damage in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 19, 2011

*Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2021  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2021

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: 8/24/2011  
Event Location: 4184 Harrison St, Gary  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator:  
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. 2021**

Date of Event	8/24/2011
Event Location	4184 Harrison St, Gary
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	
Date of IURC Information Request	11/18/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS	4184
STREET	Harrison St
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Gary, In.
COUNTY	Lake
TOWNSHIP	Calumet
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	GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BUSINESS NAME	3600
ADDRESS	WEST 3RD AVENUE
STREET	GARY State: IN Zip: 46406
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	(219)944-1211
PREFERRED TELPHONE	
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	RANDERSON@GARYSAN.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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATE MARKS:</b>	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No Locate Request
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No Locate Request
DATE OF EVENT	8/24/2011
LOCATE NUMBER	No Locate Request
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1108242832
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	No Locate Request
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	No Locate Request
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	No Locate Request
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	No Locate Request
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	No Locate Request
<b>INJURIES:</b>	
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	Per homeowner and USIC - Gary was working here and pulled the service out

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NIPSCO 00990 IUPPSa 08/24/2011 17:01:49 1108242832-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1108242832 Date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:52 Oper: SPEOPLES Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: CALUMET  
Cityname: GARY Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:Address : 4184  
Street : HARRISON ST  
Cross 1 : W 42ND AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE SOUTHSIDE OF THE PROPERTY BY THE GARAGE  
:  
Grids : 4132C8720B 4132B8720B 4132C8720A 4132B8720A  
Boundary: n 41.543690 s 41.541061 w -87.347130 e -87.344879Work type : FIX GAS LEAK  
Done for : STEVEN SUGGS  
Start date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:54 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWNCompany : Type: HOME  
Co addr : 4184 HARRISON STREET  
City : GARY State: IN Zip: 46408  
Caller : STEVEN SUGGS Phone: (219)614-2362  
BestTime:Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER STEVEN - GAS LINE WAS DAMAGED - GAS LINE IS BLOWING AND CAN SEE IT - SOMEONE  
HAS CALLED 911 - NIPSCO IS THE UTILITY - DESCRIPTION IS METAL AND SIZE IS  
UNKNOWN - LINE WAS DAMAGED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF THE PROPERTY BY THE GARAGE - NO  
CREW ON SITE - NIPSCO HAS BEEN CALLED - NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
:Submitted date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:52  
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 NIPSCO SM

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NIPSCO 00968 IUPPSa 08/24/2011 16:38:04 1108242772-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1108242772 Date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:35 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: CALUMET  
Cityname: GARY Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:Address : 4200  
Street : HARRISON ST  
Cross 1 : W 42ND AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY  
:  
Grids : 4132C8720B 4132B8720B 4132C8720A 4132B8720A  
Boundary: n 41.542835 s 41.539906 w -87.346794 e -87.345261Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE  
Done for : NIPSCO  
Start date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:36 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEETCompany : NIPSCO Type: MEMB  
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE  
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410  
Caller : KATE WARD-TURNER Phone: (800)322-2806  
Contact : NONE Phone:  
BestTime:  
Fax : (219)647-4764Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
CREW EN ROUTE  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
:Submitted date: 08/24/2011 Time: 16:35  
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 NIPSCO SM

NO  
EXCAVATOR  
RESPONSE  
PROVIDED