



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Baseline Communications**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2113

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 5/11/2012

Damage Date: 9/12/2011 10:15:39 AM

Damage Address: Lima Rd

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Baseline Communications**

Contact: Andy Vogt

Address: 4055 Meyer Road, Fort Wayne, In 46806

Telephone: 260-441-7907

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1108083365

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator failed to respond to initial notice delivered and signed for on 11/21/11. Excavator requested locates on 08/8/2011 and damaged the natural gas line 35 days later; therefore, working on an expired locate ticket.

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

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

Baseline Communications currently has 7 reports of damages in the record, between 11/30/2010 1:04:27 PM and 9/12/2011 10:15:39 AM.

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. 2113
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2113

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: 9/12/2011
Event Location: Lima Rd, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Baseline Communications
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 2113

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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Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No.**

2113

Date of Event

9/12/2011

Event Location

Lima Rd, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Baseline Communications

Date of IURC Information Request

11/15/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

STREET

Lima Road

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, IN

COUNTY

Allen

TOWNSHIP

Washington

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

Baseline Communicatoins

ADDRESS

4055

STREET

Meyer Road

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Fort Wayne, IN 46806

PREFERRED TELPHONE

(260)441-7907

SECONDARY TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

KLS@BNXC.NET

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	8/8/11
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	8/15/11
DATE OF EVENT	09/12/11
LOCATE NUMBER	1108083365
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1109121135
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	

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

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#2113

NIPSCO 01171 IUPPSa 08/08/2011 16:54:59 1108083365-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1108083365 Date: 08/08/2011 Time: 16:53 Oper: KAREN.SCHATKO Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WASHINGTON
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : LIMA RD

Cross 1 : COLISEUM BLVD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: BEGIN LOCATING FROM THE SE CORNER OF LIMA RD AND COLISEUM BLVD AND
LOCATE THE EAST EASEMENT OF LIMA RD HEADING SOUTH FOR 1500 FT

***Boring Where = ROADS INTERSECTIONS SIDEWALKS YARDS AND DRIVEWAYS PARKING LOTS

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Grids : 4106A8508B 4106A8508A 4107D8508A

Boundary: n 41.118263 s 41.113651 w -85.149239 e -85.144798

Work type : UTILITY CONDUIT PLACEMENT

Done for : GABES

Start date: 08/10/2011 Time: 17:15 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 3 WEEKS Depth: 12 FT

Company : BASELINE COMMUNICATIONS Type: CONT

Co addr : 4055 MEYER ROAD

City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46806

Caller : KAREN SCHATKO Phone: (260)441-7907

Contact : JAMES CORELL---CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)417-1478

Fax : (260)441-8219

Email : KLS@BNXC.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 08/08/2011 Time: 16:53

Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

#2113

NIPSCO 00275 IUPPSa 09/12/2011 10:15:41 1109121135-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

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PER ANDY VOGT HAS HIT A GAS LINE -- NIPSCO
NIPSCO HAS BEEN CALLED AND 911 HAS BEEN CALLED - SIZE OF LINE UNKNOWN -COLOR OF
LINE UNKNOWN DIGGING AT LIMA RD AND COLISUM BLVD INTERSECTION -CREW ON SITE
SITE PREV TICKET 1108083365 THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 09/12/2011 Time: 10:11

Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED