



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Skylink/ Direct Tv

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2133

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 5/11/2012

Damage Date: 9/16/2011 4:54:55 PM

Damage Address: 4036 Fairfield Ave

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Skylink/ Direct Tv**

Contact: Jeff Young

Address: 700 Rockwell Ave, Findlay, Oh 45840

Telephone: 866-466-2225

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: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

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: Auger

Type of work performed: Cable TV

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service line. Excavation was performed without benefit of underground locates.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator failed to respond to initial notice delivered and signed for on 11/22/11. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

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

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

Skylink/ Direct Tv 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. 2133
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2133

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: 9/16/2011

Event Location: 4036 Fairfield Ave, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Skylink/Direct Tv

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. 2133**

Date of Event	9/16/2011
Event Location	4036 Fairfield Ave, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Skylink/Direct Tv
Date of IURC Information Request	11/18/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	4036
STREET	Fairfield Avenue.
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Fort Wayn, IN 46807
COUNTY	Allen
TOWNSHIP	Wayne
PROPERTY OWNER	
USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	
TENANT'S NAME	
IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUIED	
IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME	

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME	
BUSINESS NAME	Direct TV
ADDRESS	700
STREET	Rockwell ave.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Findley, OH 45840
PREFERRED TELPHONE	(866)466-2225
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	(260)440-6557
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
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
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

No locate requested.
No locate requested.
09/16/11
No locate requested.
1109162384
No locate requested.
No locate requested.
No locate requested.
No locate requested.
No

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED
DEPARTMENT NAME
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

0
0
Yes
Fort Wayne
Onsite
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation for the installation of a post. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

#2133

NIPSCO 00812 IUPPSa 09/16/2011 16:54:59 1109162384-01A EMER DAMG GRID

RETRANSMIT RETRANSMIT -- DAMAGE

Ticket : 1109162384 Date: 09/16/2011 Time: 16:54 Oper: DBROOKING Chan:000
Old Tkt: 1109162384 Date: 09/16/2011 Time: 16:47 Oper: DBROOKING Rev: 00AState: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:Address : 4036
Street : FAIRFIELD AVE
Cross 1 : W BRANNING AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: DIG SITE IS ON THE CORNER OF FAIRFIELD AVE AND BRANNING AVE--LOCATE
THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HOUSEGrids : 4102A8508B
Boundary: n 41.048096 s 41.047001 w -85.145195 e -85.143745Work type : INSTALL CABLE
Done for : WENDY ROBINSON
Start date: 09/16/2011 Time: 16:50 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : N/A Depth: N/ACompany : SKYLINK/ DIRECT TV Type: CONT
Co addr : 700 ROCKWELL AVE
City : FINDLAY State: OH Zip: 45840
Caller : JEFF YOUNG Phone: (866)466-2225
Contact : JEFF YOUNG--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)440-6557Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
RETRANSMITTING TO ADD THAT THERE IS NO PREVIOUS TICKET -- THANK YOU -- THEY HAVE
HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HOUSE--THE LINE IS
BLOWING--FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ON SITE AND NIPSCO IS EN ROUTE--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NOSubmitted date: 09/16/2011 Time: 16:54
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED