



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **De Boer Egolf Corp**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2425

Investigator: William Boyd

Report Date: 05/09/2012

Damage Date: 11/23/2011 9:18:02 AM

Damage Address: N 250 E

City: Chesterton

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **De Boer Egolf Corp**

Contact: Lynn De Boer

Address: 5772 Melton Rd, Portage, In 46368

Telephone: (219) 763-9700

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: 1

Fatalities: 1

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: Bldg. Demolition

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during building demolition activity.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial notice on 01/27/2012 but has not submitted a response. NIPSCO reported that the customer meter had been removed but the service riser was present and still under pressure at the time of the damage. Excavator did not call Indiana 811 to verify that active gas facilities were or were not near the building.

Conclusion: IC 8-1-26-14 states “a person may not excavate real property or demolish a structure that is served or was previously served by an underground facility without first ascertaining in the manner prescribed by sections 16 and 18 of this chapter the location of all underground facilities in the area affected by the proposed excavation or demolition.” Therefore, by not calling Indiana 811, the excavator failed to provide notice of excavation or demolition.

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

De Boer Egolf Corp currently has 4 reports of damages in the record, between 08/11/2010 12:44:33 PM and 11/23/2011 9:18:02 AM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

April 10, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2425
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2425

To Whom It May Concern:

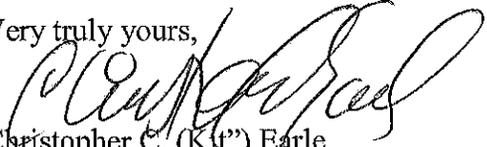
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 11/23/2011
Event Location: N 250 E, Chesterton
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Deboer Egolf Corp
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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Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2425**

Date of Event	11/23/2011
Event Location	N 250 E, Chesterton
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Deboer Egolf Corp
Date of IURC Information Request	1/30/2012

THE PARTIES**EXCAVATOR:**

BUSINESS NAME	Deboer Egolf Corp.
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Mickey Buncich
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	5772 Melton Rd.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Portage, IN 46368
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219-763-9700
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	219-746-8776
EMAIL ADDRESS	INFO@DEBOEREGOLF.NET

FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:

BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	LUKE SELKING
TITLE	
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME	No locate request called in.
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION

PERSONAL CONTACT
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME
TITLE (IF ANY)
ADDRESS
CITY/ STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

UTILITY LINE IMPACT

LOCATION OF DAMAGE

ADDRESS N 250 E
CITY/STATE/ZIP Chesterton, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION Porter Ave.

PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)

NATURAL GAS X
LIQUID PIPELINE
UNKNOWN/OTHER

FACILITY TYPE (Select One)

DISTRIBUTION
GATHERING
SERVICE/DROP X
TRANSMISSION
UNKNOWN/OTHER

SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO) N - abandoned facility
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED 0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)

CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)

Auger
Backhoe/Trackhoe
Boring/Drilling
Directional Drilling

Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	
Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	X
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	

RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)

Y
N
Y - Damage ticket only

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)
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)

N
N - No locate request called in.
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N
N
N

INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION

NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED
NUMBER OF FACILITIES
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)

0
0
0
811 advised to call 911
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS

No locate request called in. The meter was gone but the riser was still there and active.

NIPSCO 00072 IUPPSa 11/23/2011 09:18:13 1111230456-00A EMER DAMG GRID

2425

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1111230456 Date: 11/23/2011 Time: 09:07 Oper: BBASTIN Chan:015

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: WESTCHESTER
Cityname: CHESTERTON Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : N 250 E

Cross 1 : PORTER AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM INTERSECTION--TRAVEL APPROX 300 SOUTH TO THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON
THE EAST SIDE OF PORTER AVE--THEN LOCATE ENTIRE PERIMETER OF THE HOUSE

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Grids : 4136D8701D 4136C8701D

Boundary: n 41.604748 s 41.602127 w -87.019432 e -87.016762

Work type : DEMOLITION OF HOUSE

Done for : PLACE COMMERCIAL

Start date: 11/23/2011 Time: 09:15 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : DEBOER EGOLF CORP Type: CONT

Co addr : 5772 MELTON RD

City : PORTAGE State: IN Zip: 46368

Caller : MICKEY BUNCICH Phone: (219)763-9700

Contact : MICKEY BUNCICH--CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)746-8776

Fax : (219)763-9703

Email : INFO@DEBOEREGOLF.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN HIT WHERE METER USED TO BE ON THE SIDE OF HOUSE--GAS
LINE IS BLOWING--CALLER HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CALL 911--LINE IS 1 1/2 HALF
GALVANISED SERVICE PIPE COLOR IS SILVER--CREW IS ON SITE--CALLER HAS CALLED
NIPSCO TO REPORT DAMAGE--NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 11/23/2011 Time: 09:07

Members: COMCN ID5300 ID8000 ID9330 NIPSCO SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820111123002 **DISTRICT:** Northern IN **DAMAGE DATE:** 11/23/2011 9:15:00 AM **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 11/23/2011 9:21:02 AM **NOTIFIED BY:** MICKEY BUNCICH One Call Center **DAMAGE ADDRESS:** N 250 E CHESTERTON
CITY: WESTCHESTER **ST:** IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 11/23/2011 **FROM:** 09:45:00 **TO:** 10:15:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: DEBOER EGOLF CORP **TYPE OF EXCAVATION:** HOUSE DEMO

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: **START DATE/TIME:** **TYPE OF TICKET:** **LOCATE REQ. INFO**
N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1111230456 **START DATE/TIME:** 11/23/2011 9:20:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: S KRESMINSKI **DATE/TIME:** 11/23/2011 10:00:00 AM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital **FRAME #:**

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 127204 **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** C CAPERTON **BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?** No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820111123002 **SELECT A CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO **CUSTOMER #:** *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service **LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:** Caperton Chad - 127204 **LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION: Abandoned Facility,
No Locate Req. By Contractor **Other:**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked): Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

NO TICKET CALLED IN BY CONTRACTOR. THEY SAID THEY WERE TOLD EVERYTHING WAS DEAD. THE METER WAS GONE BUT THE RISER WAS STILL THERE AND ACTIVE. **NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

NA **NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

NAN **LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**
NA

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? No
WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA? No WAS
THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No EXTENT OF
FACILITY DAMAGE CUT IN HALF REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE CAPPED WAS
CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No WHAT
CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? NA IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE
UTILITY RECORDS? No IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

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NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED