



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Hawk Enterprises**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3183

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/4/2013

Damage Date: 6/13/2012 2:38:07 PM

Damage Address: Cedar St

City: Michigan City

County: Laporte

### The Parties

Excavator: **Hawk Enterprises**

Contact: Paul Argon

Address: 1850 East North Street, Crown Point, In 46307

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

## **Investigation regarding: Hawk Enterprises**

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### **Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

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: 1205303048

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Street Light

**Synopsis:** A 2" PE distribution line was damaged while performing electric work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 8/10/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request prior to beginning work; however, the gas operator failed to properly mark the gas facility and, after notice sent by IURC 9/13/2012 with response time expired, a resulting determination is of an OPERATOR VIOLATION.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to properly locate and mark gas facility.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

*Via Electronic Transmission – [PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3183  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3183

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Date of Event: 6/13/2012

Event Location: Cedar St, Michigan City

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Hawk Enterprises

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3183

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. To the extent available, NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the Damage Information Report – Pipeline Safety Division previously submitted by NIPSCO to IURC Pipeline Safety as well as additional documentation relating to this Event Location.

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  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3183</b>	
Date of Event	6/13/2012
Event Location	Cedar St, Michigan City
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hawk Enterprises
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Hawk Enterprises
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Paul Argon
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	1850 E. North St
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Crown Point, IN 46307
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC Locating Service
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9045 North River Road, Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	810 Cedar St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Michigan City, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2" plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	50
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	No
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	X
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205303039
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	No
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
Locate contractor failed to accurately mark facility Nipsco emergency ticket #: 1206130811 Reference Case # 3178	

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120613001  
Northern IN  
6/13/2012 9:24:00 AM  
6/13/2012 9:30:09 AM  
RACHEL PLANK  
CEDAR ST  
MICHIGAN CITY  
ST: IN ZIP:

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NOTIFICATION ID:  
DISTRICT:  
DAMAGE DATE:  
NOTIFICATION DATE:  
NOTIFIED BY:  
DAMAGE ADDRESS:  
CITY:

NIPSCO

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DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

06/13/2012  
09:30:00  
10:30:00

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INVESTIGATION DATE:  
FROM:  
TO:

HAWK ENTERPRISES  
Lighting base

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EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:  
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1205303039

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

1206130747

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DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:

Chris Deniston  
6/13/2012 10:00:00 AM  
Digital

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PICTURES TAKEN BY:  
DATE/TIME:  
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:  
FRAME #:

116375

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INVESTIGATOR EMP#:  
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

Joe Hendrickson  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**  
Possibly

# Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120613001

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Main

Veach Eric - 113212

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

Other

**Other:** Not Marked

**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 marks found on this plastic main going into the alley between 8th and 9th streets. Bypass was built and main repaired.

**NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

N/A

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

N/A

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

N/A

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Yes	<b>WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?</b>
No	<b>WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?</b>
No	<b>WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?</b>
Cut plastic 2" main	<b>EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE</b>
N/A	<b>REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE</b>
No N/A	<b>WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?</b>
Backhoe	<b>WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?</b>
Yes	<b>IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?</b>
MC	<b>IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)</b>



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 11, 2012

[Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3183  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3183  
Date of Event: 6/13/12  
Event Location: Cedar St, Michigan City, IN  
Excavator: Hawk Enterprises  
Other Party: N/A

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Division of Pipeline Safety, Notification of Possible Violations for Case No. 3183 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated September 13, 2012. NIPSCO has not identified any additional information related to this incident not already provided in its August 13, 2012 response.

Please note that this appears to be a duplicate of Case No. 3178 and that they should be considered as a single incident.

If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle".

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
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**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 3183

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*The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria.*

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

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**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Hawk Enterprises, Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Paul Aragon

Title (if any): Foreman

Address (number and street): 1850 E. North St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Crown Point, IN 46307

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-746-5570

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-746-5570

Email Address: N/A

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: NIPSCO

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: USIC \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: Chris Deniston \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): Locator \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-929-8001 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (select one): Street Light

**Other Information (Witness, Police, Fire, Other):**

Personal Contact: Barry Wagoner \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: Hawk Enterprises \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): Foreman \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 1850 E. North St. \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: Crown Point, IN 46307 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-746-5385 \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-746-5385

Email Address: N/A

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): 810 Cedar St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Michigan City, IN

Nearest Intersection: 8th & Cedar St.

**Product Type (*select one*):** Natural Gas

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Distribution

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** 2" poly

**Pressure (PSIG/Inches):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interruption in Service:**  Yes  No **Number of Customers Affected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evacuation:**  Yes  No **If yes, How Many Evacuated?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Repair Cost (if known):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Product:**  Yes  No

**Ignition and/or Fire:**  Yes  No

**Excavator Notify 811:**  Yes  No

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**  Yes  No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** 1206130747

Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No

Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No

Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities:  Yes  No

Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:  Yes  No

Operator Employees On-site during Excavation:  Yes  No

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### Incident Impact Information

Number of Outpatient Treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Inpatient Treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

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### Additional Information / Comments

Hit unmarked 2" gas main running east from Cedar St. down alley. East side of Cedar.

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3183

Your Full Name: Gregory Neulieb

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Hawk Enterprises, INC.

Your Business Title (if applicable): Vice President

Address (number and street): 1850 E. North St.

City: Crown Point State: IN ZIP Code: 46307

Your E-mail Address: greg@hawk-inc.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 8-10-2012

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Vice President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3183**  
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**  
**101 West Washington Street, 1500E**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

**[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)**



# Struck Utility

Date 6-13-12 Time 8:00am Contract 1156

Person Reporting Paul Aragon

Location 810 Cedar St. East side of Cedar.

Locate Number 1205303039 Expiration Date 6-19-12

Description of Incident Hit unmarked gas main running east from Cedar St down alley. East side of Cedar

New Locate Number 1206130747 Time Called 8:05am

Utility Contacted NIPSCO  
Utility Contact Phone Number

Equipment Damage None

Personal Injuries None







