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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Kevin Sharick Underground

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3205

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/4/2013

Damage Date: 6/20/2012 7:23:22 AM

Damage Address: E 700 S

City: South Milford

County: Lagrange

The Parties

Excavator: **Kevin Sharick Underground**

Contact: Kevin Sharick

Address: 8785 West 750 North, Shipshewana, In 46565

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

Investigation regarding: Kevin Sharick Underground

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3205

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: 1206080154

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service stub occurred during a procedure to install telecommunications.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/13/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request prior to beginning the work; however, the gas operator failed to locate and mark the gas facility; and, after IURC notice 9/13/2012 with response time expired, the resulting determination is an OPERATOR VIOLATION

Conclusion: There was a failure to locate and properly mark the 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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3205
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3205

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: 6/20/2012

Event Location: E 700 S, South Milford

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Kevin Sharick Underground

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3205

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

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3205	
Date of Event	6/20/2012
Event Location	E 700 S, South Milford
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Kevin Sharick Underground
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	KLS Underground Inc
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	8785 West 750 North
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Shipshewana, IN 46565
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260 768 7986
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260 350 1534
EMAIL ADDRESS	ksharick@embarqmail.com
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	USIC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Morgan Thompson
TITLE (IF ANY)	Claims Coordinator
ADDRESS	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usicinc.com
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	7065 E 700 S
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Wolcottville, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	S 725 E
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.)	¾”
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) ($)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scrapper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	X
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
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	X
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1206200139
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206080154
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Y
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Excavator hit unmarked stub. Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1206200201	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120620003

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 6/20/2012 7:18:00 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 6/20/2012 7:25:09 AM

NOTIFIED BY: KEVIN SHARICK

DAMAGE ADDRESS: E 700 S

CITY: SOUTH MILFORD

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 06/20/2012

FROM: 08:10:00

TO: 08:45:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: FIBER INSTALL

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1206080154

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET: Routine

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1206200139

START DATE/TIME: 6/20/2012 7:20:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: RANDYGOSE

DATE/TIME: 6/20/2012 8:20:00 AM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #: N/A

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117384

INVESTIGATOR NAME: RANDYGOSE

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

Possibly

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID:
01820120620003

SELECT A CUSTOMER:
NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #:
(optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:
LOWPROF

FACILITY ID:
service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:
Cunningham Andrew - 131784

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:
Other

Other: CUT GAS SERVICE , NOT MARKED . NO SERVICE TO THE H

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:
GAS SERVICE WAS NOT MARKED , THE WAS NO INDACATION THERE WAS A SERVICE ON THE PROPERTY . SERCE RAN FROM MAIN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD ,TO NORTH SIDE . IT WAS HIT ON THE NORTH SIDE. THERE WERE NO MARKERS ,AND IT IS NO SHOWED ON NIPSCO PRINTS. After further discussion the home had burned down, the service was left active and capped under the yard with no riser and the house and foundation was removed. When the new house was built they never instaled gas. So the new white modular does not have a gas riser or meter. the damaged line was a stub.

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

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 TOLERENCE ZONE OF MARKS?
Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE
CUT GAS SERVICE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE
N/A

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?
No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?
BACKHOE

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?
No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

N/A

NIPSCO 00027 IUPPSa 06/20/2012 07:23:29 1206200139-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206200139 Date: 06/20/2012 Time: 07:18 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

State: IN Cnty: LAGRANGE Twp: MILFORD
Cityname: SOUTH MILFORD Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : E 700 S
Cross 1 : S 725 E   Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: STARTING AT THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING WEST ON THE
NORTHSIDE OF THE ROAD FOR 2500 FEET
:
Grids   : 4132C8517D   4132C8517C   4132C8517B
Boundary: n 41.541588   s 41.540409   w -85.295807   e -85.285309

Work type : PHONE CABLE
Done for : CENTURYLINK
Start date: 06/20/2012 Time: 07:18 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY   Depth: 5 FEET

Company : KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND Type: CONT
Co addr : 8785 WEST 750 NORTH
City   : SHIPSHEWANA State: IN Zip: 46565
Caller : KEVIN SHARICK Phone: (260)768-7986
Contact : KEVIN SHARICK - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)350-1534
Fax   : (888)691-5007
Email   : KSHARICK@EMBARQMAIL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER KEVIN SHARICK - CUT A NIPSCO GAS LINE --- THE GAS IS BLOWING --- HE CAN
SEE
IT AND SMELL AND HEAR IT --- LINE WAS CUT AT 7065 E700S ON NORTH SIDE OF ROAD
--- CANNOT DESCRIBE THE LINE --- 911 HAS BEEN CALLED --- CREW IS STILL ON SITE
--- HAS NOT CALLED NIPSCO - BUT HE WILL CALL - PREVIOUS TICKET 1206080154
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/20/2012 Time: 07:18
Members: ID2034 NIPSCO ID5857

NIPSCO 00026 IUPPSa 06/08/2012 07:40:22 1206080154-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206080154 Date: 06/08/2012 Time: 07:28 Oper: STURNER Chan:055

State: IN Cnty: LAGRANGE Twp: MILFORD

Cityname: SOUTH MILFORD Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : E 700 S
Cross 1 : S 725 E   Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: STARTING AT THE ABVOE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING WEST ON THE
NORTHSIDE OF THE ROAD FOR 2500 FEET
:
Grids   : 4132C8517D   4132C8517C   4132C8517B
Boundary: n 41.541588   s 41.540409   w -85.295807   e -85.285309

Work type : PHONE CABLE
Done for : CENTURYLINK
Start date: 06/12/2012 Time: 07:45 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 1 DAY   Depth: 5 FEET

Company : KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND Type: CONT
Co addr : 8785 WEST 750 NORTH
City   : SHIPSHEWANA State: IN Zip: 46565
Caller : KEVIN SHARICK Phone: (260)768-7986
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Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/08/2012 Time: 07:28
Members: ID2034 NIPSCO ID5857

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT
**** COMPLETE FORM FOR ALL DAMAGES TO NIPSCO FACILITIES ****

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Angola **MAXIMO WO #** _____

OPERATING AREA CONTACT Joe Thomas **JOB ORDER #** 546367

TRACKING NUMBER 01820120620004 **LOCATE REF #** 120608015-4

Locate Performed By: USIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 6-20 2012, 7:50 A M DATE OF REPORT _____

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 7065 E 700 S Wolcottville

DAMAGE WAS TO:

ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # _____ SIZE _____ YEAR INSTALLED _____ BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE (X) MAIN ( ) SIZE 3/4 MATERIAL: PLASTIC ( ) STEEL (X) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB (X)
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30 PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES (X) NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO (X) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # _____ NO (X)

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES ( ) NO (X) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 0

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 7:30 Am TIME RESTORED 9:05 Am

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 3/4

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES ( ) DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS _____ NO (X)
HOW LOCATED: PAINT ( ) FLAGS ( ) BOTH ( ) WHITE LINED ( )

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) KLS Underground, INC

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 8785 W 750 N Shipshewana, IN 46565

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Kevin Shovick

WITNESS NAME AND ADRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE (X) AGENCY Lagrange county sheriff REPORT # 1206-152

FIRE (X) AGENCY Johnson Twp, Stroh REPORT # 1206-152

OTHER ( ) _____ Any Injuries? ( ) YES # _____ (X) NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES (X) NO ( ) TAKEN BY: A. Jackson (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO (X)

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED – CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

( ) AGRIGULTURE/FARMING	( ) CABLE TV	( ) CURB/SIDEWALK	(X) TELECOMMUNICATIONS
( ) BLDG CONSTRUCTION	( ) DEMOLITION	( ) DRAINAGE	( ) WATER
( ) DRIVEWAY	( ) ELECTRIC	( ) SURVEYING	( ) DRAINS/CULVERTS
( ) FENCING	( ) GRADING	( ) IRRIGATION	( ) MOWING
( ) LANDSCAPING	( ) PIPELINE	( ) MILLING	( ) OTHER _____
( ) POLE/SIGN POST	( ) ROAD WORK	( ) SEWER	

TYPE OF EQUPMENT USED – CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

( ) AUGER	( ) HAND TOOLS	( ) BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
( ) MILLING EQUIPMENT	( ) PROBING DEVICE	( ) BORING / DRILLING
( ) EXPLOSIVES	(X) TRENCHER	( ) FARM EQUIPMENT
( ) VACCUUM EQUIPMENT	( ) GRADER	( ) OTHER

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED– CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

( ) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT	( ) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE	( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR	
( ) NO NOTIFICATION	( ) MARKS DISTURBED	(X) STUB	( ) OTHER _____

- **SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM**

COMMENTS : Contractor hit an unmarked retired 3/4" steel stub.

Service had been "retired" on the other side of road instead of the main. This should not be the contractor or USIC's fault. The flags in the pic were done after our crew showed up, they (USIC) were covering their tracks, it was not located when Andy arrived on scene.

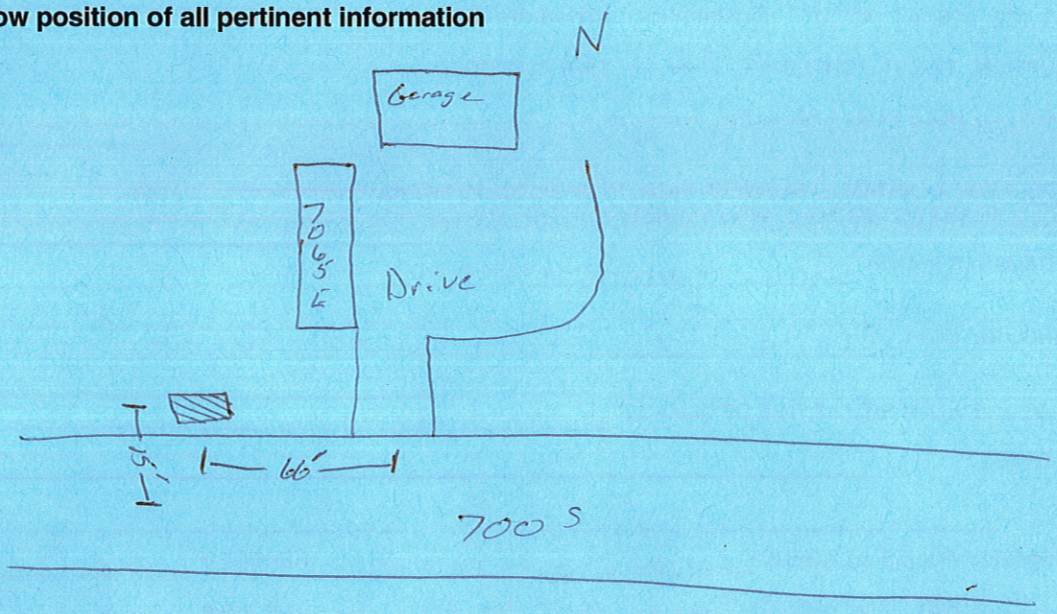
PERSON PREPARING REPORT A. Jackson

FIELD SUPERVISOR Joe Thomas

FIELD MANAGER Randy Dunn

- **ORIGINAL REPORT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO FACILITY DAMAGE RECOVERY**
- **COPY OF REPORT IS TO BE SENT TO DAMAGE PREVENTION**

SKETCH: - Show position of all pertinent information



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

• DID EXCAVATION OCCUR BEOFRE LOCATES WERE DUE	YES	NO
• NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN	YES	NO
• DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24" ZONE	YES	NO
• EXPIRED LOCATE	YES	NO
• WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST	YES	NO

COMPLETED BY: _____ DATE: _____

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October 3, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3205
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3205
Date of Event: 6/20/2012
Event Location: E 700 S, South Milford, IN
Excavator: Kevin Sharick Underground
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. 3205(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.

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

Very truly yours,

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