



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Kevin Sharick Underground**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3305

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/5/2013

Damage Date: 7/3/2012 9:45:38 AM

Damage Address: N 900 W

City: Shipshewana

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

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1206184366

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during a trenching procedure for 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 trenching procedure; however, the gas operator failed to locate the gas service; and, after IURC notice 9/13/2012 with response time expired, the determination remains an OPERATOR VIOLATION.

Conclusion: There was a failure to locate 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. 3305
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3305

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: 7/3/2012

Event Location: N 900 W, Shipshewana

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Kevin Sharick Underground

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3305

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3305	
Date of Event	7/3/2012
Event Location	N 900 W, Shipshewana
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Kevin Sharick Underground
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	K&S UNDERGROUND
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	8785 E. 750 N.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	SHIPSHEWANA, IN 46565
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
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 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	
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	7270 No 900 W
CITY/STATE/ZIP	SHIPSHEWANA, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
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.)	5/8 PLASTIC
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
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/Scraper	
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1207030976
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206144366
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Yes
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
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)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Locate contractor failed to accurately locate facility Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1207031470</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120703004
Northern IN
7/3/2012 9:40:00 AM
7/3/2012 9:50:11 AM
KEVIN SHARICK
N 900 W
SHIPSHEWANA
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

07/03/2012
10:00:00
10:30:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

KEVIN SHARICK
PLOW

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1206184366

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

MIKEOBERLIN
7/3/2012 10:30:00 AM
Digital

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

113397

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

MIKEOBERLIN
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
Possibly

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120703004

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Cunningham Andrew - 131784

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Other

Other: MISMARKED

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:

SERVICE MIS MARKED SERVICE CAME FROM THE BACK SIDE OF HOME RAN TO A FENCE THAN THE YARD DROPS OFF 20' TO ROAD YOU HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE DRIVE AND AROUND THE FENCE TO THE ROAD TO FIND IT AGAIN MARKED A POOR SINGAL DOWN BY THE ROAD OFF BY 20 '

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

U/K

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

U/K

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

U/K

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?

Yes

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?

Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

SERVICE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

2'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?
IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?**

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00281 IUPPSa 07/03/2012 09:45:49 1207030976-00A EMER DAMG GRID

#3305

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1207030976 Date: 07/03/2012 Time: 09:40 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

State: IN Cnty: LAGRANGE Twp: VAN BUREN
Cityname: SHIPSHEWANA Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : N 900 W

Cross 1 : N 750 W Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF
900 W FOR 2500 FEET

***Boring Where = IN THE R-O-W

:

Grids : 4144C8536D 4144B8536D 4144A8536D

Boundary: n 41.749126 s 41.741039 w -85.602921 e -85.601143

Work type : INSTALLING FIBER OPTIC PHONE CABLE

Done for : CENTURYLINK

Start date: 07/03/2012 Time: 09:40 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 10 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 MYRON GLICK --- HIT GAS SERVICE LINE - IT IS A NIPSCO LINE --- THE GAS IS
BLOWING --- THEY CAN HEAR IT AND SMELL IT --- DIGGING IN THE EASEMENT IN FRONT
OF 7270 N 900W --- CANNOT DESCRIBE LINE --- 911 HAS BEEN CALLED --- CREW IS ON
SITE --- GAVE MR GLICK NIPSCO NUMBER AND HE WILL CALL --- PREVIOUS TICKET
1206184366

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

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Submitted date: 07/03/2012 Time: 09:40

Members: ID2034 NIPSCO IDS857

NIPSCO 01450 IUPPSa 06/18/2012 22:10:02 1206184366-00A NORM NEW GRID

#3305

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206184366 Date: 06/18/2012 Time: 21:58 Oper: LWORTON Chan:062

State: IN Cnty: LAGRANGE Twp: VAN BUREN
Cityname: SHIPSHEWANA Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : N 900 W

Cross 1 : N 750 W Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF
900 W FOR 2500 FEET

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Boundary: n 41.749126 s 41.741039 w -85.602921 e -85.601143

Work type : INSTALLING FIBER OPTIC PHONE CABLE

Done for : CENTURYLINK

Start date: 06/21/2012 Time: 07:00 Hours notice: 57/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 10 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
CENTURYLINK NEED NOT RESPOND

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

:

Submitted date: 06/18/2012 Time: 21:58

Members: ID2034 NIPSCO ID5857

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

** COMPLETE FORM FOR ALL DAMAGES TO NIPSCO FACILITIES **

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Goshen MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Mark Knisley JOB ORDER # 546369
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 0703 004 LOCATE REF # 1206184960
Locate Performed By: 0322

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 7-3 2012 9:57 A M DATE OF REPORT _____

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 7270N 900W Shipshewana

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 5/8 MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 09:57 TIME RESTORED 13:17

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 5/8

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 14' NO ()

HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) K & S underground

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

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Wayne

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

FIRE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

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

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES NO () TAKEN BY: K. Loney (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>locates off</u> |

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: locates off 14 ft.

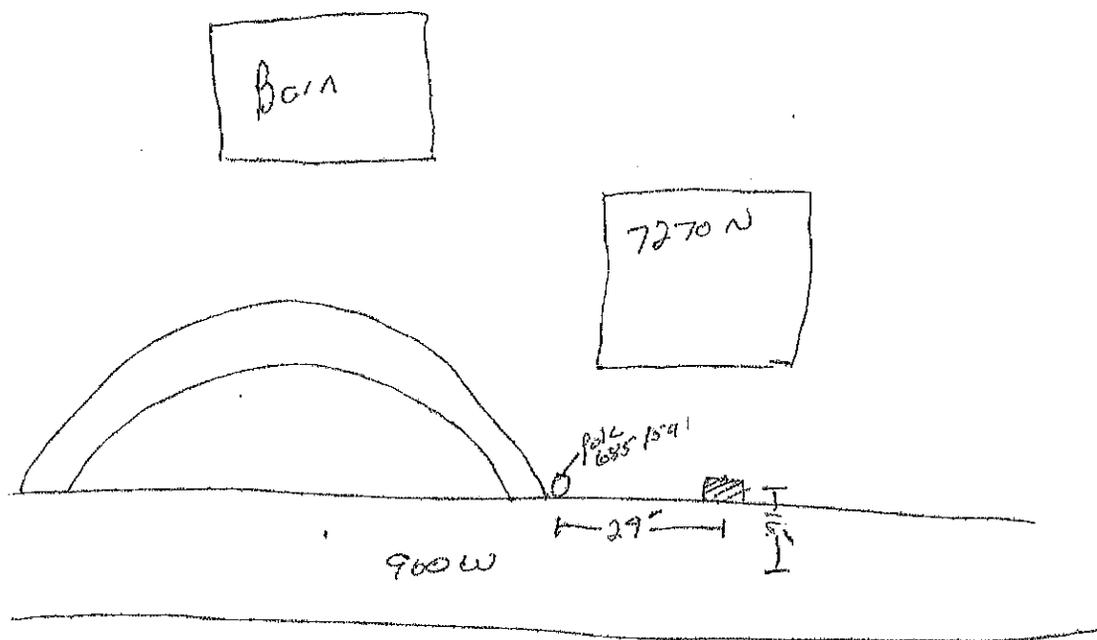
PERSON PREPARING REPORT A. Jackson

FIELD SUPERVISOR Mark Knisley

FIELD MANAGER Rick Cooney [Signature]

- 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 BEFORE LOCATES WERE DUE | YES | NO |
| • NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN | YES | NO |
| • DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24\" | YES | NO |
| • EXPIRED LOCATE | YES | NO |
| • WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST | YES | NO |

COMPLETED BY: A. Jackson DATE: 7/11/12
Mark Knisley



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 3, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3305
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3305
Date of Event: 7/3/2012
Event Location: N 900 W, Shipshewana 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. 3305 (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,

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

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle
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