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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Watts Brothers Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3449

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 12/4/2012

Damage Date: 7/26/2012

Damage Address: 407 S 2nd Ave.

City: Holland

County: Dubois

The Parties

Excavator: **Watts Brothers Construction**

Contact: Wayne Hatcher

Address: 4005 Vincent Dr., Owensboro, Ky 42303

Telephone: 8436553148

Facility Owner: Community Natural Gas, Inc.

Contact: Donald Kieffer

Address: 118 N Division Street, Mt Carmel, IL 62863

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): $121

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a telecommunications line.

Findings: Reported by Community Natural Gas, Inc.; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/12/2012. The excavator provided notice of excavation for along the right of way of the road but not for this specific property. The operator warned the excavator about not having locates for each specific address along this project.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation. The excavator failed to notify the association and the local fire department upon release of a flammable gas.

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

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Pipeline Safety Commission
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

In Re: Pipeline Safety Division Case 3449

Dear Advisory Committee:

This submission is made on behalf of Watts Brothers Cable Contracting, Inc. (Watts Brothers). Watts Brothers respects the purpose of this process and agrees to cooperate fully. Accordingly, Watts Brothers respectfully requests the advisory committee to consider the following information as a part of its investigation into this damage claim:

1. Our Southern Indiana Supervisor, Wayne Hatcher, called in a locate where the gas line ultimately was damaged.

2. When Watts Brothers requested the locate the one call center unequivocally advised Watts Brothers did not have to provide the home address to have the services located to the house.

3. Watts Brothers was later advised by Curt Songer, Community National Gas, the addresses had to be provided to have the services located.

4. Watts Brothers thereupon located the services themselves and carefully hand dug to pot pole the gas services and had them both exposed. Damage was unfortunately caused with a shovel as a part of the proper pot holing process.

5. Watts Brothers' reputation of safe work practices is well known throughout the Mid-West and South-Eastern United States.

6. Watts Brothers takes this matter seriously and appreciates the time and effort of this advisory committee.

7. Watts Brothers will agree to cooperate with the Commission in any way the Commission sees fit based on the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 1, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Curt Songer (Community Natural Gas)

Business address *(number and street)*: 303 N Washington St.

City, State, and ZIP code: Dale, IN 47523

Telephone number *(area code)*: 8129372376

Fax number *(area code)*: 8129374860

E-mail address: cng_2376@att.net

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Watts Brothers Construction (Wayne Hatcher)

Business address *(number and street)*: 4005 Vincent Dr.

City, State, and ZIP code: Owensboro, KY 42303

Telephone number *(area code)*: 8436553148

Fax number *(area code)*:

E-mail address: wayne@wattsbros.net

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 26, 2012

County: Dubois

City: Holland

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
407 S 2nd Ave., Holland, IN 47541

Nearest intersection: Indiana St.

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? No

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? _____

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate $120.76

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 18

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: No locate requested

Was the locate request completed within two working days? No

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? No

Type of markings used:

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

Were maps used to complete the locate request?

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? No

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Contractor had locate called in start date 7/9/12 on both sides of the road for 250' south from main St. No locates for property where service line was damaged were called in. The contractor was told 3 weeks before the hit that if they wanted the whole property marked it must be called in that way.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3449

Your Full Name: Donald E Kieffer

Full Name of Business / Entity (*if applicable*): Community Natural Gas Co., Inc.

Your Business Title (*if applicable*): President

Address (*number and street*): 118 N Division St.

City: Mt. Carmel State: IL ZIP Code: 62863

Your E-mail Address: commgas@frontier.com

Today's Date (*month, day, year*): 10/15/2012

Your Signature: Donald E Kieffer Title (*if any*) President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3449
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

No Add'l info.