



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Araceli Alanzo

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3461

Report Date: 4/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 6/23/2012

Damage Address: 522 S Wayne St, Gary, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Araceli Alanzo**

Address: 522 S Wayne St, Gary, In

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Road Work

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$555.05

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1206152829

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to repair a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/8/2012. The excavator had a valid locate however, the locate contractor failed to locate the natural gas facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to locate the natural gas facility.

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



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 3, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO)

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 962 0422

Fax number (*area code*): 219 962 0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Araceli Alanzo

Business address (*number and street*): 522 S Wayne St

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 201 9556

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Road Work

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 23, 2012

County: Lake

City: Gary

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
522 S Wayne St Gary, IN

Nearest intersection: \_\_\_\_\_

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? 0

Time to restore service (*in hours*): \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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? 20

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**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? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: no locates \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

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### **Description of Cause**

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

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### **Additional Comments**



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 16, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3461  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3461

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: 6/23/2012

Event Location: 522 S Wayne St, Gary

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Araceli Alanzo

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3461

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,

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

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
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<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3461</b>	
Date of Event	6/23/2012
Event Location	522 S Wayne St, Gary
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Araceli Alonzo
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Araceli Alonzo
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Same
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	522 S. Wayne
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Gary, IN 46403
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	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
<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	522 S. Wayne St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Gary, IN 46403
NEAREST INTERSECTION	E 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8 plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	32
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	No
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	555.06
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	X
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
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)	X
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)	No
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206152829
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N/A
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
Facility was not located or marked Nipsco emergency repair ticket # 1206230078	

**Fact Based Investigation Report**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120623001                      **DISTRICT:** Northern IN  
**DAMAGE DATE:** 6/23/2012 9:20:00 AM    **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 6/23/2012 9:21:32 AM  
**NOTIFIED BY:** JEFF 219-647-4701 Other  
**DAMAGE ADDRESS:** 522 S WAYNE ST x 5th AVE  
**CITY:** GARY                      **ST:** IN    **ZIP:**

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**DAMAGED CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO

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**INVESTIGATION DATE:** 06/25/2012  
**FROM:** 15:25:00                      **TO:** 15:45:00

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**EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:** PROPERTY OWNER  
**TYPE OF EXCAVATION:** Repair water service

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**ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:** 1206152829                      **START DATE/TIME:** 6/19/2012 2:45:00 PM  
**TYPE OF TICKET:** Routine                      **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

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**DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:** M54484953                      **START DATE/TIME:** 6/23/2012 8:45:00 AM

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**PICTURES TAKEN BY:** Bob Anderson    **DATE/TIME:** 6/25/2012 3:35:00 PM  
**PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:** Digital                      **FRAME #:** 1

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**INVESTIGATOR EMP#:** 117382                      **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** Bob Anderson  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?** Possibly

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**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120623001  
**SELECT A CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO  
**CUSTOMER #:** *(optional)*

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**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** LOWPROF                      **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service  
**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:** Squzert Robert - 122566  
**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

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**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**  
Other

**Other:** Gas not marked, no access to yard

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**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):**  
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

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**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

This was a damage that happened on Saturday 6-23-12. A followup investigation was done on Monday 6-25-12. The original locate request called to locate entire property. When Bob Squzert arrived to do locates he noticed that the property owner had already started digging in the front where the water service is located. No one was on site at this time and he was unable to gain access to the back where the gas meter is at due to the cyclone fence & gates being locked with a padlock & chain. This is an empty house so no-one was there to open the gates. A call was made to the contractor but no response was received. The gas runs out to the rear easement and with the front yard being dug up, Bob had thought they would be clear of the gas and closed the ticket as site clear and placed flags in front near the water box. For some unknown reason they apparently dug in the back yard also and hit the gas service. At the time of investigation, I was unable to get any pictures of the gas service due

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

Nipsco arrived on Sat. 6-23-12 and were able to make repairs.

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

Property owner was on site at that time after damage and let Nipsco gain access.

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

None

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**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 gas service

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE** N/A

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?** No

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?** Unknown

**IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?** No

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

NIPSCO 00667 IUPPSa 06/15/2012 14:44:07 1206152829-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206152829 Date: 06/15/2012 Time: 14:27 Oper: JSMITH Chan:088

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: CALUMET  
Cityname: GARY Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

CASE #  
3461

Address : 522  
Street : S WAYNE ST  
Cross 1 : E 5TH AVE Within 1/4 mile: N  
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY  
:  
Grids : 4135A8713C 4136D8713C 4135A8713B 4136D8713B  
Boundary: n 41.601852 s 41.598186 w -87.225098 e -87.223541

Work type : REPAIRING WATER LINE  
Done for : ARACELI ALONZO  
Start date: 06/19/2012 Time: 14:45 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 : ARACELI ALONZO Type: HOME  
Co addr : 534 EAST 37TH AVENUE  
City : HOBART State: IN Zip: 46342  
Caller : ARACELI ALONZO Phone: (219)406-1778  
Contact : EDUARDO ALONZO--CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (219)406-1778  
Email : ARACELITWIN@HOTMAIL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 06/15/2012 Time: 14:27  
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID2986 ID7053 ID8000 NIPSCO SM



# DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 3, 2012

## Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

Business address (number and street): 3511 East 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (area code): 219 962 0422

Fax number (area code): 219 962 0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

## Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Araceli Alanzo

Business address (number and street): 522 S Wayne St

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN

Telephone number (area code): 219 201 9556

Fax number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Road Work

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**Date and Location of Damage**Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 23, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

County: Lake \_\_\_\_\_

City: Gary \_\_\_\_\_

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
522 S Wayne St Gary, IN \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest intersection: \_\_\_\_\_

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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? 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Unknown/Other

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: no locates \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

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### **Description of Cause**

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

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### **Additional Comments**

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA GARY MAXIMO WO # \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ JOB ORDER # 475870

TRACKING NUMBER 01820120623001 LOCATE REF # \_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 6/23 2012 8:11 A M DATE OF REPORT 6/23

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 522 S WAYNE ST GARY

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) 20" PRESSURE (PSI) 32 Lbs. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED \_\_\_\_\_ TIME RESTORED 12:00 pm

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

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) ARACEL ALONZO

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) Address of Damage

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Any Injured? ( ) YES # \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES  NO ( ) TAKEN BY: PAUL GRANDES (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)

MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO ( )

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW  
( ) AGRICULTURE/FARMING ( ) CABLE TV ( ) CURB/SIDEWALK ( ) 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 EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW  
( ) AUGER ( ) HAND TOOLS ( ) BACKHOE/TRACKHOE  
( ) MILLING EQUIPMENT ( ) PROBING DEVICE ( ) BORING / DRILLING  
( ) EXPLOSIVES ( ) TRENCHER ( ) FARM EQUIPMENT  
( ) VACUUM EQUIPMENT ( ) GRADER ( ) OTHER

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW  
( ) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT ( ) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR  
( ) NO NOTIFICATION ( ) MARKS DISTURBED ( ) STUB ( ) OTHER

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

February 15, 2013

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3461  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3461  
Date of Event: 6/23/12  
Event Location: 522 S Wayne St, Gary  
Excavator: Araceli Alanzo  
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. 3461 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated January 16, 2013. NIPSCO has not identified any additional information related to this incident not already provided in its October 16, 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 C. Earle".

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

# Information Request

## Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 3461

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

### The Parties:

#### **Excavator Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### **Facility Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

#### **Locator Service Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name: Eduardo Macias

Title (if any):

Address: 522 S Wayne St.

City, State Zip: Gary IN 46403

Preferred Telephone: (219) 964-9544

Cell Phone Number: (219) 406-1778

Email Address:

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

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Utility Line Impact:**

**Location of Damage:** In the back yard.

**Address:** 52<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> S. Wayne St

**City, State Zip:** Gary IN 46403

**Nearest Intersection:** 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S Country line rd.

**Product Type (circle one):**

- Natural Gas Gasline
- Liquid Pipeline
- Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

- Distribution
- Gathering
- Service/Drop
- Transmission
- Unknown/Other

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Repair Cost (if known):** \$ 585.06

**Cause of Damage Information:**

**Type of Equipment (circle one):**

- Auger
- Backhoe/Trackhoe
- Boring /Drilling
- Directional Drilling
- Explosives
- Farm Equipment
- Grader/Scraper
- Hand Tools Pickaxe
- Milling Equipment
- Probing Device
- Trencher
- Vacuum Equipment
- Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (circle 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
- Traffic Signal
- Traffic Sign
- Water trying to find water line.
- Waterway Improvement
- Unknown/Other

Release of Product: Yes/No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes/No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes/No

**Locate Information:**

Excavator Request Locate: Yes/No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1206152829

6/15/12

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

**Incident Impact Information:**

Number of Outpatient Treated: No

Number of Inpatient Treated: No

Number of Fatalities: No

Fire Department Response: Yes/No We called Nipseo

Police Department Response: Yes/No

Ambulance Response: Yes/No

**Additional Information/Comments:**

June 23, 2012

My husband Eduardo Macias and I were working in our home. My husband told me that please call to 811 to ask for help finding water lines. They come but only marked line in front of the house, but no line was there. So my husband started digging behind in the back yard to see where the water line was in order to fix it. Suddenly we hear a strong noise under the ground. My husband quietly was holding the gas line and I called Nipseo telling them about the problem.

They come as soon as possible and they fix it.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 3461

YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 522 S. Wayne St.

CITY: Gary STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46403

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (219) 964-4544 SECOND NO. (219) 973-5858

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: 9/26/12

YOUR SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature] TITLE (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3461  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
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