



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Hi Speed Utility

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3522

Report Date: 4/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/30/2012 1:09:41 PM

Damage Address: S Park Rd, Kokomo, Howard

The Parties

Excavator: **Hi Speed Utility**

Address: 2020 Zettler Road, Columbus, Oh 43232

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

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: 1207180142

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator failed to respond to initial notice.. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

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



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 17, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3522
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3522

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: 7/30/2012

Event Location: S Park Rd, Kokomo

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Hi Speed Utility

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3522

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. 3522	
Date of Event	7/30/2012
Event Location	S Park Rd, Kokomo
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hi Speed Utility
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Hi Speed Utility
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2020 Zettler Rd
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Columbus, OH 43232
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	419 236 2647
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	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2000 South Home Ave
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Kokomo, IN 46902
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	899 W 300 S
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kokomo, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	S Park Rd
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.)	1 ¼"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	Yes
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	1
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	X
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
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 1207302148
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1207180142
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Yes
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 FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Facility marking or location not sufficient	

ID8011 00022 IUPPSa 07/30/2012 13:09:42 1207302148-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1207302148 Date: 07/30/2012 Time: 13:05 Oper: BTHOMPSON Chan:084

State: IN Cnty: HOWARD Twp: HARRISON
Cityname: KOKOMO Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#3522

Address :

Street : S PARK RD

Cross 1 : W 300 S Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING SOUTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH PARK ROAD FOR APPROX 1250 FEET

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Grids : 4025B8608B 4025A8608B 4026D8608B 4025B8608A 4025A8608A

Grids : 4026D8608A

Boundary: n 40.433647 s 40.428566 w -86.146767 e -86.145264

Work type : INSTALLING FIBER OPTIC MAIN LINE

Done for : WINDSTREAM

Start date: 07/30/2012 Time: 13:06 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 4 FEET

Company : HI SPEED UTILITY Type: CONT

Co addr : 2020 ZETTLER ROAD

City : COLUMBUS State: OH Zip: 43232

Caller : ANTHONY STIRN Phone: (419)236-2647

Contact : ANTHONY STIRN--CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (419)236-2647

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER ANTHONY STIRN--HAS HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE AND IS BLOWING--IS ON THE EASTSIDE
OF THE PROPERTY--CALLER HAS NO DESCRIPTION OF LINE--CALLER HAS CALLED 911--CREW
IS ONSITE--GAVE CALLER THE PHONE NUMBER FOR NIPSCO--PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
1207180142--THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

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Submitted date: 07/30/2012 Time: 13:05

Members: ID0002 ID5240 ID5509 ID8011 SBCIN

ID8011 00019 IUPPSa 07/18/2012 07:32:05 1207180142-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1207180142 Date: 07/18/2012 Time: 07:27 Oper: JSMITH Chan:088

State: IN Cnty: HOWARD Twp: HARRISON
Cityname: KOKOMO Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#3522

Address :

Street : S PARK RD

Cross 1 : W 300 S Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING SOUTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF
SOUTH PARK ROAD FOR APPROX 1250 FEET

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Grids : 4025B8608B 4025A8608B 4026D8608B 4025B8608A 4025A8608A

Grids : 4026D8608A

Boundary: n 40.433647 s 40.428566 w -86.146767 e -86.145264

Work type : INSTALLING FIBER OPTIC MAIN LINE

Done for : WINDSTREAM

Start date: 07/20/2012 Time: 07:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 4 FEET

Company : HI SPEED UTILITY Type: CONT

Co addr : 2020 ZETTLER ROAD

City : COLUMBUS State: OH Zip: 43232

Caller : ANTHONY STIRN Phone: (419)236-2647

Contact : ANTHONY STIRN--CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (419)236-2647

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

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Submitted date: 07/18/2012 Time: 07:27

Members: ID0002 ID5240 ID5509 ID8011 SBCIN



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Sep 26, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tommy Buher

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 E. 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: Hi Speed Utility

Business address (*number and street*): 2020 Zettler Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Columbus, Ohio 43232

Telephone number (*area code*): 419-236-2647

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 30, 2012

County: Howard

City: Kokomo

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
899 W 300 S, Kokomo, Indiana

Nearest intersection: S Park Rd

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - County Road

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? Yes

If yes, how many evacuated? 1

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 2

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$

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? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207180142

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Utility Owner

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? No

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? Yes

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Facility marking or location not sufficient

Additional Comments

Damage ticket 1207302148



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

February 15, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3522
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3522
Date of Event: 7/30/12
Event Location: S. Park Rd, Kokomo
Excavator: HI SPEED UTILITY
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. 3522 (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 17, 2012 response. Line damaged had not been correctly located.

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".

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