



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Area Plumbing & Sewer

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3573

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 10/23/2012

Damage Date: 8/15/2012 4:06:28 PM

Damage Address: Hendricks St

City: Merrillville

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Area Plumbing & Sewer**

Contact: Aretta Jones Oliva

Address: 7219 White Oak Avenue, Hammond, In 46324

Telephone: (219) 845-1411

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): \$784

### **Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes    Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1207311928

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer

**Synopsis:** A steel natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

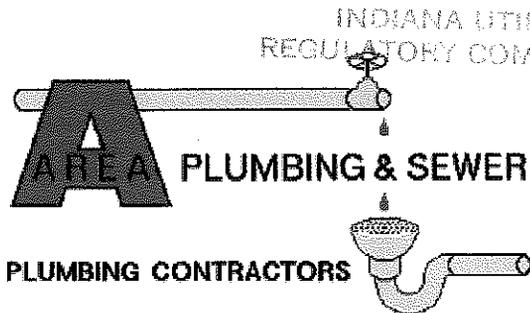
**Findings:** Excavator was working with a valid, accurately marked locate request, but failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the excavator. Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial notice on 09/18/2012 but has not submitted a response.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**

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**Area Plumbing & Sewer Co., Inc.**  
7219 White Oak  
Hammond, Indiana 46324  
Phone (219) 845-1411  
Fax (219) 845-1848  
E-mail:  
[areaplumbing@areaplumbingandsewer.com](mailto:areaplumbing@areaplumbingandsewer.com)  
[www.areaplumbingandsewer.com](http://www.areaplumbingandsewer.com)

October 8, 2012

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500E  
Indianapolis, Indiana. 46204-3407

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to the letter our office received for the Notice of Preliminary Determination of Violation Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3573.

Enclosed and for your review, are the 3 locate tickets that were called in for the Hendricks Street excavation work that are in question.

Area Plumbing & Sewer Company's owner/operator, Mr. Scott Wild, has stated that he was not performing excavation work within the 2 foot clearance of the marked gas line.

Thank you,

Area Plumbing & Sewer Co., Inc.

*John Stevens, Pres.*



For more information about our company visit our website at [www.areaplumbingandsewer.com](http://www.areaplumbingandsewer.com)

areaplumbing@ameritech.net

CASE NO, 3573

From: "Brian Smolar" <ihcd219@att.net>  
 To: <areaplumbing@ameritech.net>; <ihcd219@att.net>  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 9:57 AM  
 Attach: IUPPS ID3996 2012\_07\_31 #00003 1207311928-00A NORM NEW .eml; IUPPS ID3996 2012\_07\_26 #00009 1207201168-01A NORM 2NDR .eml; IUPPS ID3996 2012\_07\_20 #00001 1207201168-00A NORM NEW .eml  
 Subject: Locates for 7727 Hendricks  
 Here are the 3 locates for 7727 Hendricks. IHCD called in 2, and Area called in 1.

ID3996 00001 IUPPSa 07/20/2012 11:51:37 1207201168-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1207201168 Date: 07/20/2012 Time: 11:30 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS  
 Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N  
 Subdivision: LINCOLN GARDENS

Address : 7727

Street : HENDRICKS PL

Cross 1 : W 77TH PL Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE THE SOUTHSIDE OF THE HOUSE - AREA MARKED WITH GREEN FLAGS -  
 PLEASE MARK OK IF CLEAR

Grids : 4128B8722A 4128A8722A

Boundary: n 41.479424 s 41.476501 w -87.380783 e -87.379280

Work type : SEWER REPAIR

Done for : INDEPENDENCE HILL CONSERVANCY DS Start date: 07/24/2012 Time: 11:45 Hours notice:  
 96/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : INDEPENDENCE HILL CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Type: CONT Co addr : 7507 TAFT  
 STREET SUITE 3

City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410

Caller : LARRY TOMASZEWSKI Phone: (219)769-3996 Contact : BRIAN SMOLAR - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)712-8062

Fax : (219)791-0463

Email : IHCD219@ATT.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time Will you be white-lining the dig site  
 area? NO

Submitted date: 07/20/2012 Time: 11:30

Members: COMCN IB ID3020 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

ID3996 00009 IUPPSa 07/26/2012 17:41:58 1207201168-01A NORM 2NDR GRID

SECOND NOTICE 2ND NOTICE

9/20/2012

CASE NO. 3573

Ticket : 1207201168 Date: 07/26/2012 Time: 17:28 Oper: AHINES Chan:085 Old Tkt: 1207201168 Date: 07/20/2012  
Time: 11:30 Oper: AGRIGGS Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS  
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision: LINCOLN GARDENS

Address : 7727  
Street : HENDRICKS PL  
Cross 1 : W 77TH PL Within 1/4 mile: Y  
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Work type : SEWER REPAIR  
Done for : INDEPENDENCE HILL CONSERVANCY DS Start date: 07/24/2012 Time: 11:45 Hours notice: 0/0  
Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : INDEPENDENCE HILL CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Type: CONT Co addr : 7507 TAFT STREET  
SUITE 3

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BestTime:  
Mobile : (219)712-8062  
Fax : (219)791-0463  
Email : [IHCD219@ATT.NET](mailto:IHCD219@ATT.NET)

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time NEED ALL UTILITIES TO MARK THE  
PROPERTY AS REQUESTED EXCEPT THE WATER COMPANY -- THANK YOU Will you be white-lining the  
dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 07/26/2012 Time: 17:28  
Members: COMCN IB ID3020 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

ID3996 00003 IUPPSa 07/31/2012 11:37:15 1207311928-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1207311928 Date: 07/31/2012 Time: 11:22 Oper: BBASTIN Chan:045

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS  
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address :  
Street : HENDRICKS ST  
Cross 1 : E 77TH PL Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE--ENTIRE REAR OF PROPERTIES 7727 AND 7731 HENDRICKS ST

Grids : 4128B8722A 4128A8722A  
Boundary: n 41.479435 s 41.476475 w -87.380775 e -87.379280

9/20/2012

CASE NO. 3573

Work type : SEWER REPAIR  
Done for : INDEPENDENCE HILL  
Start date: 08/02/2012 Time: 11:30 Hours not.cc: 48/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 12 FEET

Company : AREA PLUMBING & SEWER Type: CONT Co addr : 7219 WHITE OAK AVENUE  
City : HAMMOND State: IN Zip: 46324  
Caller : TONY TOKARZ Phone: (219)845-1411 Contact : SCOTT WILD - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (219)746-9187  
Fax : (219)845-1848  
Email : [AREAPLUMBING@AMERITECH.NET](mailto:AREAPLUMBING@AMERITECH.NET)

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: 07/31/2012 Time: 11:22  
Members: COMCN IB ID3020 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 17, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3573  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3573

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: 8/15/2012

Event Location: Hendricks St, Merrillville

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Area Plumbing & Sewer

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3573

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  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3573</b>	
Date of Event	8/15/2012
Event Location	Hendricks St, Merrillville
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Area Plumbing & Sewer
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Area Plumbing & Sewer
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	7219 White Oak Avenue
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Merrillville, IN
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219-769-1425
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	219-746-9187
EMAIL ADDRESS	AREAPLUMBING@AMERITECH.NET
<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
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
<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	7727 Hendricks St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Merrillville, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	E 77 <sup>th</sup> PI
<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.)	¾ plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	30
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) (\$)	783.64
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1208152973
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1207311928
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
<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>	
Failure to use hand tools where required.	

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120815010  
Northern IN  
8/15/2012 4:06:40 PM  
8/15/2012 4:15:13 PM  
ARETTA JONES OLIVA  
HENDRICKS ST  
MERRILLVILLE  
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

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DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

08/15/2012  
16:00:00  
16:30:00

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INVESTIGATION DATE:  
FROM:  
TO:

AREA PLUMBING  
sewer repair

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EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:  
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1207311928  
8/2/2012 11:30:00 AM  
Routine

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

1208152973  
8/15/2012 4:05:00 PM

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DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:  
START DATE/TIME:

brad nagel/jonathan linn  
8/15/2012 4:00:00 PM  
Digital

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

125982  
brad nagel/jonathan linn

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:  
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**

No

## Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120815010

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

**NOTIFICATION ID:**

**SELECT A CUSTOMER:**

**CUSTOMER #:**

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Nagel Brad - 131807

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:**

**FACILITY ID:**

**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:**

**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

Facility Marked Accurately

**Other:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):**

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

gas service hit. previous locate marks were within tolerance, at about 18". USIC not at fault. Contractor destroyed part of the marks due to excavation.

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

na

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

na

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

na

**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?**

Yes

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE**

kinked/pulled out steel service

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE**

unknown

**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)**

NIPSCO 00823 IUPPSa 08/15/2012 16:06:40 1208152973-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1208152973 Date: 08/15/2012 Time: 16:04 Oper: KSWANK Chan:063

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS  
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

#3573

Address :

Street : HENDRICKS ST

Cross 1 : E 77TH PL Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE--ENTIRE REAR OF PROPERTIES 7727 AND 7731 HENDRICKS ST

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 12 FEET

Company : AREA PLUMBING & SEWER Type: CONT

Co addr : 7219 WHITE OAK AVENUE

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Caller : ARETTA JONES OLIVA Phone: (219)845-1411

Contact : SCOTT WILD - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)746-9187

Fax : (219)845-1848

Email : AREAPLUMBING@AMERITECH.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS HIT IN THE REAR OF THE ADDRESS 7727 HENDRICKS STREET - GAS  
IS BLOWING - CREW IS ON SITE - THE SIZE COLOR AND MATERIAL OF THE LINE ARE  
UNKNOWN - NIPSCO HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE HIT LINE - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER  
1207311928 -THANKS!

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

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Submitted date: 08/15/2012 Time: 16:04

Members: COMCN IB ID3020 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

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Members: COMCN IB ID3020 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Sep 20, 2012

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### 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

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Area Plumbing & Sewer

Business address (*number and street*): 7219 White Oak Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Merrillville, IN

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 845 1411

Fax number (*area code*): 219 845 1848

E-mail address: areaplumbing@amertitech.net

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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**Date and Location of Damage**Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 15, 2012County: LakeCity: MerrillvilleStreet address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):7727 Hendricks ST Merrillville INNearest intersection: E 77th PlRight of way where damage occurred: Private - Land OwnerWas there a release of product? YesIf yes, was there an ignition of product? NoWere evacuations necessary as a result of release? NoIf yes, how many evacuated? 0Was there a customer service interruption? YesIf yes, how many affected? 1Time to restore service (*in hours*): 4.5Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0Property damage, Estimate \$ 

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**Affected Facility Information**What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural GasWhat was the affected facility? Service/DropWhat was the depth of the facility, in inches? 36

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? YesEnter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207311928

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

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? No

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### Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

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### Additional Comments

Damage ticket #: 1208152973

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1208152991

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 Crapstick JOB ORDER # 475582  
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 0815 010 LOCATE REF # \_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 8/15/12 2012 1500A DATE OF REPORT 8/15/12  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 7727 HENDRICKS ST - METTIVILLE, IN

DAMAGE WAS TO:  
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR INSTALLED \_\_\_\_\_ BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )

OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

GAS: SERVICE  MAIN ( ) SIZE 3/4" MATERIAL: PLASTIC  STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 36" PRESSURE (PSI) 30 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 15:30 TIME RESTORED 20:00

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

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) AREA Plumbing & SEWER SERVICE 769-1425

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 7219 WHITE OAK AVE - METTIVILLE, IN

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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