



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: S And L Builders

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3701

Report Date: 5/26/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/4/2012 10:21:43 AM

Damage Address: N 1st St, Goshen, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: S And L Builders

Address: 6537 East County Line Road, Millersburg, In 46543

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208161898

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A 2" distribution main was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for water.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator had provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator damaged the main.

Conclusion: The excavator was using mechanized equipment within the two (2) exclusion zone.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 25, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3701
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3701

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: 9/4//2012

Event Location: N 1st St, Goshen

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: S & L Builders

Other Party: N/A

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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. 3701	
Date of Event	9/4/2012
Event Location	N 1st St, Goshen
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	S and L Builders
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	S & L Builders
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	6537 East County Line Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Millersburg, IN 46543
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-536-8569
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	574-536-1178
EMAIL ADDRESS	CHUPP1982@YAHOO.COM
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
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
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	N 1 st St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Goshen, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	US RT 33
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	51
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	2
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	X
Boring/Drilling	
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	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	X
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes- 1209041314
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1208161898
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Yes
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 FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Excavator hit accurately marked facility	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120904001 **DISTRICT:** Northern IN
DAMAGE DATE: 9/4/2012 10:21:47 AM **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 9/4/2012 10:25:16 AM
NOTIFIED BY: STEVE KUHNS
DAMAGE ADDRESS: N 1ST ST
CITY: GOSHEN **ST:** IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 09/04/2012
FROM: 10:40:00 **TO:** 11:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: S AND L BUILDERS
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: STREET WORK

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1208161898 **START DATE/TIME:**
TYPE OF TICKET: **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1209041314 **START DATE/TIME:**

PICTURES TAKEN BY: NATE WOLF **DATE/TIME:** 9/4/2012 10:40:00 AM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital **FRAME #:**

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 113397 **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** MIKEOBERLIN
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120904001
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO
CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Pasko Tom - 121650
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Facility Marked Accurately,
Relocate Needed

Other:

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,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

TECH HOOKED UP AND VERIFIED WHAT MARKS THAT COULD BE FOUND AND WHERE FLAGED. MOST MARKS DESTROYED POST LOCATE PHOTOS SHOW LINES WERE MARKED. MARKED ACCURATLY

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

MARK KNISLEY BUILDING CASE TO CHARGE CONTRACTOR FOR REPLACEMENT NIPSCO FOUND WHERE WIRES WERE CUT AND DUCT TAPED TOGETHER AND SCRAPED MAINS.

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? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE SERVICE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE U/K

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 00397 IUPPSa 09/04/2012 10:21:46 1209041314-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1209041314 Date: 09/04/2012 Time: 10:18 Oper: CSCOTT Chan:001

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: ELKHART
Cityname: GOSHEN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

#3701

Address :

Street : N 1ST ST

Cross 1 : US RT 33 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING NORTH ALONG BOTH SIDES OF
NORTH 1ST STREET FOR APPROX 750 FEET AND ENDING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST
WILKINSON STREET

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Grids : 4135C8550C

Boundary: n 41.591259 s 41.588558 w -85.840736 e -85.839218

Work type : INSTALL NEW STREET/ REPLACING WATER LINE

Done for : CITY OF GOSHEN

Start date: 09/04/2012 Time: 10:18 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : S AND L BUILDERS Type: CONT

Co addr : 6537 EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

City : MILLERSBURG State: IN Zip: 46543

Caller : STEVE KUHNS Phone: (574)536-8569

Contact : LARRY---CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)536-1178

Fax : (574)642-9991

Email : CHUPP1982@YAHOO.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS CUT ON 1ST ST APPROX 100 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION -
GAS LINE IS BLOWING - CALLER CAN HEAR AND SMELL GAS - CALLER DESCRIBES THE LINE
AS 10 TONE PLASTIC LINE APPROX 3/4 OF AN INCH IN DIAMETER - CALLER HAS BEEN
ADVISED TO NOTIFY 911 AND NIPSCO - CREW IS ON SITE - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
1208161898 - THANK YOU

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

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Submitted date: 09/04/2012 Time: 10:18

Members: COMCN ID2178 ID5306 ID7053 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00592 IUPPSa 08/16/2012 12:09:55 1208161898-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1208161898 Date: 08/16/2012 Time: 12:02 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: ELKHART
Cityname: GOSHEN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

3701

Address :

Street : N 1ST ST

Cross 1 : US RT 33 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING NORTH ALONG BOTH SIDES OF
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WILKINSON STREET

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Grids : 4135C8550C

Boundary: n 41.591259 s 41.588558 w -85.840736 e -85.839218

Work type : INSTALL NEW STREET/ REPLACING WATER LINE

Done for : CITY OF GOSHEN

Start date: 08/20/2012 Time: 12:15 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : S AND L BUILDERS Type: CONT

Co addr : 6537 EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

City : MILLERSBURG State: IN Zip: 46543

Caller : STEVE KUHNS Phone: (574)536-8569

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BestTime:

Mobile : (574)536-1178

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

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Submitted date: 08/16/2012 Time: 12:02

Members: COMCN ID2178 ID5306 ID7053 ID8000 NIPSCO SM