



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3714

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 9:19:58 AM

Damage Address: 8763 W 25 S, Etna Green, Kosciusko

### The Parties

Excavator: **Kosciusko Remc**

Address: 370 South 250 East, Warsaw, In 46582

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### 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: 1208270673

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while trenching for an electric line installation.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/8/2012. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to properly locate the facility resulting in damage.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to properly locate facility.

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



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 24, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3714  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3714

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: 9/6/2012

Event Location: 8763 W 25 S, Etna Green

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Kosciusko REMC

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3714

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. 3714</b>	
Date of Event	9/6/2012
Event Location	8763 W 25 S, Etna Green
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Kosciusko REMC
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Kosciusko County REMC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	John Justice
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	370 S. 250 E.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Warsaw, IN 46582
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-574-267-6331
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	RMILLER@KREMC.COM
<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	8763 W. 25 S.
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Etna Green, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	S 900 W
<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)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<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	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	X
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	X
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	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y- 1209060746
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1208270673
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	No
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
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 correctly marked, but the circumstances are very unusual.	

**Fact Based Investigation Report**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120906001                      **DISTRICT:** Northern IN  
**DAMAGE DATE:** 9/6/2012 9:20:14 AM      **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 9/6/2012 9:25:16 AM  
**NOTIFIED BY:** RYAN MILLER  
**DAMAGE ADDRESS:** 8763 W 25 S  
**CITY:** ETNA GREEN      **ST:** IN      **ZIP:**

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**DAMAGED CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO

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**INVESTIGATION DATE:** 09/06/2012  
**FROM:** 09:30:00                                      **TO:** 10:00:00

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**EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:** KOSCIUSKO REMC  
**TYPE OF EXCAVATION:** Pole and trenching

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**ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:** 1208270673                      **START DATE/TIME:** 8/29/2012 8:00:00 AM  
**TYPE OF TICKET:** Routine                      **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

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**DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:** 120906                      **START DATE/TIME:** 9/6/2012 9:25:00 AM

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**PICTURES TAKEN BY:** Dan Schlemmer      **DATE/TIME:** 9/6/2012 8:00:00 AM  
**PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:** Digital                      **FRAME #:** n/a

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**INVESTIGATOR EMP#:** 112319                      **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** Richard Ferguson  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?** No

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**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120906001  
**SELECT A CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO  
**CUSTOMER #:** *(optional)*

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**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** LOWPROF                      **FACILITY ID:** service - 5/8"  
**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:** Schlemmer Dan - 117332  
**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

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**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

Other

**Other:** Unusuall route

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**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

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**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

Technician hooked to service and marked it out around the bend in the driveway. The pole was going to be out by the county road on the other side of the drive and the elec was going to be trenched on that same side of the drive out to the opposite side of the home as the gas. However at a point [at the apex of the curve of the drive the service took a 45 degree angle towards the road and crossed the path of the electric install

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

The main was marked and the service was marked on the other side of the drive the main was marked out by the rod but nothing marked at the damage site

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

The service was marked and the main was marked on the other side of the drive the main was marked out by the rod but nothing marked at the damage site

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

n/a-none

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**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?** No

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE** 5/8 pl service cut

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE** 2'

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?** No n/a

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?** none

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

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)** n/a

NIPSCO 00271 IUPPSa 09/06/2012 09:20:14 1209060746-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1209060746 Date: 09/06/2012 Time: 09:15 Oper: SHARRIS Chan:089

#3714

State: IN Cnty: KOSCIUSKO Twp: HARRISON  
Cityname: ETNA GREEN Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address : 8763  
Street : W 25 S  
Cross 1 : S 900 W Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE A 10 FOOT RADIUS AROUND THE ORANGE STAKE NEAR THE NORTHEAST  
PROPERTY CORNER THEN LOCATE HEADING SOUTH APPROX 250 FEET TO THE METER BASE ON  
THE NEW HOME - PATH IS MARKED WITH RED FLAGS

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Grids : 4113B8600C 4113B8600B 4113B8600A 4113B8601D  
Boundary: n 41.228729 s 41.227524 w -86.017540 e -86.007286

Work type : INSTALL POLE AND UG SERVICE  
Done for : KOSCIUSKO REMC  
Start date: 09/06/2012 Time: 09:19 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : KOSCIUSKO REMC Type: MEMB  
Co addr : 370 SOUTH 250 EAST  
City : WARSAW State: IN Zip: 46582  
Caller : RYAN MILLER Phone: (574)267-6331  
Contact : RYAN MILLER - OFFICE Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)267-6331  
Fax : (574)267-2882  
Email : RMILLER@KREMC.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
A NIPSCO SERVICE DROP HAS BEEN DAMAGED 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE STAKE - THE GAS LINE  
IS BLOWING - CALLER CAN HEAR AND SMELL GAS - 3/4 INCH DIAMETER YELLOW PLASTIC  
LINE - ADVISED TO CALL 911 - NIPSCO HAS BEEN CONTACTED - CREW ON SITE -  
PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1208270673  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 09/06/2012 Time: 09:15  
Members: COMCN ID2034 ID7362 ID8000 NIPSCO SM ID5857

NIPSCO 00203 IUPPSa 08/27/2012 09:40:00 1208270673-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1208270673 Date: 08/27/2012 Time: 09:34 Oper: KSWANK Chan:063

# 3714

State: IN Cnty: KOSCIUSKO Twp: HARRISON  
Cityname: ETNA GREEN Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address : 8763  
Street : W 25 S  
Cross 1 : S 900 W Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE A 10 FOOT RADIUS AROUND THE ORANGE STAKE NEAR THE NORTHEAST  
PROPERTY CORNER THEN LOCATE HEADING SOUTH APPROX 250 FEET TO THE METER BASE ON  
THE NEW HOME - PATH IS MARKED WITH RED FLAGS

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Grids : 4113B8600C 4113B8600B 4113B8600A 4113B8601D  
Boundary: n 41.228729 s 41.227524 w -86.017540 e -86.007286

Work type : INSTALL POLE AND UG SERVICE  
Done for : KOSCIUSKO REMC  
Start date: 08/29/2012 Time: 09:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : KOSCIUSKO REMC Type: MEMB  
Co addr : 370 SOUTH 250 EAST  
City : WARSAW State: IN Zip: 46582  
Caller : RYAN MILLER Phone: (574)267-6331  
Contact : RYAN MILLER - OFFICE Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)267-6331  
Fax : (574)267-2882  
Email : RMILLER@KREMC.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: 08/27/2012 Time: 09:34  
Members: COMCN ID2034 ID7362 ID8000 NIPSCO SM ID5857



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. 3714  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 3714  
Date of Event: 9/6/12  
Event Location: 8763 W 25 S, ETNA GREEN  
Excavator: KOSCIUSKO REMC  
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. 3714 (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 24, 2012 response. The line in question was not correctly marked.

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)

# STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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September 14, 2012

Ryan Miller  
Kosciusko Remc  
370 South 250 East  
Warsaw, In 46582

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Re: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Violation  
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3714**

**Date of Event:** 9/6/2012  
**Event Location:** 8763 W 25 S, Etna Green, Kosciusko County  
**Excavator:** Kosciusko Remc  
**Facility Owner:** Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Dear Ryan Miller,

On behalf of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), I am writing to inform you that information has been filed with the Commission's Pipeline Safety Division regarding an alleged violation of Indiana Code chapter 8-1-26, the Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act ("the Act"). You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as the Respondent Excavator.

To ensure safety, the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (Indiana 811) and gas operators routinely provide reports to the Pipeline Safety Division when an operator's facility is damaged. The Division has received a report from one of these entities that on 9/6/2012, you or your business damaged a pipeline facility owned by **Northern Indiana Public Service Company** and located at **8763 W 25 S, Etna Green, Kosciusko County**.

Based upon the information received, the Pipeline Safety Division is commencing an investigation into the event concerning you or your business to determine whether any statutory violations were committed regarding public safety, specifically the following:

- IC 8-1-26-16(g): Failure to provide notice of excavation.
- IC 8-1-26-16(h): Failure to perform required white lining.
- IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.
- IC 8-1-26-18(f): Failure to properly locate facilities (operator violation)

The Division provides both you and Northern Indiana Public Service Company with an opportunity to send in documentation explaining what occurred. This may include maps, photographs, narrative statements, and any other evidence you wish to provide. You have thirty (30) days from the date this letter is received to send in information, but an extension may be given for good cause shown.

Please note that the Division's investigation will be completed after this time period, even if you do not respond or fail to provide additional evidence for the Pipeline Safety Division to consider. The Division's findings will then be forwarded to the Advisory Committee. If the Advisory Committee confirms the violation, it will send its recommendation on the appropriate penalty to the Commission.

If you are a business entity, please provide your full personal name and business title, as well as your legal authority to represent the business in this matter. If you lack such authority or are mistakenly named as the Respondent, please notify the Pipeline Safety Division as soon as possible, providing the name of the proper representative, if known.

If you believe there are other parties or witnesses with relevant information for the Pipeline Safety Division to consider in its investigation, we request that you *immediately* provide their name, address, telephone number and email address *in writing* to the Pipeline Safety Division.

You are encouraged to fill out the required information form electronically by going to <http://www.in.gov/iurc/2335.htm> and clicking on the "Operator/Excavator Information Request Form" under the Indiana's Damage to Underground Facilities Act section. You may call Bobi Culver at (317) 233-6140 to request a hard copy to return by mail. In addition to the information form, you can forward additional documentation such as maps and drawings by mailing them to the address below or by scanning and emailing them. Please include your assigned Pipeline Safety Division Case Number on all communications and add your Case Number and denote "INITIAL DOCUMENTS - EXCAVATOR" at the top of your materials or in the subject heading of your email.

Mail: Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3714  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Email: PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Included with this letter is a *Summary of Procedures and Respondent's Rights* to assist in answering your questions, including information on the procedure for determining violations and possible civil penalties that may be assessed. Please note that your case will be handled according to administrative rule 170 IAC 5-5, found at [http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac\\_title?iact=170](http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_title?iact=170).

Should you have procedural or legal questions regarding the Advisory Committee or the IURC, please contact DeAnna L. Poon, Legal Advisor to the Advisory Committee and Assistant General Counsel at the IURC, at (317) 232-6735. For questions regarding the pipeline damage identified above, or our investigation, please contact me at (317) 232-2718. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



William Boyd, Director Pipeline Safety Division

Enclosures: Summary of Procedures and Respondent's Rights



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 3714

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

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

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**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Kosciusko REMC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Jon Justice

Title (if any): Lineman

Address (number and street): 370 S 250 E

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw, IN 46582

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-267-6331

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Kosciusko REMC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Ryan Miller

Title (if any): Field Engineer

Address (number and street): 370 S 250 E

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw, IN 46582

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-267-6331

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: rmiller@kremc.com

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: USIC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Unknown

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 3572 E US Highway 30

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw, IN 46580

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-269-6966

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Damage Information**

Type of Equipment (select one): Trencher

Type of Work Performed (select one): Electric

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

Personal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): 8763 W 25 S

City, State and ZIP Code: Etna Green, IN 46524

Nearest Intersection: 900 W

**Product Type (*select one*):** Natural Gas

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Service/Drop

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** 5/8"

**Pressure (PSIG/Inches):** 30 psi

**Interruption in Service:**     Yes     No    **Number of Customers Affected:** 2

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

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

**Release of Product:**     Yes     No

**Ignition and/or Fire:**     Yes     No

**Excavator Notify 811:**     Yes     No

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**     Yes     No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** 1208270673

- 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: Zero

Number of Inpatient Treated: Zero

Number of Fatalities: Zero

- Fire Department Response:  Yes  No
- Police Department Response:  Yes  No
- Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

### Additional Information / Comments

Locates were called in for a new electric service that Kosciusko REMC was installing for a new home. The locate number was 1208270673 and was good for 8/29/12 at 9:45 A.M. Kosciusko REMC was on site on 9/6/2012 to perform the underground service work. The locates were all visible on site. The phone marks were close to the road and the gas marks were all down the driveway. Our lineman started trenching and hit the gas service drop approximately 40' away from our pole. There were no gas marks within 65' of the cut gas service. Once the gas service was cut I called NIPSCO and Indiana 811. My number for that call is 1209060746. Our crew talked to the locate personal on site and he told our crews that he did not follow the gas service out far enough. So the service was never marked correctly where the trench line was at. As for the violations here are my remarks. IC 8-1-26-16(g): failure to provide notice of excavation. I called Indiana 811 and NIPSCO once the gas line was hit letting them know the situation. NIPSCO crews were on site within 35 minutes of the line being cut. So all ententes were notified of the cut gas service. IC 8-1-26-16(h): failure to perform required white lining. There was no white lining because a street address was provided and there were adequate flags and stakes showing the proposed route. There was no white lining after the service was hit because our crews stayed on site until the NIPSCO crew arrived and showed them the open damaged area. IC 8-1-16-20(b): failure to maintain two feet clearance with mechanized equipment. There were no gas marks within 65' of the area where our trencher was present. So we did not violate the two foot rule. IC 8-1-16-18(f): failure to properly locate facilities. Our facilities were marked by USIC properly. The NIPSCO gas service was not properly marked leading to the cut gas service.

## NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3714  
Your Full Name: Ryan W. Miller  
Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Kosciusko REMC  
Your Business Title (if applicable): Field Engineer  
Address (number and street): 370 S 250 E  
City: Warsaw State: IN ZIP Code: 46582  
Your E-mail Address: rmiller@kremc.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): October 2, 2012  
Your Signature: Ryan Miller Title (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3714**  
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**  
**101 West Washington Street, 1500E**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

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25 S

MARSHALL ROBERT J  
25 S 8763 W

Approx Damage Location

MARSHALL ROBERT J  
8763 W 25 S  
15F 30A

NEELEY RICK L  
25 S 8723 W  
15F 16

**Legend**

- Pole
- 🏠 Consumer
- △ Transformer

— Primary A Phase

**Secondary Conductor**

- OH Service
- UG Service
- Downguy



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