



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Kimberly Kemper**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3731

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 1/31/2013

Damage Date: 8/9/2012

Damage Address: 320 Baker St

City: Mishawaka

County: St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Kimberly Kemper**

Contact:

Address: 320 Baker St, Mishawaka, In 46544

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 150 W Market 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): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Pole

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during a procedure to install a pole.

Findings: Reported by NIPSCO; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator/occupant was excavating beyond the allowed twelve (12) inch depth without the benefit of a proper locate ticket.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g): Failure to provide notice of excavation.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 28, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

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Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Kimberly Kemper

Business address (*number and street*): 320 Baker St

City, State, and ZIP code: Mishawaka, IN 46544

Telephone number (*area code*): _____

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Pole

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 9, 2012

County: St Joseph

City: Mishawaka

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
320 Baker St

Nearest intersection: Forest Ave

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? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1

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? 30

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

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"? No

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

Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments