



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lansing Heating And Air Conditioning

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3741

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 1/30/2013

Damage Date: 8/6/2012

Damage Address: 21 Capri Dr

City: Schererville

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Lansing Heating And Air Conditioning**

Contact: Todd Botma, President

Address: 17823 Torrence Ave, Lansing, Il, 60438

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): \$399

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Electric

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during excavation to install a ground rod for a new generator.

Findings: Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/14/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation prior to driving a ground rod for a new generator.

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

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



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 3741

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.

The Parties

Excavator Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO

Responsible Party Personal 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: _____

Facility Information:

Business Name: _____

Responsible Party Personal 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: _____

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: _____

Responsible Party Personal 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: _____

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (select one): Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed (select one): Unknown/Other

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

Personal Contact: TODD BOTMA

Business/Organization Name: LAWSING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Title (if any): PRESIDENT

Address (number and street): 17823 TORRENCE AVE

City, State and ZIP Code: LAWSING IL 60438

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 708-474-4650

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 708-878-0664

Email Address: BOY42772@GOL.COM

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (number and street): 21 CAPRI DR.

City, State and ZIP Code: SCHERERVILLE

Nearest Intersection: 77TH AVE & NAPLES

Product Type (select one): Unknown/Other

Facility Type (select one): Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 1/2"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes No Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 399.20 (PAID BY LOSING HEATING 10-12-12)

Release of Product: Yes No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes No

Locate Information

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: _____

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: _____

Number of Inpatient Treated: _____

Number of Fatalities: _____

Fire Department Response: Yes No

Police Department Response: Yes No

Ambulance Response: Yes No

Additional Information / Comments

ON 8-6-12, LANSING HEATING WAS INSTALLING A GENERATOR AT 21 CAPRI DR. SCHERERVILLE IN, 46375 FOR TOM AND CHERI HIRKO. GENERATOR INSTALLATION REQUIRED 3/8" GROUNDING ROD. GROUNDING ROD HIT GAS LINE. NIPSCO WAS CALLED REPAIR WAS MADE AND JOB WAS COMPLETED. LANSING HEATING RECEIVED BILL FROM NIPSCO (ATTACHED) AND MADE REMITTANCE TO NIPSCO.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3741

Your Full Name: TODD R. BOTMA

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): LANDING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC.

Your Business Title (if applicable): PRESIDENT

Address (number and street): 17823 TORRENCE AVE

City: LANSING State: IL ZIP Code: 60438

Your E-mail Address: RT42772@GOL.COM

Today's Date (month, day, year): 1-9-13

Your Signature:  Title (if any) PRESIDENT

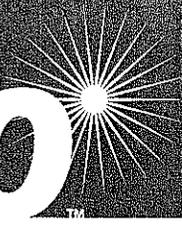
Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3741
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

NIPSCO



Facility Damage Recovery
801 E. 86th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.nipsco.com

(219) 647-4033
(800) 384-2634

October 05, 2012

Lansing Heating & Air Conditioning
17823 Torrence Avenue
Lansing, IL 60438

Re: Our Claim 12 2068

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our Damage Claim Bill in the amount of \$399.26, being the expense this Company incurred as the result of your contact with our facilities located in the vicinity of 21 Capri Drive, Schererville, Indiana. Our reports indicate that our facilities were damaged on August 06, 2012.

If you have insurance to cover this type of damage claim, please forward the enclosed Damage Claim Bill and envelope to your insurance carrier for payment and advise this Department of the company's name and address so that we can follow the matter to a conclusion. In the event you are not insured, your check, draft or money order in the above amount is hereby requested. To insure proper credit to your account, please remit the top portion of the Damage Claim Bill, along with your payment, in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

MARY L. LECHOWICZ
Leader Facility Damages

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Enclosure

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
08/06/12	<p>Expense incurred as the result of damage to NIPSCO facilities located in the vicinity of 21 Capri Drive, Schererville, Indiana, by the above organization.</p> <p>LABOR: \$ 292.79</p> <p>MATERIAL: 27.75</p> <p>EQUIPMENT: 67.60</p> <p>GAS LOSS: <u>11.12</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL EXPENSE: \$ 399.26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you have any questions regarding this bill, please contact Mary Lechowicz, Leader Facility Damages, at 219-647-4033 or 1-800-884-2684</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	

**Northern Indiana Public Service Company
DAMAGE CLAIM BILL**

CLAIM NO.: 12 2068

JOB ORDER NO.: 569689

DATE: October 05, 2012

Canis Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

36898

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

10/12/2012

nipsco gas line repair for Hivko

399.26



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 27, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCo)

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: Lansing Heating and Air Conditioning

Business address (*number and street*): 17823 Torrence Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Lansing, IL, 60438

Telephone number (*area code*): _____

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 6, 2012

County: Lake

City: Schererville

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
21 Capri Dr

Nearest intersection: Naples Dr

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? 0

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? 18

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