



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Walsh And Kelly**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3746

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 1/2/2013

Damage Date: 8/8/2012

Damage Address: 821 E Lincolnway Ave

City: Valparaiso

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Walsh And Kelly**

Contact: Dan McClure, Project Manager

Address: 1700 East Main St, Griffith, In, 46319

Telephone: (219)545-5534

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): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1207021774, Expired

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Driveway

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during excavation to remove a concrete drive.

Findings: Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/21/2012. The excavator provided notice of excavation on 7/2/12 and damaged the line 37 days later. The gas line was only six (6) inches deep and if the excavator had a valid locate request the result would have been the same but, they would not have the same violation.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation by allowing the locate request to expire.

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

Case Number: 3746

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: Walsh & Kelly, Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Dan McClure

Title (if any): Project Manager

Address (number and street): 1700 E. Main Street

City, State and ZIP Code: Griffith, IN 46319

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-924-5900

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-545-5534

Email Address: danm@walshkelly.com

Facility Information:

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

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: Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS)

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*): Grader/Scrapper

Type of Work Performed (*select one*): Curb/Sidewalk

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: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): 821 E. Lincolnway Avenue _____

City, State and ZIP Code: Valparaiso, IN 46383 _____

Nearest Intersection: Garfield Avenue _____

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

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

Size (Diameter/etc.): _____

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

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

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

Locate Information

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1207021760 _____

- 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: 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

While "digging out" the driveway, the gas service pulled up with the concrete driveway, it was only buried 6" deep.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3746

Your Full Name: Melinda Lawson

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Walsh & Kelly, Inc.

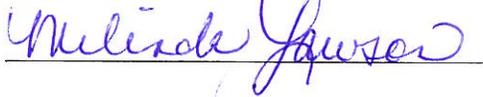
Your Business Title (if applicable): Administrative Assistant

Address (number and street): 1700 E. Main Street

City: Griffith State: IN ZIP Code: 46319

Your E-mail Address: mindyl@walshkelly.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 12/21/12

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Administrative Assistant

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3746
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov



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: Walsh and Kelly

Business address (*number and street*): 1700 East Main St

City, State, and ZIP code: Griffith, IN, 46319

Telephone number (*area code*): (219)545-5534

Fax number (*area code*): (219)924-8768

E-mail address: MINDYL@WALSHKELLY.COM

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Curb/Sidewalk

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 8, 2012

County: Porter

City: Valparaiso

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
821 E Lincolnway Ave

Nearest intersection: Garfield Ave

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Business

Was there a release of product? No

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*): 2.5

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? 6

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207021774

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? 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: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1208081960