



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Steve's Hauling, Excavating & Snow Removal

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3751

Report Date: 8/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/18/2012

Damage Address: 1247 Freedom Pkwy, Winona Lake, Kosciusko

### The Parties

Excavator: **Steve's Hauling, Excavating & Snow Removal**

Address: 3428 Autumn Trl, Warsaw, In 46582

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$187

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207131639

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. The excavator failed to include property next door as an area to be included as a excavation area. The gas operator provided accurate locate markings on the property called in to 811 as the dig area. Excavation continued onto neighboring property not included on the locate ticket.

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

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(out) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred outside requested locate area.**



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 28, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3751  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3751

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: 7/18/2012

Event Location: 1247 Freedom Pkwy

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Steve's Excavating

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3751

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  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
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<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3751</b>	
Date of Event	7/18/2012
Event Location	1247 Freedom Pkwy
Event City	Winona Lake
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Steve's Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Steve's Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	3428 Autumn Trl
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Warsaw, IN 46582
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-527-3215
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<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	
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:morganthompson@usicinc.com">morganthompson@usicinc.com</a>
<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	1247 Freedom Pkwy
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Winona Lake, IN 46590
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Liberty Dr
<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)	N/A
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	N/A
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
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)	X
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	No
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1207131639
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
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Excavator dug outside scope of ticket on adjacent property.  No locates where excavator was digging.  Nipsco emergency repair ticket – 1207181458.</p>	

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120718007

Northern IN

7/18/2012 10:35:00 AM

7/18/2012 11:21:55 AM

NICHOLE Facility Owner

1247 FREEDOM PKWY X LIBERTY DR

WINONA LAKE

ST: IN ZIP:

NOTIFICATION ID:

DISTRICT:

DAMAGE DATE:

NOTIFICATION DATE:

NOTIFIED BY:

DAMAGE ADDRESS:

CITY:

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NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

07/18/2012

INVESTIGATION DATE:

11:50:00

FROM:

12:40:00

TO:

STEVE'S HAULING & EXCAVATING

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:

SEWER INSTALL

TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1207181458

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

7/17/2012 11:30:00 AM

START DATE/TIME:

Routine

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1207181458

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:

7/18/2012 11:15:00 AM

START DATE/TIME:

CLINT SLUSS

PICTURES TAKEN BY:

7/18/2012 12:10:00 PM

DATE/TIME:

Digital

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:

FRAME #:

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117331

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:

CLINT SLUSS

INVESTIGATOR NAME:

**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**

No

## Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120718007  
NIPSCO  
*(optional)*

**NOTIFICATION ID:**  
**SELECT A CUSTOMER:**  
**CUSTOMER #:**

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LOWPROF  
service  
Sluss Clint - 117331

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:**  
**FACILITY ID:**  
**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:**  
**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

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**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**  
Contractor Dug Outside Marking Instructions

**Other:**

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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:**  
CONTRACTOR HIT THE NEXT DOOR SERVICE. TICKET CALLS FOR FRONT OF THE PROP AND HE WENT APX 10FT EAST INTO THE NEXT DOOR PROP TO HOOK INTO THEIR SEWER. I HAD MARKS JUST PAST THE PROP LINE BUT DIDNT MARK THE GAS SERVICE OUT SENCE IT WAS NOT IN THEIR PROP. NO MARKS OR ANYTHING TO SAY THEY WERE DIGING INTO THE NEIGHBORS YARD OR NOTES ON THE LOCATE TICKET. CONTRACTOR HAD CALLED A 2ND NOTICE IN BUT WAS UNABLE TO CALL AND BY THE TIME I SHOWED UP HE HAD ALL READY CUT THE SERVICE

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

**NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**  
DIDNT CALL FOR NEIGHBORS YARD DIDNT KNOW TILL LAST MIN I WOULD HAVE TO GO OVER THAT FAR

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**  
NA

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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?**  
No

**WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?**  
Yes

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE**  
CUT IN HALF

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE**  
2FT

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?**  
No

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?**  
NA

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

WARSAW

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00477 IUPPSa 07/13/2012 11:22:29 1207131639-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1207131639 Date: 07/13/2012 Time: 11:17 Oper: KREED Chan:090

# 3751

State: IN Cnty: KOSCIUSKO Twp: WAYNE  
Cityname: WINONA LAKE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision: HERITAGE LAKE PARK Lot: V10

Address : 1247  
Street : S FREEDOM PKWY  
Cross 1 : LIBERTY DR Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY  
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Grids : 4112A8547C 4113D8547C 4112A8547B 4113D8547B  
Boundary: n 41.216972 s 41.214462 w -85.792076 e -85.789528

Work type : SEWER TIE IN  
Done for : ROY THOMAS  
Start date: 07/17/2012 Time: 11:30 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : STEVES HAULING & EXCAVATING Type: CONT  
Co addr : 3428 EAST AUTUMN TRAIL  
City : WARSAW State: IN Zip: 46582  
Caller : STEVE CLAMPITT Phone: (574)527-3215  
Contact : STEVE CLAMPITT - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)527-3215  
Fax : (574)269-1560  
Email : STEVECLAMPITT@YAHOO.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: 07/13/2012 Time: 11:17  
Members: COMCN ID2034 ID2933 ID7362 NIPSCO SM ID5857



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 21, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Robert A. Hayward

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

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Steve's Excavating

Business address (*number and street*): 3428 Autumn Trl

City, State, and ZIP code: Warsaw, IN 46582

Telephone number (*area code*): 574-527-3215

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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**Date and Location of Damage**Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 18, 2012

County: Kosciusko

City: Winona Lake

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
1247 Freedom Pkwy

Nearest intersection: Liberty Dr

Right of way where damage occurred: Dedicated Public Utility Easement

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*): 3

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207131639

Was the locate request completed within two working days? No

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: Contractor dug early before locates due. \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

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

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: Other

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### **Additional Comments**

Contractor dug early before locates were due.  
Nipsco Emergency Repair Ticket # 1207181458

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

\*\* COMPLETE FORM FOR ALL DAMAGES TO NIPSCO FACILITIES \*\*

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Goshen MAXIMO WO # M511411 + M511334
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Joe Cole JOB ORDER # 557457
TRACKING NUMBER LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT July - 18, 2012, 09:31 M DATE OF REPORT 7-18-12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 12417 Freedom Pkwy, Winona Lake, In 46590

DAMAGE WAS TO:
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # N/A SIZE N/A YEAR INSTALLED N/A BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )
OTHER (DESCRIBE) N/A

GAS: SERVICE X MAIN ( ) SIZE 5/8 MATERIAL: PLASTIC X STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )
OTHER (DESCRIBE)

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES X NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO X EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # NO X

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES X NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 09:31 TIME RESTORED 12:30

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1"

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES ( ) DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS NO X
HOW LOCATED: PAINT ( ) FLAGS ( ) BOTH ( ) WHITE LINED ( )

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Steve's Excavating

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) Warsaw, In 574-527-3215

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Steve Clampitt

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS N/A

WITNESS REMARKS N/A

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY N/A REPORT # N/A

FIRE ( ) AGENCY N/A REPORT # N/A

OTHER ( ) N/A Any Injuries? ( ) YES # NO X

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO ( ) TAKEN BY: N/A (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO ( )

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AGRICULTURE/FARMING ( ) CABLE TV ( ) CURB/SIDEWALK ( ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS
( ) BLDG CONSTRUCTION ( ) DEMOLITION ( ) DRAINAGE ( ) WATER
( ) DRIVEWAY ( ) ELECTRIC ( ) SURVEYING ( ) DRAINS/CULVERTS
( ) FENCING ( ) GRADING ( ) IRRIGATION ( ) MOWING
( ) LANDSCAPING ( ) PIPELINE ( ) MILLING ( ) OTHER
( ) POLE/SIGN POST ( ) ROAD WORK ( ) SEWER

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AUGER ( ) HAND TOOLS X BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
( ) MILLING EQUIPMENT ( ) PROBING DEVICE ( ) BORING / DRILLING
( ) EXPLOSIVES ( ) TRENCHER ( ) FARM EQUIPMENT
( ) VACCUUM EQUIPMENT ( ) GRADER ( ) OTHER

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
( ) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT X EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
( ) NO NOTIFICATION ( ) MARKS DISTURBED ( ) STUB ( ) OTHER

COMMENTS:

Contractor was digging without locates and went in hole and clamped gas line  
Please give contractor (Max. billing)

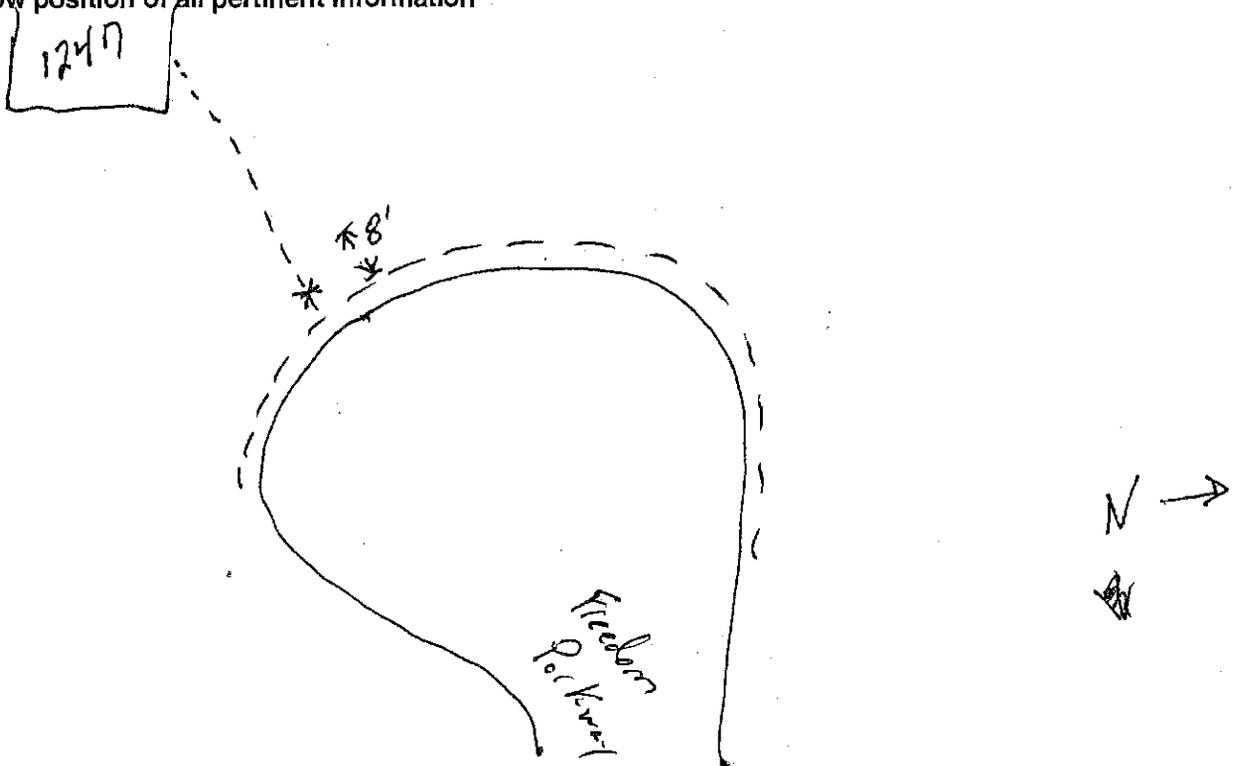
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Scott McDonald

FIELD SUPERVISOR Mark Kusley

FIELD MANAGER Rick Gray

- ORIGINAL REPORT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO FACILITY DAMAGE RECOVERY
- COPY OF REPORT IS TO BE SENT TO DAMAGE PREVENTION

SKETCH: - Show position of all pertinent information



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- DID EXCAVATION OCCUR BEFORE LOCATES WERE DUE      YES      NO
- NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN      YES      NO
- DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24" ZONE      YES      NO
- EXPIRED LOCATE      YES      NO
- WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST      YES      NO

COMPLETED BY: McDonald      DATE: 7/18/12  
Kusley



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

February 15, 2013

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Date of Event: 7/18/12  
Event Location: 1247 Freedom Pkwy, Winona Lake  
Excavator: Steve's Hauling, Excavating & Snow Removal  
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. 3751 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated January 16, 2013. NIPSCO has investigated the incident and the previous submissions to the Commission, and has discovered a contradiction in the information initially submitted.

NIPSCO's initial online submission inaccurately indicated that the excavation had been performed before the due date of the locate request. The USIC Fact Based Investigation correctly determined that the excavation was timely, but had strayed across the property line beyond the scope of the ticket. Attached is an additional photograph that documents that, consistent with the locate ticket and the map drawn on the NIPSCO field report.



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 7/18/2012 12:00:06 PM

If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
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City: Winona Lake \_\_\_\_\_

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**INFORMATION REQUEST**  
State Form 54909 (2-12)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 3751

*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: Stue's Hauling, Excavating & Snow Removal

Responsible Party Personal Name: Stue Clampitt

Title (if any): Owner

Address (number and street): 3428 E. Autumn Trl

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw IN 46582

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-527-3215

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 574-527-3215

Email Address: stueclampitt@yahoo.com

**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: 811 \_\_\_\_\_

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): mini Excavator

Type of Work Performed (select one): Sewer tie-in

**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): 1247 Freedom Pkwy

City, State and ZIP Code: Winona Lake In 46590

Nearest Intersection: Liberty Dr.

**Product Type (select one):**

**Facility Type (select one):**

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/8"

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): \$ 187.00

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: 120713/639

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**

Called In Locate and gave proper notice. Received emails stated property was located. Proceeded to do Job, show up locate not marked, marked wrong property. called Bill again and they said they would send someone right out. No show by then had to proceed was on a very tight schedule at the time. Locate guy finally shows after line broke and told he didn't mark that property cause he thought I was not working on that property. Locate company just did not locate the address I requested.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3751  
Your Full Name: Stephen S. Clappitt  
Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Steve's Hauling & Exc. & Snow Removal  
Your Business Title (if applicable): Owner / Operator  
Address (number and street): 3428 E. Autumn Trl  
City: Warsaw State: In ZIP Code: 46582  
Your E-mail Address: Steve.clappitt@yahoo.com  
  
Today's Date (month, day, year): 12/19/2012  
Your Signature: Stephen S. Clappitt Title (if any) Owner

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division - Case Number 3751  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)