



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Krzyszto Bogucki**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3798

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 3/7/13

Damage Date: 9/10/2012 7:39:37 PM

Damage Address: 2714 Doretta St

City: Portage

County: Porter

### The Parties

Excavator: **Krzyszto Bogucki**

Contact:

Address: 304 Eastmeare, Kentland, In 47951

Telephone: 219-218-3176

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: Sewer

**Synopsis:** A natural gas line was damaged during excavation to repair a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The homeowner hired a contractor to repair a sewer line and was trying to save some labor cost by excavating the line for the contractor.

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

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

February 1, 2013

*Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3798  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3798

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: 9/10/2012

Event Location: 2714 Doretta St

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Krzysztos Bogucki

Other Party: N/A

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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  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
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Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3798</b>	
Date of Event	9/10/2012
Event Location	2714 Doretta St
Event City	Portage
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Krzyszto Bogucki
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Krzyszto Bogucki
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	304 Eastmere
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Kentland, IN 47951
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	312-953-9333
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	219-218-3176
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	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	2714 Doretta St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Portage, IN 46368
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
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) (\$)	
<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	
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)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
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)	
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
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)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
Homeowner struck service line with a shovel. No locate requested.	

**Fact Based Investigation Report**

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120910014                      DISTRICT: Northern IN  
DAMAGE DATE: 9/10/2012 7:39:54 PM              NOTIFICATION DATE: 9/10/2012 7:45:11 PM  
NOTIFIED BY: CHRIS BOGUCKI  
DAMAGE ADDRESS: 2714 DORETTA ST  
CITY: PORTAGE                      ST: IN    ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 09/10/2012  
FROM: 19:15:00                      TO: 19:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: Homeowner  
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Repair sewer pipe

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:                      START DATE/TIME:  
TYPE OF TICKET:                      LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A: Yes

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1209103928                      START DATE/TIME: 9/10/2012 7:35:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Tim McNally              DATE/TIME: 9/10/2012 7:05:00 PM  
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital                      FRAME #: 1

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 134730                      INVESTIGATOR NAME: Tim McNally  
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120910014  
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO  
CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF FACILITY ID: Gas Service  
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:  
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN: Yes

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:  
No Locate Req. By Contractor

Other:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):  
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,  
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:  
Homeowner digging in yard did not have a previous locate request. Hit gas service with a shovel.

**NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**  
Nipsco crew on site from Gary Dist. made the repairs.

**NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**  
Homeowner on site.

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**  
N/A

**WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?** No

**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** cut plastic gas service

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE** splice kit.

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

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?** shovel

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

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

NIPSCO 01261 IUPPSa 09/10/2012 19:39:54 1209103928-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1209103928 Date: 09/10/2012 Time: 19:29 Oper: KLEWIS Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: PORTAGE  
Cityname: PORTAGE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

CASE: 3798

Address : 2714  
Street : DORETTA ST  
Cross 1 : FALLEN TIMBERS AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE BACK YARD  
:  
Grids : 4134C8709A  
Boundary: n 41.574261 s 41.571838 w -87.165794 e -87.164268

Work type : REPLACE SEWER WATER PIPE  
Done for : BOGUCKI  
Start date: 09/10/2012 Time: 19:35 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : KRZYSZTOS BOGUCKI Type: HOME  
Co addr : 304 EASTMEARE  
City : KENTLAND State: IN Zip: 47951  
Caller : CHRIS BOGUCKI Phone: (312)953-9333  
Contact : CHRIS BOGUCKI - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (219)218-3176  
Email : CBOGUCKI@IUN.EDU

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER CHRIS- HIT NIPSCO GAS LINE IN THE BACK YARD - IT IS BLOWING - UNKNOWN SIZE  
COLOR AND MATERIAL - THEY ARE ON SITE - HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED NIPSCO AND 911 -  
NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 09/10/2012 Time: 19:29  
Members: COMCN ID2227 ID2986 ID8000 NIPSCO SM



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 3798

*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: Maglish Plumbing and Heating & Electric (Dan)

Responsible Party Personal Name: Chris Bogucki

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

Address (number and street): 304 Eastmeare St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Kentland, IN 47951

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): (219)218-3176

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

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

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Maglish

Responsible Party Personal Name: Dan

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

Address (number and street): 310 W. U.S. Hwy 6 Suite B2

City, State and ZIP Code: Valparaiso, IN 46385

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-764-8200

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): Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed (select one): Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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

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

Business/Organization Name: Maglish Plumbing and Heating 310 W. U.S. Hwy 6 Suite B2 Valparaiso, IN 46385

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): 2714 Doretta St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Portage, IN 46368

Nearest Intersection: Airport Rd. and Fallen Timbers Ave

Product Type (select one): Natural Gas

Facility Type (select one): Unknown/Other

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

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**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: 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

The sewer was backing up in the bathroom. Maglish was called to take care of the problem. Dan from Maglish diagnosed the problem as a bad sewer pipe in the back yard. Dan from Maglish told me (Chris Bogucki) that if I do the digging myself he will take almost 40% off the bill. He instructed me EXACTLY where to dig, how deep and how wide. At no point did he advise me to call 811 or did he warn of ANY gas lines or other potentially dangerous hazards. I asked my father (Krzysztof Bogucki) to help me dig the next day. After I told my father the exact area that needed to be dug up as per Dan of Maglish my father started digging at the site. Before I arrived the gas line was accidentally hit. I believe this incident would have been avoided if Dan of Maglish did not give me the option of doing his work. As a professional he should have at least mentioned the protocol and danger of such work. If I would have known the circumstances of the job I would have easily paid him the full price of the service and had him dig the ground. Please understand it was not my intention to cause such a dangerous situation to the community. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the professional to warn a further more not insist the customer perform such dangerous tasks. If you have any further questions please contact me at 219-218-3176.

Maglish Invoice # 0000013344

Thank You, Chris Bogucki

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3798

Your Full Name: Chris Bogucki

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Business Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 304 Eastmeare St.

City: Kentland State: IN ZIP Code: 47951

Your E-mail Address: cbogucki@iun.edu

Today's Date (month, day, year): 12-25-2012

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

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3798**  
**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)