



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Walsh And Kelly

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3814

Report Date: 6/26/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/12/2012 5:51:40 PM

Damage Address: Elm Rd, Granger, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Walsh And Kelly**

Address: 24358 In Rt 23, South Bend, In 46614

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Grader/Scraper

Type of Work Performed: Milling

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 3

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209050718

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION -- TRAVEL NORTH ON ELM ROAD FOR APPROX 750 FEET -- LOCATE FROM RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY GOING NORTH FOR APPROX 600 FEET ON ELM ROAD ENDING AT BRUSH TRAIL

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing road milling work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/21/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide a locate of the underground facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide facility locate marking as required by law.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 28, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3814
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3814

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: 9/12/2012

Event Location: Elm Rd

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Walsh And Kelly

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3814

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
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3814	
Date of Event	9/12/2012
Event Location	Elm Rd
Event City	Granger
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Walsh And Kelly
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Walsh and Kelly
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Nick Relias
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	24358 IN RT 23
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46614
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-532-9056
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	JIMZ@WALSHKELLY.COM
FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:	
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
LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION	
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	morganthompson@usicinc.com
OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
UTILITY LINE IMPACT	
LOCATION OF DAMAGE	
ADDRESS	Elm St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Granger, IN 46614
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Adams
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	3
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	Y
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	2
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	X
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
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	X
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1209123742
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1209050718
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>USIC did not mark facility.</p> <p>Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1209123757</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120912015

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 9/12/2012 5:51:55 PM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 9/12/2012 5:55:15 PM

NOTIFIED BY: JIM ZIOLA

DAMAGE ADDRESS: ELM RD

CITY: GRANGER

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 09/12/2012

FROM: 18:30:00

TO: 22:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: WALSH AND KELLEY

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Road Construction

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1209050718

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1209123742

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Jeff Crandall

DATE/TIME: 9/12/2012 8:10:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 116375

INVESTIGATOR NAME: Joe Hendrickson

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120912015

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Main

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Waits Travis - 134075

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Relocate Needed,
Other

Other: late to locate

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

Locator Travis called him on Monday morning to see when they were going to start because he was not going to make it in time before the ticket was due. Nick said they would be starting Wednesday morning and it was ok as long as it was marked by then. No info was passed on to Kevin Fox when he came back on Wednesday about the job.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

N/A

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

N/A

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? No

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE Cut gas main

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE N/A

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No N/A

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? N/A

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) SB

NIPSCO 00230 IUPPSa 09/05/2012 08:53:59 1209050718-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1209050718 Date: 09/05/2012 Time: 08:52 Oper: JELEWITZ Chan:086

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: HARRIS
Cityname: GRANGER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Case: 3819

Address :

Street : ELM RD

Cross 1 : ADAMS RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION -- TRAVEL NORTH ON ELM ROAD FOR APPROX 750 FEET -- LOCATE FROM RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY GOING NORTH FOR APPROX 600 FEET ON ELM ROAD ENDING AT BRUSH TRAIL

:

Grids : 4145C8608C

Boundary: n 41.757553 s 41.754471 w -86.140633 e -86.139153

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Done for : ST JOSEPH COUNTY

Start date: 09/07/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : WALSH AND KELLY Type: CONT

Co addr : 24358 IN RT 23

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46614

Caller : JIM ZIOLA Phone: (574)288-4811

Contact : NICK RELIAS - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)532-9056

Fax : (574)289-7174

Email : JIMZ@WALSHKELLY.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

:

Submitted date: 09/05/2012 Time: 08:52

Members: AEPIN COMCN NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NIPSCO 01311 IUPPSa 09/12/2012 17:51:55 1209123742-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1209123742 Date: 09/12/2012 Time: 17:50 Oper: MWALLACE Chan:043

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: HARRIS
Cityname: GRANGER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

CASE 13819

Address :

Street : ELM RD

Cross 1 : ADAMS RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION -- TRAVEL NORTH ON ELM ROAD FOR APPROX 750
FEET -- LOCATE FROM RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY GOING NORTH FOR APPROX 600 FEET
ON ELM ROAD ENDING AT BRUSH TRAIL

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Grids : 4145C8608C

Boundary: n 41.757553 s 41.754471 w -86.140633 e -86.139153

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Done for : ST JOSEPH COUNTY

Start date: 09/12/2012 Time: 17:50 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : WALSH AND KELLY Type: CONT

Co addr : 24358 IN RT 23

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46614

Caller : JIM ZIOLA Phone: (574)288-4811

Contact : NICK RELIAS - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)532-9056

Fax : (574)289-7174

Email : JIMZ@WALSHKELLY.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

PER NICK --- GAS LINE WAS HIT -- GAS IS BLOWING -- FIRE DEPT ON SITE -- LINE WAS
HIT IN THE INTERSECTION -- LINE IS 2 INCH PLASTIC ORANGE LINE -- CREW IS ON SITE
-- PREV TICKET NUMBER 1209050718 - THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 09/12/2012 Time: 17:50

Members: AEPIN COMCN NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA South Bend MAXIMO WO # 575877
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rich Walgren JOB ORDER # ? 575872
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 091 2015 LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By: USIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT Elm & Chestnut 2012, 17:43 M DATE OF REPORT 9-12-12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 9-12-12 - Elm & Chestnut Granger
ELM & BRUSH TRAIL

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN () SIZE 2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC () STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE)

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 20" PRESSURE (PSI) 35 Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES () NO () IGNITION OF GAS: YES () NO () EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES () NO () # 2

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 3 -> 20:00 - 00:00 - OUT FOR 4 HOURS

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 17:43 TIME RESTORED 06:00 (NEXT DAY)

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 2"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Klink Trucking & Walsh Kelley

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 707 Boy 428 24358 St Rd 23
Ashley Ind 46705 South Bend
260-587-9113 574-288-4811

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Nick Relias (Walsh Kelley) Mark Cox (Klink)

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS no locates Mark & Nick

WITNESS REMARKS

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY REPORT #
FIRE () AGENCY REPORT #
OTHER () Any Injuries? () YES # () NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO () TAKEN BY: (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 () 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 () EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE () CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
() NO NOTIFICATION () MARKS DISTURBED () STUB () OTHER

COMMENTS:

GPS NOT LOCATED - Gravelly road in preparation
for paving

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Lucy Trew

FIELD SUPERVISOR

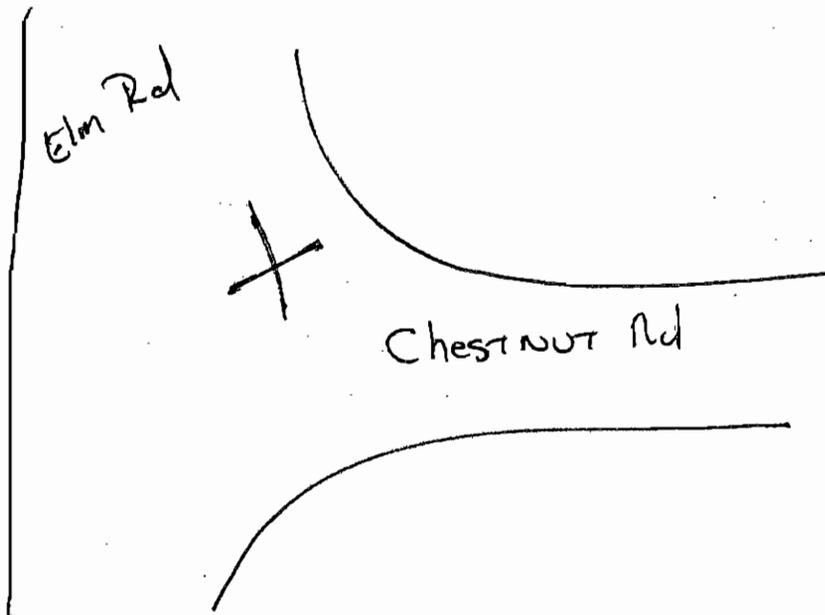
Rich Whalgreen

FIELD MANAGER

Rick Grey

- 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:

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|---|-----|----|
| • 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: _____ DATE: _____



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 3814

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: Nick Relias

Title (if any): Project Manager

Address (number and street): 24358 SR 23

City, State and ZIP Code: South Bend, IN 46614

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-288-4811

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 574-532-9056

Email Address: nickr@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): Milling Equipment

Type of Work Performed (select one): Road Work

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

Personal Contact: _____

Business/Organization Name: Klink Trucking, Inc.

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): P.O. Box 428

City, State and ZIP Code: Ashley, IN 46705

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-587-9113

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): Elm Road

City, State and ZIP Code: Granger, IN

Nearest Intersection: Between Adams and Chestnut

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

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

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

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: 1209050708, 0718, 0755, 0767, 0778 

- 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

Please note Walsh & Kelly, Inc. DID NOT hit any lines, we were the Prime Contractor and Klink Trucking was our subcontractor on the project that hit NIPSCO facilities. Walsh & Kelly, Inc. called in the damage and Walsh & Kelly, Inc. also called in the locates which were not done.

Please see attached comments from our project manager.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3814

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: Melinda Lawson Title (if any) Administrative Assistant

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3814
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Mindy Lawson

From: Nick Relias
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 7:24 AM
To: Mike Schaum; Jim J. Ziola Jr.
Cc: Dustin Hilary; Mindy Lawson; Jeff Swan; Roger Knip
Subject: RE: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Below is the email that I sent to Mike and Gerry back when the line was hit. I sent this email the morning following the incident. Let me know what else might be needed.

Last night our sub Klink hit an unmarked 2" Gas line. We filled out a hit utility report that Gerry seemed unsure if we needed to but we decided to have it. W&K had locates on file (1209050708,0718,0755,0767,&0778) They were clear for 9-7-12 @ 9:15. The locator called me on my cell Monday morning stating that he was running behind. I told him that we were starting on Wed and he assured he would have it done. On to the story: Klink @ 5:30 hit the unmarked 2" gas line. I first called nipsco, then 911, then 811 all protocol. I then contacted Gerry approx 5:45ish. We filled out the report. I took a photograph later on 9ish of the report and texted it to Gerry. The fire dept showed up around 5:55. Nipsco showed up around 7. Locator showed up around 8 -8:30. He located everything except the electric. Nipsco called in a second emergency request and finally at 9:45 he(electric locator) showed up. Nipsco at 10:00 began to excavate to shut the line off for repair. I then went home. We had John Scott and Scott Ditmire on site until 12. We had to get the road back into passable condition. The neighborhood was constantly monitored by nipsco. 1 house maybe 2 did not stay in their home. I believe they made the choice because of odor not told to leave for danger. I was asked who to send the bill I told nipsco start with the locate company and he looked at me strange, second Klink and 3rd W&K. Klink did not have locates on file that is why I called it in. I do not think we have any liability but I am not a lawyer. We have incurred a large cost of overtime that I am not sure who we would bill. Please let me know what else we may need.

Thanks,
Nick

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