



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Ed Filley**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 381

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/16/2012

Damage Date: 5/9/2011 4:23:49 PM

Damage Address: 11425 Mckinley Highway

City: Osceola

County: St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Ed Filley**

Contact: Ed Filley

Address: 12550 Day Road, Mishawaka, In 46545

Telephone: 574-250-8960

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: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Fencing

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck a natural gas service line while installing a fence.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811, initial notice was delivered and signed for on 9/26/2011, however they failed to respond. Excavation was done without calling Indiana 811 for locates.

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 prior to excavation.

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

**Ed Filley** currently has no other reports of damage on the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

November 14, 2011

101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 381  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 381

To Whom It May Concern:

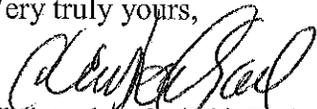
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 5/9/2011  
Event Location: 11425 Mckinley Highway, Osceola  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator: Ed Filley  
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.

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  
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**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST****Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 381**

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Date of Event

5/9/11

Event Location

11425 Mckinley Highway, Osceola

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Ed Filley

Date of IURC Information Request

9/23/11

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS

11425

STREET

McKinley Highway

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Osceola, IN

COUNTY

St Joseph

TOWNSHIP

Penn

PROPERTY OWNER

USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

TENANT'S NAME

IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED

IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

**EXCAVATOR:**

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME

Ed Filley

BUSINESS NAME

ADDRESS

12550

STREET

Day Road

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Mishawaka, IN 46545

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

574-250-8960

SECONDARY TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

[EDKIE@AOL.COM](mailto:EDKIE@AOL.COM)**FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:**

BUSINESS NAME

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE

LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS  
CITY/STATE/ZIP  
PREFERRED TELEPHONE  
SECONDARY TELEPHONE  
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802  
260/439-1290

[LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM](mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM)

**LOCATE MARKS:**

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED  
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED  
DATE OF EVENT  
LOCATE NUMBER  
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER  
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE  
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE  
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY  
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW  
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

No locate requested  
No locate requested  
05/09/11  
No locate requested  
1105094089  
No locate requested  
Unknown  
No locate requested  
No locate requested  
No

**INJURIES:**

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT  
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES  
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED  
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME  
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION  
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED  
DEPARTMENT NAME  
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION  
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

0  
0  
Yes - per damage ticket comment  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation by Ed Filley for fence installation. Excavation was performed without the benefit of locates.

NO  
EXCAVATOR  
RESPONSE  
PROVIDED