



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: City Of Decatur Water Utility

UPPAC Database Record ID: 383

Investigator: Dan Novak

Telephone: 317-232-2781

Report Date: 01/24/2012

Damage Date: 05/10/2011

Damage Address: S 7th Street

City: Decatur

County: Adams

### The Parties

Excavator: **City Of Decatur Water Utility**

Contact: Jim Inskeep, Safety Director

Address: 225 West Monroe Street, Decatur, In 46733

Telephone: 260-724-3814

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1104282328

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas service occurred during work on water system.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator response to initial notice received 12/14/2011. Operator's response states that the main was inaccurately located and marked.

**Conclusion:** Failure to accurately locate the gas main on the part of the operator.

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

**City Of Decatur Water Utility** currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 19, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 383  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 383

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: 5/10/2011  
Event Location: S 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Decatur  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator: City of Decatur Water Utility  
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  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST****Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 383**

Date of Event	5/10/2011
Event Location	S 7th Street, Decatur
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	City of Decatur Water Utility
Date of IURC Information Request	11/18/2011

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS	
STREET	South 7th Street
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Decatur, IN 46733
COUNTY	
TOWNSHIP	
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	
BUSINESS NAME	City of Decatur
ADDRESS	225
STREET	W. Monroe Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Decatur, IN 46733
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

**FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:**

BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE	LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATE MARKS:</b>	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	Unknown
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	Unknown
DATE OF EVENT	05/10/11
LOCATE NUMBER	Unknown
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	Unknown
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	Yes
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	Unknown
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	Unknown
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	Unknown
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	No
<b>INJURIES:</b>	
NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT	0
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES	0
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE	Unknown
DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY	NIPSCO gas main struck and damaged during excavtion. Locate contractor failed to accurately locate facility. Signal bled onto a retired facility resulting in the inaccurate marking.

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NIPSCO 00813 IUPPSa 04/28/2011 15:13:22 1104282328-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1104282328 Date: 04/28/2011 Time: 14:59 Oper: BTHOMPSON Chan:084

State: IN Cnty: ADAMS Twp: WASHINGTON  
Cityname: DECATUR Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : S 7TH ST

Cross 1 : W JEFFERSON ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE A 10 FOOT RADIUS AROUND THE EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT ON THE  
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION

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Grids : 4049B8455B 4049B8455A

Boundary: n 40.828518 s 40.827419 w -84.930145 e -84.928696

Work type : REPAIRING FIRE HYDRANT

Done for : DECATUR WATER DEPARTMENT

Start date: 05/02/2011 Time: 15:15 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : CITY OF DECATUR WATER UTILITY Type: MEMB

Co addr : 225 WEST MONROE STREET

City : DECATUR State: IN Zip: 46733

Caller : BILL CARPENTER Phone: (260)724-7171

Contact : BILL CARPENTER CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)223-5198

Fax : (260)724-7213

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: 04/28/2011 Time: 14:59

Members: AEPIN ID2034 ID3814 ID8822 ID9036 NIPSCO ID5857 SM

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NIPSCO 00174 IUPPSa 05/10/2011 09:01:15 1105100747-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE

Ticket : 1105100747 Date: 05/10/2011 Time: 08:53 Oper: KJPORTER Chan:045

State: IN Cnty: ADAMS Twp: WASHINGTON  
Cityname: DECATUR Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : S 7TH ST

Cross 1 : W JEFFERSON ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF 7TH ST AND W JEFFERSON ST

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Grids : 4049B8455B 4049B8455A

Boundary: n 40.828518 s 40.827419 w -84.930145 e -84.928696

Work type : REPLACE FIRE HYDRANT

Done for : CITY OF DECATUR WATER DEPT

Start date: 05/10/2011 Time: 08:55 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : CITY OF DECATUR WATER UTILITY Type: MEMB

Co addr : 225 WEST MONROE STREET

City : DECATUR State: IN Zip: 46733

Caller : JIM INSKEEP Phone: (260)724-7171

Contact : JIM INSKEEP CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)223-1010

Fax : (260)724-7213

Email : DECATURWATER@YAHOO.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER JIM INSKEEP -- HAS CUT A GAS LINE -- GAS LINE BLOWING -- NIPSCO - GAVE THEM  
NUMBER TO NIPSCO AND ALSO TO CALL 911 AS WELL --SIZE 2INCH GAS MAIN -- COLOR NO  
-CORNER OF 7TH ST AND JEFFERSON ST SOUTH EAST CORNER -- CREW ON SITE NO PREV  
TICKET NUMBER THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

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Submitted date: 05/10/2011 Time: 08:53

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**Information Request**

**Pipeline Safety Division  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

Case No. 383

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

**The Parties:**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: City of Decatur Water  
Responsible Party Personal Name: Jim Inskeep  
Title (if any): Superintendent  
Address: 225 W. Monroe St.  
City, State Zip: 46733  
Preferred Telephone: 260-724-3814  
Cell Phone Number:  
Email Address: decaturwater@yahoo.com

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: City of Decatur Water  
Responsible Party Personal Name:  
Title (if any):  
Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Preferred Telephone: SAME AS ABOVE  
Cell Phone Number:  
Email Address:

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: SM&P Utility Resources  
Responsible Party Personal Name: Tim Seeling  
Title (if any): Vice President  
Address: 1308 Hamilton Crossing Boulevard, Suite 200  
City, State Zip: Carmel, IN 46032  
Preferred Telephone: 1-800-575-5594 1-317-575-7800  
Cell Phone Number:  
Email Address:

**Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:** Decatur Fire Department  
Personal Contact: Les Marckel ( Fire Chief ) Jeff Sheets ( Trainig Captain)

Business/Organization Name: Nipsco Repairmen ? Mike Kinsey, Matt Morgan

Title (if any) NIPSCO

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue

City, State, Zip: Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Preferred Telephone: 260-439-1242

Cell Phone Number: DECATUR FIRE DEPT.

Email Address: <sup>P</sup> 206 S. 7th ST.  
Decatur, IN 46733

206-724-8909

**Utility Line Impact:**

**Location of Damage:**

Address: 7th & Jefferson St.

City, State Zip: Decatur, IN 46733

Nearest Intersection: 7th & Jefferson St.

**Product Type (circle one):**

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

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): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Damage Information:**

**Type of Equipment (circle one):**

Auger

Backhoe/Trackhoe

Boring /Drilling

Directional Drilling

Explosives

Farm Equipment

Grader/Scraper

Hand Tools

Milling Equipment

Probing Device

Trencher

Vacuum Equipment

Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (circle 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

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

**Locate Information:**

Excavator Request Locate: Yes / No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1104282328

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:**

Nipsco was notified of damage. Nipsco representatvie arrived to asses damaged gas line. Gas line was marked improperly. Nipsco reps had trouble making locate with their equipment. Stand pipe was installed after the incident to make future locates. ( Picture Included ) .

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 383

YOUR FULL NAME: Jim Inskeep

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): City of Decatur Water

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): Water Superintendent

ADDRESS: 225 W. Monroe St.

CITY: Decatur STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46733

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (260) 724 - 3814 SECOND NO. (260) 724 - 7171

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: decaturwater@yahoo.com

TODAY'S DATE: 12/12/2011

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any) Water Supt.

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

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Or scan document(s) and Email to:

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05/19/2011

