



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: All Star Construction And Excavating Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3846

Report Date: 9/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/19/2012 5:07:24 PM

Damage Address: Sheridan Ct, Fort Wayne, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **All Star Construction And Excavating Inc**

Address: 5183 East In Rt 114-92, Roanoke, In 46783

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Storm Drain

### 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: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209050009

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: STARTING AT THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE NORTH SIDE INCLUDING THE ROADWAY ON SHERIDAN CT GOING EAST TO - APPROX 1200 FEET TO KIMMEL DR - PLEASE PAINT AND FLAG ALL SERVICES AND MAINS TO ALL HOMES AND EMPTY LOTS

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide facility locate markings

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide facility locate markings.

**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 29, 2012

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3846  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3846

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: 9/19/2012

Event Location: Sheridan Ct

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: All Star Construction And Excavating Inc

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  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3846</b>	
Date of Event	9/19/2012
Event Location	Sheridan Ct
Event City	Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	All Star Construction And Excavating Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	All Star Construction and Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Edward Foss
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	5183 East IN RT 114-92
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Roanoke, IN 46783
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260-413-8271
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	ALL.STARCONSTRUCTION@YAHOO.COM
<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	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	1206 Sheridan Ct
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46801
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
<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"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<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)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	X
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1209193176
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1209050009
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)	Y
<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
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
Facility marking or location not sufficient.	

**Fact Based Investigation Report**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120919018                      **DISTRICT:** Northern IN  
**DAMAGE DATE:** 9/19/2012 5:05:00 PM      **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 9/19/2012 5:08:49 PM  
**NOTIFIED BY:** NICOLE Facility Owner  
**DAMAGE ADDRESS:** 1206 SHERDIAN CT  
**CITY:** FORT WAYNE      **ST:** IN      **ZIP:**

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**DAMAGED CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO

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**INVESTIGATION DATE:** 09/19/2012  
**FROM:** 00:00:00    **TO:** 00:05:00

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**EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:** ALL STAR  
**TYPE OF EXCAVATION:** SWER

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**ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:** 1209050009                      **START DATE/TIME:**  
**TYPE OF TICKET:** Ongoing Project              **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

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**DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:** M64573774                      **START DATE/TIME:**

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**PICTURES TAKEN** CHRIS                      **DATE/TIME:** 9/19/2012 12:00:00  
**BY:** RUMBAUGH    AM  
**PHOTOGRAPHY**    **FRAME #:**  
**TYPE:** Digital

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**INVESTIGATOR EMP#:** 113185                      **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** ROSS GILLESPIE  
**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?** Possibly

**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

**NOTIFICATION ID:** 01820120919018  
**SELECT A CUSTOMER:** NIPSCO  
**CUSTOMER #:** (optional)

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**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:** LOWPROF                      **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service  
**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:** Jones Karl - 131772  
**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

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**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**  
Other

**Other:** Not Marked

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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

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**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

ONGOING PROJECT, TECH MISSED 1 SERVICE OUT OF ABOUT 45

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

NA

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

NA

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

NA

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**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** PL 1/2 SERVICE

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE** 1

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

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?** BACKHOE

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

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

NIPSCO 00933 IUPPSa 09/19/2012 17:18:33 1209050009-01A NORM 2NDR GRID

SECOND NOTICE 2ND NOTICE

Ticket : 1209050009 Date: 09/19/2012 Time: 17:08 Oper: RJOHNSON Chan:002  
Old Tkt: 1209050009 Date: 09/05/2012 Time: 05:23 Oper: NPICKEREL Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE  
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

CASE: 3846

Address :

Street : SHERIDAN CT

Cross 1 : OLD MILL RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE NORTH SIDE INCLUDING THE  
ROADWAY ON SHERIDAN CT GOING EAST TO - APPROX 1200 FEET TO KIMMEL DR - PLEASE  
PAINT AND FLAG ALL SERVICES AND MAINS TO ALL HOMES AND EMPTY LOTS

\*\*\*Boring Where = ENTIRE PROJECT

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Grids : 4102A8509D 4102A8509C

Boundary: n 41.048557 s 41.047394 w -85.157822 e -85.152351

Work type : INSTALLING STORM SEWER

Done for : CITY OF FORT WAYNE

Start date: 09/07/2012 Time: 07:00 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 120 DAYS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : ALL STAR CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATING INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 5183 EAST IN RT 114-92

City : ROANOKE State: IN Zip: 46783

Caller : EDWARD FOSS Phone: (260)672-2821

Contact : EDWARD FOSS - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)413-8271

Fax : (260)672-8268

Email : ALL.STARCONSTRUCTION@YAHOO.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER EDWARD FOSS--STILL NEED NIPSCO TO RESPOND TO THE TICKET AND MARK THE  
PROPERTY

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

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Submitted date: 09/19/2012 Time: 17:08

Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00926 IUPPSa 09/19/2012 17:07:25 1209193176-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1209193176 Date: 09/19/2012 Time: 17:04 Oper: RJOHNSON Chan:002

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE  
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

*CASE: 3846*

Address :

Street : SHERIDAN CT

Cross 1 : OLD MILL RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE NORTH SIDE INCLUDING THE ROADWAY ON SHERIDAN CT GOING EAST TO - APPROX 1200 FEET TO KIMMEL DR - PLEASE PAINT AND FLAG ALL SERVICES AND MAINS TO ALL HOMES AND EMPTY LOTS

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

Duration : 120 DAYS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : ALL STAR CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATING INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 5183 EAST IN RT 114-92

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Mobile : (260)413-8271

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Email : ALL.STARCONSTRUCTION@YAHOO.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED--NIPSCO IS THE UTILITY COMPANY INVOLVED--GAS LINE IS NOT BLOWING--LINE IS DAMAGED IN THE FRONT PARKWAY OF 1206 SHERIDIAN CT--3/4 INCH PLASTIC LINE--HAVE NOT CALLED 911--CREW IS ON SITE--HAVE CALLED NIPSCO TO REPORT THE DAMAGED LINE--PREVIOUS TICKET 1209050009

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

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Submitted date: 09/19/2012 Time: 17:04

Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Fort Wayne MAXIMO WO# M561922  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Jason Haner JOB ORDER# 993205208  
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 0919 018 LOCATE REF# \_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Performed By: USIC C15993205208

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT Sept. 19 2012 1700 P DATE OF REPORT 9-19-12  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 1206 Sheridan Ct Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46807

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

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.  
RELEASE OF GAS: YES  NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO  EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # \_\_\_\_\_ NO   
INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES  NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: one  
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 1700 TIME RESTORED 1930 Time Spent off: 17:00  
DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: cut thru

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) All Star Construction #260-672-2821  
ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 5183 E. state Rd 114 Roanoke In 46783

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Scott Tracy  
WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS Tom Gatson

WITNESS REMARKS Gas service was cut and pinched off.  
AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER ( ) None 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 \_\_\_\_\_