



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Dave Omara Contractor**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3850

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 3/7/2013

Damage Date: 9/20/2012 9:38:14 AM

Damage Address: In Rt 11

City: Seymour

County: Jackson

### The Parties

Excavator: **Dave Omara Contractor**

Contact: Rachel Rice

Address: 1100 East O And M Avenue, North Vernon, In 47265

Telephone:

Facility Owner: Vectren

Contact: Darlene Kulhanek

Address: 1 N Main Street, Evansville, IN 47702

### 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): \$1907

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

Excavator request locates: Yes    Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1209140306

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

**Synopsis:** Damage to a natural gas service occurred during a procedure for drainage.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The gas operator reported a service line was compromised from mechanical equipment instead of excavation with hand tools within two (2) feet of the underground facility

**Conclusion:** Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**



**DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION**

State Form 54122 (R2/7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

INITIAL DOCUMENTS -  
OPERATOR  
CASE 3850

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: 12-7-2012

**Who is submitting this information?**

Name of person providing this information: Darlene Kulhanek

Business address (*number and street*): 1 Main Street

City, State, and ZIP code: Evansville, IN 47711

Telephone number (*area code*): 812-491-4227

Fax number (*area code*): 812-491-4504

E-mail address: dkulhanek@vectren.com

**Excavator Information, if known**

Full name: Dave Omara Contractor

Business address (*number and street*): Box 1139, 1100 E O&M Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: N. Vernon, IN 47265

Telephone number (*area code*): 812-346-4135

Fax number (*area code*): 812-352-1235

E-mail address: Unknown

**Excavation or Demolition Information**

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (month, day, year): 9-19-2012

County: Jackson

City: Seymour

Street address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code):  
1838 N Ewing Street, Seymour, IN

Nearest intersection: Unknown

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (in hours): 3

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 1,907.05

**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 48

**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1209140337

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USLC \_\_\_\_\_

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: None \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

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### Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

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### Additional Comments

1" plastic service severed by hoe. Not hand exposed.



2 VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - NORTH

**NOW DUE**  
\$1,907.05

OMARA, DAVE CONSTRUCTION  
BOX 1139, 1100 E O&M AVE,  
NORTH VERNON, IN 47265

Type: GAS  
Invoice: FDS0016960  
BillToID: 32601  
Billing Date: 10/30/2012  
Date of Loss: 9/19/2012  
5928 103.0510

Please return this portion with your remittance.



Mail Payment To:  
Vectren Utilities Holdings  
1239 Reliable Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60686-0012  
Inquiries: 1-877-902-2934, Mon -Fri., 8-5  
Risk Management/Claims Department

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**Invoice For Costs to Repair and Reconstruct Damaged Property**

Address: 1838 N EWING ST, SEYMOUR

1" PLASTIC SERVICE SEVERED BY HOE. NOT HAND EXPOSED.

Material:	\$295.05
Company Labor:	\$1,283.13
Contract Labor:	\$0.00
Transportation/Equipment:	\$202.19
Misc:	\$0.00
Gas Loss:	\$126.68
Adjustments:	\$0.00
Payments:	\$0.00
Total:	\$1,907.05

5928 103.0510

Remember, call two (2) working days before digging. Contact I.U.P.P.S. at 1-800-382-5544.

Veetren Claim Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FDS0016960

Task No. 103-570 Capital / O & M (circle one)

Police Report / MO #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Damage 9/11/12

Veetren Claims Camera: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Center # 5928 GD / pm

### FACILITIES DAMAGE REPORT

Time Found 10:35 am / pm

Latitude 38.983770 Longitude: -85.891020

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DAMAGE SITE: 1838

GAS

Address 1838 N E WINDLE ST Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY TYPE:

- Distribution
- Propane
- Service
- Storage
- Transmission: (include supplemental report)

County Jackson City Seymour State IN Township REBDING

FACILITIES DAMAGED: ORIFICE SIZE(S): (1) (2) (3)

- Farm Tap
- Heater
- Main
- Meter (Residential)
- Meter (Industrial / Commercial)
- Odorizer
- Regulator Station
- Relief Valve
- Riser
- Service Line
- Valve
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- VISUAL OBSERVATION AT DAMAGE SITE: 9/30
- Visual Observation:
- Above Ground
  - Below Ground
  - Locate Applicable:  Yes  No
  - Facilities Properly Marked:  Yes  No
  - Marking Methods:  Conventional  Flags  None
  - Locate Marking Faded:  Paint  Stakes  Whiskers
  - Wrong Address Requested:  Yes  No

Facilities Improperly Located:

- Qualified Locator Could Not Have Accurately Located
- Inaccurate Maps / Cards
- Broken or No Tracer Wire (Plastic)
- Insulation Preventing Accurate Locate

Locator Error:

- Failure to Follow Policy
- Inappropriate Site Markings
- Incomplete Locate
- No Locates Performed
- Qualified Locator Could Have Accurately Located
- Wrong Address Located
- Marking Off By: \_\_\_\_\_ (Feet / Inches)

TYPE OF MATERIAL: DAMAGE TYPE:

- Cast Iron
- Plastic (HDPE)
- Plastic (MDPE)
- Steel
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

PRESSURE:

- 25 PSIG
- 40 PSIG
- 50 PSIG
- 55 PSIG
- 60 PSIG
- 6 WC (2163)
- 7 WC (252)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

PROTECTION IN PLACE:

- Building
- Fence
- Post
- Rail
- Vault
- N/A
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

DURATION OF ESCAPING GAS:

Minutes: 1 Hour

EPV Activated  Yes  No  N/S

LEAK REPORT NUMBER: 301743

FEED TYPE:

- One-Way Feed
- Two-Way Feed

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Total Hours Service Was Off: 3 1/2 hrs

SERVICE ORDER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:

- Agriculture
- Building Construction
- Building Demolition
- Cable TV
- Curb / Sidewalk
- Drainage
- Driveway
- Electric
- Engineering / Surveying
- Fencing
- Grading
- Irrigation
- Landscaping
- Liquid Pipeline
- Milling
- Pole
- Natural Gas
- Public Transit Authority
- Railroad Maintenance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATIONS AND OTHER DETAILS OF LOCATE:

- Locate Ticket: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm
- TYPE OF REQUEST:  Emergency Request
- Regular Request
- Locate Company Notified
- Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Time Called: \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm
- Time Locator Arrived at the Site: \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm
- Company Notified of Locate Near Critical Facilities:  Yes  No  N/S

Copy of Mark Out Request Provided Within 2 Working Days  Yes  No  N/S

WORKING FOR:

- City
- County
- Developer
- State
- Property Owner
- Utility

ONE-CALL CENTER:

- IUPPS
- OUPS
- Unknown

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**TYPE OF EQUIPMENT:**

- Auger
- Backhoe / Track hoe
- Boring
- Drilling
- Explosives
- Farm Equipment
- Grader / Scraper
- Hand Tools
- Milling Equipment
- Plow
- Probing Device
- Trencher
- Vacuum Equipment
- Vehicle
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOT DAMAGING CAUSE:**

- Abandoned Facility
- Deteriorated Facility
- Facility Could Not be Found / Located
- Facility Was Not Located / Marked
- Failure to Maintain Clearance
- Failure to Maintain Marks
- Failure to Support Exposed Facility
- Failure to Use Hand Tools Where Required
- Improper Backfilling
- Incorrect Records / Maps
- Marking or Location Not Sufficient
- No Notification Made to One-Call
- One-Call Notification Error
- Previous Damage
- Wrong Information Provided
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR REPAIRS:**

- Contractor Working for Vectren Made Repairs at Own Expense
  - Yes  No  N/S
- Contractor Repaired Damage
  - Yes  No  N/S

Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Regular Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Overtime Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Regular Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crew Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**MATERIALS OR ROAD WORK:**

- Meter was replaced \_\_\_\_\_ (Stores Code)
- Regulator Was Replaced \_\_\_\_\_ (Stores Code)
- Temporary Asphalt Repair: \_\_\_\_\_ (sq. ft.)
- Permanent Asphalt Repair: \_\_\_\_\_ (sq. ft.)

**RIGHT OF WAY:**

- Dedicated Utility Easement
- Federal Utility Easement
- Pipeline
- Power / Transmission Line
- Private - Business
- Private - Easement
- Private - Land Owner
- Public - County Road
- Public - Interstate Highway
- Public - Other
- Public - State Highway
- Public - City Street
- Unknown

Did Excavator Notify You  Yes  No

Excavation Required  Yes  No

Media at Site  Yes  No

Was There Ignition of Gas?  Yes  No

INVOICE:

- Yes  No  N/S

**DAMAGING PARTY:**  
 Name: DMARK  
 Address: 1100 Old M Ave  
 City/ State/ Zip: 1100 Old M Ave In 47826  
 Phone: (813) 346-4135  
 Prepared / Investigated By: David Williams Date: 8-19-12

**PARTY TO INVOICE:**  
 Name: DMARK  
 Address: 100 Old M Ave  
 City/ State/ Zip: 1100 Old M Ave In 47826  
 Phone: (813) 346-4135  
 Reviewed by Field Supervisor: Bob Smith Date: 9/25/12

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK

Ticket : 1209140337 Date: 09/14/2012 Time: 08:11 Oper: RACHEL.RICE Chan:000  
 Old Tkt: 1208290165 Date: 08/29/2012 Time: 07:29 Oper: RACHEL.RICE Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: JACKSON Twp: REDDING  
 Cityname: SEYMOUR Inside: N Near: Y  
 Subdivision:

Address : 1825  
 Street : N EWING ST  
 Cross 1 : CO RT 700 N Within 1/4 mile: Y  
 Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE FRONT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AT 1825 N EWING STREET  
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 Grids : 3858A8553C 3859D8553C 3858A8553B 3859D8553B

Work type : INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
 Done for : INDOT  
 Start date: 09/18/2012 Time: 08:30 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM  
 Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
 Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 12 FEET

Company : DAVE OMARA CONTRACTOR Type: CONT  
 Co addr : 1100 EAST O AND M AVENUE  
 City : NORTH VERNON State: IN Zip: 47265  
 Caller : RACHEL RICE Phone: (812)346-4135  
 Contact : KENNY BEEMAN Phone:  
 BestTime:  
 Mobile : (812)592-5288  
 Fax : (812)352-1235  
 Email : RACHELR@DAVEOMARA.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
 REF JOB 113167 R31766 BURKART BLVD - 19  
 REMARK DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND WEATHER  
 Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 09/14/2012 Time: 08:11  
 Members: ID0002 ID1683 ID2981 ID3072 ID4401 ID8000 ID8791 ID9596 SM

Member Name	Facility Types
CINERGY METRONET, INC.	FIBER OPTIC
COMCAST - SEYMOUR	CABLE TV
DUKE ENERGY /FORMERLY CINERGY	ELECTRIC
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE
IN AMERICAN WATER SEYMOUR	
JACKSON COUNTY REGIONAL SEWAGE DISTRICT	SEWER
SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY	SEWER
VECTREN - COLUMBUS	GAS

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# Service Order Status

Enter Service Order Number:  
5370382



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**Banner Instance:** CS03PROD CS01PROD CS02PROD  
**Order Number:** N5370382  
**Order Type:** LEAK  
**Order Status:** Completed

**Customer:** 620363941 - WOODARD EDWARD J  
**Prem:** 5366089 - 1838 N EWING ST

**Technician:** 5874 - Wischmeier, Ryan

**Order Dates and Times**

**Need Date:** 9/19/2012 12:29:00 PM  
**Time Created:** 9/19/2012 12:25:51 PM  
**Time Dispatched:** 9/19/2012 12:25:51 PM  
**Time In Route:** 9/19/2012 12:32:41 PM  
**Time On-Site:** 9/19/2012 12:32:44 PM  
**Tech Complete:** 9/19/2012 1:09:08 PM  
**Time Closed:** 9/19/2012 1:09:08 PM

**Events Performed/Completion Code**

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**Meter Information**

**Current Read Status**  
**Old Meter:** 618 Inactive  
**New Meter:**

**Completion Notes**

READ MTR 618(5874), S/OFF SERVICE. FOUND SERVICE LINE WAS HIT RIGHT AT MAIN. CRE W IS ONSITE TO MAKE LEAK REPAIR. THIS WAS ONLY CUST AFFECTED. LEFT OK.

**Request Notes**

CORRECTED ADDR FOR HIT LINE...ASSIGN TO RYAN...REFER TO ORDER #5370135... THANKS

**MDSI Event Dates and Times**

Event	Date/Time	User
AsnAssignmentManualAck_evt	9/19/2012 12:27:26 PM	Wischmeier, Ryan
AsnAssignmentEnRoute_evt	9/19/2012 12:32:41 PM	Wischmeier, Ryan
AsnAssignmentOnSite_evt	9/19/2012 12:32:44 PM	Wischmeier, Ryan
OrdOrderComplete_evt	9/19/2012 1:09:08 PM	Wischmeier, Ryan

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# Service Order Status

Enter Service Order Number:  

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**Banner Instance:**  CS03PROD  CS01PROD  CS02PROD  
**Order Number:** N5370135  
**Order Type:** LEAK  
**Order Status:** Completed

**Customer:** 600461255 - BURKE KEVIN G  
**Prem:** 5310652 - 1901 N EWING ST

**Technician:** 5874 - Wischmeier, Ryan

**Order Dates and Times**

**Events Performed/Completion Code**

**Need Date:** 9/19/2012 10:36:00 AM  
**Time Created:** 9/19/2012 10:31:44 AM  
**Time Dispatched:** 9/19/2012 10:31:44 AM  
**Time In Route:** 9/19/2012 10:34:55 AM  
**Time On-Site:** 9/19/2012 10:41:53 AM  
**Tech Complete:** 9/19/2012 12:32:38 PM  
**Time Closed:** 9/19/2012 12:32:38 PM

LKOT - CMP

**Meter Information**

**Completion Notes**

**Current ReadStatus** WRONG ADDRESS FOR LEAK TICKET. DISPATCH TO DROP 1838 N EWING FOR CORRECT LEAK AD  
**Old Meter:** 7630 **Active** **DRESS. LEFT OK.**  
**New Meter:**

**Request Notes**

9/19/12- PER KENNETH BEEMAN W/ DAVE OMERA CONT-CELL PH#812-592-5288/ HIT/ BLOW SERV LINE 80-100 YARD AWAY FROM BLDG/ NO GAS ENTER INSIDE/ X-RD- CR 700N/ STORM PIPE WORK/ HIT SMALL EXCAVATOR/ NO PETS / LOC# NA/ ADV PREC..

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