



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Martin Enterprises Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4016

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/10/2012 10:08:22 AM

Damage Address: 6444 Fernwood Ave, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Martin Enterprises Inc**

Address: 4315 Meyer Road, Fort Wayne, In 46806

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: demolition

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: 1210091709

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged during building demolition with a trackhoe.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had requested a locate ticket; however, demolition began prior to the two (2) full working days and determined as no notification.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(prior) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred prior to two working days from request date.



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 31, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4016
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4016

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: 10/10/2012

Event Location: 6444 Fernwood Ave

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Martin Enterprises 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,

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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4016	
Date of Event	10/10/2012
Event Location	6444 Fernwood Ave
Event City	Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Martin Enterprises Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Martin Enterprises Inc
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4315 Meyer Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46806
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260-447-5591
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260-414-7802
EMAIL ADDRESS	ACCOUNTING@MARTININC.NET
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	Same
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	6444 Fernwood Ave
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46809
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Dalevue Dr
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	N
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	X
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y- 1210101019
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1210091709
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Excavator dug before locates were due
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N/A
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	
Excavator dug before locates were due Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1210101044	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121010004

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 10/10/2012 10:08:31 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/10/2012 10:10:17 AM

NOTIFIED BY: KATHY HOGAN

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 6444 FERNWOOD AVE

CITY: FORT WAYNE

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 10/10/2012

FROM: 10:30:00

TO: 11:00:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: MARTIN EXCAVATING

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: demolition

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1210091709

START DATE/TIME: 10/11/2012 12:00:00 PM

TYPE OF TICKET: Routine

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1210101019

START DATE/TIME: 10/10/2012 10:05:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Jesse thomas DATE/TIME: 10/10/2012 10:40:00 AM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 129852

INVESTIGATOR NAME: Jesse Thomas

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121010004

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Thomas Jesse - 129852

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Contractor Dug Before Ticket Due

Other:

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

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

contractor dug before locates were due locate ticket (1210091709) not due until 10/11/12 at 12:00pm contractor hit svc on 10/10/12 at 10:00am due house being torn down nipSCO is going to kill the svc at the main.

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? Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut svc line

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE killing svc at the main

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? backhoe

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) nipsco

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NIPSCO 00555 IUPPSa 10/09/2012 11:45:21 1210091709-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1210091709 Date: 10/09/2012 Time: 11:42 Oper: JSMITH Chan:088

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

Address : 6444
Street : FERNWOOD AVE
Cross 1 : DALEVUE DR Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4101C8510A 4101C8511D
Boundary: n 41.022808 s 41.020973 w -85.184029 e -85.182480

Work type : DEMOLITION
Done for : FLOOD CONTROL
Start date: 10/11/2012 Time: 12:00 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : MARTIN ENTERPRISES INC Type: CONT
Co addr : 4315 MEYER ROAD
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46806
Caller : KATHY HOGAN Phone: (260)447-5591
Contact : JERRY MARTIN--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)414-7802
Fax : (260)447-9471
Email : ACCOUNTING@MARTININC.NET

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: 10/09/2012 Time: 11:42
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID8000 NIPSCO SM

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NIPSCO 00368 IUPPSa 10/10/2012 10:08:31 1210101019-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE-SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1210101019 Date: 10/10/2012 Time: 10:03 Oper: CALEVI Chan:031

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

Address : 6444
Street : FERNWOOD AVE
Cross 1 : DALEVUE DR Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4101C8510A 4101C8511D
Boundary: n 41.022808 s 41.020973 w -85.184029 e -85.182480

Work type : DEMOLITION
Done for : FLOOD CONTROL
Start date: 10/10/2012 Time: 10:03 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 8 FEET

Company : MARTIN ENTERPRISES INC Type: CONT
Co addr : 4315 MEYER ROAD
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46806
Caller : KATHY HOGAN Phone: (260)447-5591
Contact : JERRY MARTIN--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)414-7802
Fax : (260)447-9471
Email : ACCOUNTING@MARTININC.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER KATHY-HAVE HIT A GAS LINE-WILL CALL NIPSCO--KATHY CAN NOT DESCRIBE THE COLOR
-SIZE OR MATERIAL--CAN NOT TELL WHERE AT ON THE PROPERTY-WILL CALL 911-NOT SURE
IF IT IS BLOWING OR NOT-CREW IS ON SITE -PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER-1210091709
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 10/10/2012 Time: 10:03
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 220 MAXIMO WO #
OPERATING AREA CONTACT J. HANER JOB ORDER # 962966266
TRACKING NUMBER LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 10/10 2012, 0859 M DATE OF REPORT 12/28/12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 6444 Fernwood Ave Ft Wayne 46809

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 1/8" 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:

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 0859 TIME SHUT OFF 0915 TIME RESTORED

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 5/8"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) MARTIN ENTERPRISE INC.

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY)

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

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

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: VACANT HOUSE BEING DEMOLISHED, C+M TO
RETIRED SERVICE @ MAIN. INFO TAKEN FROM CIS
DUE TO FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT NOT BEING COMPLETED
@ TIME OF DAMAGE

PERSON PREPARING REPORT HANER 022505

FIELD SUPERVISOR JRB

FIELD MANAGER _____

- 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: _____