



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Andy Mccomb Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4017

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/10/2012 11:43:02 AM

Damage Address: 2319 S Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Andy Mccomb Construction**

Address: 727 Louisedale Dr, Fort Wayne, In 46808

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$409

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE REAR OF PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a fence post.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/12/2012. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 31, 2013

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4017  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4017

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: 2319 S Coliseum Blvd

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Andy McComb Construction

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4017

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. 4017</b>	
Date of Event	10/10/2012
Event Location	2319 S Coliseum Blvd
Event City	Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Andy McComb Construction
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Andy McComb Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	727 Louisedale Dr
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46808
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260-452-9892
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<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	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:morganthompson@usicinc.com">morganthompson@usicinc.com</a>
<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	2319 S Coliseum Blvd
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46808
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Harris Rd
<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.)	1 1/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	30
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	X
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
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	X
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- 1210101579
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	N

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	
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)	N
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
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)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>No notification made to the one-call center  Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1210101696</p>	

**Fact Based Investigation Report**

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121010009

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 10/10/2012 11:43:08 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/10/2012 11:45:20 AM

NOTIFIED BY: ANDY MCCOMB

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 2319 S COLISEUM BLVD

CITY: FORT WAYNE

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 10/10/2012

FROM: 12:30:00

TO: 12:55:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: Andy McComb

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Fence

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME: 10/10/2012 12:00:00 AM

TYPE OF TICKET: Other

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A: Yes

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1210101579

START DATE/TIME: 10/10/2012 12:00:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Ron Marcum DATE/TIME: 10/10/2012 12:45:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117462

INVESTIGATOR NAME: Ron Marcum

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121010009

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Marcum Ron - 117462

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

No Locate Req. By Contractor

Other:

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

Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

no ticket

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

**NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**  
Andy MComb.....727 Louisdale Dr. 260-452-9892

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**  
na

**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?** Yes  
**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE** 1 foot  
**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE** 1 foot  
**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?** No  
**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?**  
**IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?** No  
**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

NIPSCO 00526 IUPPSa 10/10/2012 11:43:08 1210101579-00A EMER DAMG GRID

CASE #  
4017

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1210101579 Date: 10/10/2012 Time: 11:38 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

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

Address : 2319  
Street : S COLISEUM BLVD  
Cross 1 : HARRIS RD Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE REAR OF PROPERTY  
:  
Grids : 4106A8510D 4107D8510D 4106A8510C 4107D8510C  
Boundary: n 41.118862 s 41.115944 w -85.174789 e -85.168602

Work type : INSTALL FENCE  
Done for : ACE RADIATER  
Start date: 10/10/2012 Time: 11:40 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 2 FEET

Company : ANDY MCCOMB CONSTRUCTION Type: CONT  
Co addr : 727 LOUISEDALE DR  
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46808  
Caller : ANDY MCCOMB Phone: (260)452-9892  
Contact : ANDY MCCOMB--CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (260)452-9892

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS BLOWING--ADVISED TO CALL 911--LINE WAS CUT  
AT REAR OF PROPERTY--SIZE/COLOR UNKNOWN--NIPSCO HAS BEEN NOTIFIED--NO PREV  
TICKET--CREW ON SITE  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 10/10/2012 Time: 11:38  
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID2010 ID2053 ID4636 ID4866 ID7053 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 #
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Jason Otis JOB ORDER # 564447
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 1010 029 LOCATE REF # No locates
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 10-10-2012 10:36 AM DATE OF REPORT 10-10-12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 2319 W. Coliseum Blvd Ft. Wayne Ind

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)
GAS: SERVICE MAIN ( ) SIZE 1 1/2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC (X) STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )
OTHER (DESCRIBE)

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 20" PRESSURE (PSI) 30 Lbs. MEDIUM
RELEASE OF GAS: YES (X) NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO (X) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # NO (X)
INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES (X) NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 11:30 TIME SHUT OFF 12:35 TIME RESTORED 14:00
DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1/2" HOLE IN COUPLING

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Andy McComb Const.
ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 727 Louisedale Ft. Wayne

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Andy McComb
WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS D. BOUTWELL, P. TAYLOR, N. BAUER, K. COOK
WITNESS REMARKS NO LOCATES

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY REPORT #
FIRE ( ) AGENCY REPORT #
OTHER ( ) Any Injuries? ( ) YES # NO (X)

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO (X) TAKEN BY: (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO (X)

- 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
(X) FENCING ( ) GRADING ( ) IRRIGATION ( ) MOWING
( ) LANDSCAPING ( ) PIPELINE ( ) MILLING ( ) OTHER
( ) POLE/SIGN POST ( ) ROAD WORK ( ) SEWER

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
(X) 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 (X) OTHER No locates

COMMENTS: NO LOCATES

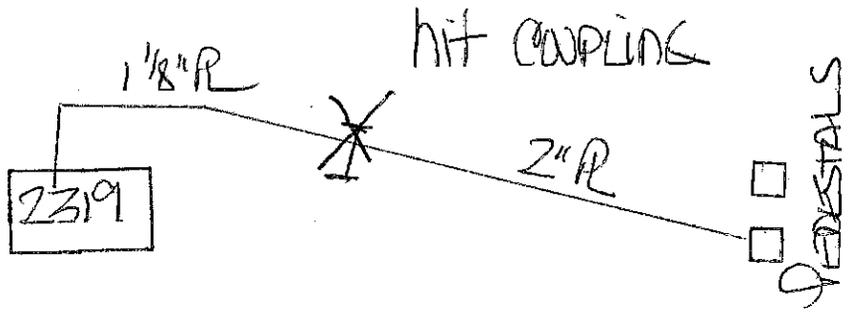
PERSON PREPARING REPORT P. TAYLOR

FIELD SUPERVISOR JASON OTIS

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



W. CRISMAN

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED

DEC 12 2012



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 4017

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

*Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.*

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**The Parties**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Andy McComb Construction

Responsible Party Personal Name: Andrew J. McComb

Title (if any): owner

Address (number and street): 727 louisedale drive

City, State and ZIP Code: Fort Wayne, In 46808

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 2604529892

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 2604529892

Email Address: aj.mccomb@comcast.net

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public service

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause of Damage Information**

**Type of Equipment (select one):** Auger

**Type of Work Performed (select one):** Fencing

**Other Information (Witness, Police, Fire, Other):**

Personal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): 2319 coliseum blvd

City, State and ZIP Code: fort wayne, IN 46808

Nearest Intersection: harris road and coliseum blvd

**Product Type (*select one*):** Natural Gas

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Unknown/Other

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pressure (PSIG/Inches):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interruption in Service:**     Yes     No    **Number of Customers Affected:** 1

**Evacuation:**     Yes     No    **If yes, How Many Evacuated?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Repair Cost (if known):** \$ 409.13

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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**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

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**Additional Information / Comments**

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4017

Your Full Name: Andrew J. McComb

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Andrew McComb Construction

Your Business Title (if applicable): owner

Address (number and street): 727 louisedale drive

City: Fort wayne State: IN ZIP Code: 46808

Your E-mail Address: aj.mccomb@comcast.net

Today's Date (month, day, year): 12/4/2012

Your Signature: Andrew J McComb Title (if any) 12/4/12

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 4017**  
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**  
**101 West Washington Street, 1500E**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

*Please see Attached  
statement*

Case Number

4017

Dear, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission,

Here is my account of the situation.....

I was called to 2319 West Coliseum Boulevard to repair a fence blown down by storm damage. I scheduled the repair per the customers instruction. As I was only repairing a fence and not breaking untouched ground I saw no need to call for markings. The day I went to fix the fence the business owner asked me to extend the fence further than previously discussed.

Against my better judgement, I agreed. It just so happened that the gas line made a turn right in the spot of the final pole and upon augaring that hole I knicked the gas line.

As soon as I saw that I had hit a gas line ( after panicing for a few seconds) I called the gas company and followed their instructions to notify the proper people. I moved away from the leak, notified the business at that address and did my part to ensure the safety of the area. Then I waited for Nipsco to arrive while making sure everyone remained a safe distance so no harm befell anyone or anyones property.

Now that I have given the facts of the situation, It is important to know that I in no way, am using any of the account as an excuse. I knew that I should not have broken the ground without calling for the proper markings. In every other case I have always called for markings. Under the stress of being over worked and over scheduled while trying to repair multiple homes damaged by the same storm I made a very very poor decision.

I am in the process of working out an agreement with Nipsco to insure payment to them for repairing the damage. I accept full responsibility for my actions and can only hope that the commission chooses to show leniency in my case. Rest assured that I have learned my lesson and will follow all the proper procedures from this date forward regardless of the circumstances.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If there is anything I can do to expedite the situation in any way..... you have my full cooperation.

Yours Truly

Andrew J. McComb

Owner of Andy McComb construcion