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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: South Bend Sewer Dept

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4038

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/17/2012 10:58:12 AM

Damage Address: Belmont Ave, South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **South Bend Sewer Dept**

Address: 731 South Lafayette Blvd, South Bend, In 46601

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209243202

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE BACKSIDE OF THE CITY SIDE WATLK TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET FOR ADDRESSSS 1206 - 1210 - 1214 - 1218 BELMONT AVE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing curb/sidewalk work with an evacuation of 10.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to have a current locate ticket to perform work and damaging the gas main with the backhoe.

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

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) Failure to provide notice of excavation - expired ticket.



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 31 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4038
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4038

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: 10/17/2012

Event Location: Belmont Ave

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: South Bend Sewer Dept

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4038	
Date of Event	10/17/2012
Event Location	Belmont Ave
Event City	South Bend
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	South Bend Sewer Dept
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	City of South Bend
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	731 South Lafayette Blvd
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46601
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-930-6538
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	JSCHMALT@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV
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	Belmont Ave
CITY/STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46615
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Sunnyside Ave
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	35
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	X
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y- 1210171359
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	N

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1209243202 - expired
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N/A
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
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	
<p>Excavator struck service under expired locate. Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1210171376</p>	

RELOCATE NEEDED DUE TO THE ORIGINAL TICKET EXPIRED. NO MARKS LEFT IN THE DIG AREA.

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 IN HALF
REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE N/A
WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No
WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? BACK HOE
IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes
IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) SOUTH BEND

CASE #
4038

NIPSCO 01056 IUPPSa 09/24/2012 15:12:26 1209243202-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1209243202 Date: 09/24/2012 Time: 15:09 Oper: SMCCLURE Chan:049

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PORTAGE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : BELMONT AVE

Cross 1 : S SUNNYSIDE AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE BACKSIDE OF THE CITY SIDE
WATLK TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET FOR ADDRESSSS 1206 - 1210 - 1214 - 1218 BELMONT
AVE

Grids : 4140D8613A 4140D8614D

Boundary: n 41.669651 s 41.667187 w -86.235405 e -86.229172

Work type : CURB AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Done for : SOUTH BEND SEWER DEPT

Start date: 09/26/2012 Time: 15:30 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 5 FEET

Company : SOUTH BEND SEWER DEPT Type: CONT

Co addr : 731 SOUTH LAFAYETTE BLVD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46601

Caller : JEFF SCHMALTZ Phone: (574)930-6538

Contact : JEFF SCHMALTZ - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)930-6538

Fax : (574)235-9272

Email : JSCHMALT@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 09/24/2012 Time: 15:09

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID2601 ID5610 ID7053 NIPSCO SBCIN SM ID2600

CASE #
4038

NIPSCO 00403 IUPPSa 10/17/2012 10:58:22 1210171359-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1210171359 Date: 10/17/2012 Time: 10:55 Oper: RJOHNSON Chan:002

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PORTAGE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : BELMONT AVE

Cross 1 : S SUNNYSIDE AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE BACKSIDE OF THE CITY SIDE
WATLK TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET FOR ADDRESSSS 1206 - 1210 - 1214 - 1218 BELMONT
AVE

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Grids : 4140D8613A 4140D8614D

Boundary: n 41.669651 s 41.667187 w -86.235405 e -86.229172

Work type : CURB AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Done for : SOUTH BEND SEWER DEPT

Start date: 10/17/2012 Time: 10:56 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 5 FEET

Company : SOUTH BEND SEWER DEPT Type: CONT

Co addr : 731 SOUTH LAFAYETTE BLVD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46601

Caller : KEVIN DOMBROWSKI Phone: (574)930-6538

Contact : JEFF SCHMALTZ - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)930-6538

Fax : (574)235-9272

Email : JSCHMALT@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED--NIPSCO IS THE UTILITY COMPANY--GAS LINE IS
BLOWING--CAN HEAR AND SMELL IT--LINE IS DAMAGED IN THE TREE LAWN EAST OF 1214
BELMONT AVE--2 INCH ORANGE PLASTIC LINE--HAVE CALLED 911--CREW IS ON SITE--HAVE
CALLED NIPSCO TO REPORT THE DAMAGED LINE--PREVIOUS TICKET 1209243202
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 10/17/2012 Time: 10:55

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID2601 ID5610 ID7053 NIPSCO SBCIN SM ID2600

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA 060 South Bend MAXIMO WO #

OPERATING AREA CONTACT JOB ORDER # 575875

TRACKING NUMBER 078 2012 1017 003 LOCATE REF #

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT October 17 2012 10:42 M DATE OF REPORT 10-17-12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 1214 Belmont Ave South Bend

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN (X) SIZE 2 MATERIAL: PLASTIC (X) STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 80" PRESSURE (PSI) 35 Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES (X) NO () IGNITION OF GAS: YES () NO (X) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES (X) # 10 NO ()

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO (X) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 0

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 10:42 TIME RESTORED 1:42 P.M.

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 2" main cut in hole = 1.943

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES (X) DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS NO ()

HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) city of south Bend sewer Department

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 731 S. LaFayette BLVD. South Bend

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS UKA

WITNESS REMARKS UKA

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

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

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AGRICULTURE/FARMING () CABLE TV (X) 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 (X) 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 main under Ashfall

COMMENTS: 2" P.A. man was only 14" deep from top
of pavement!

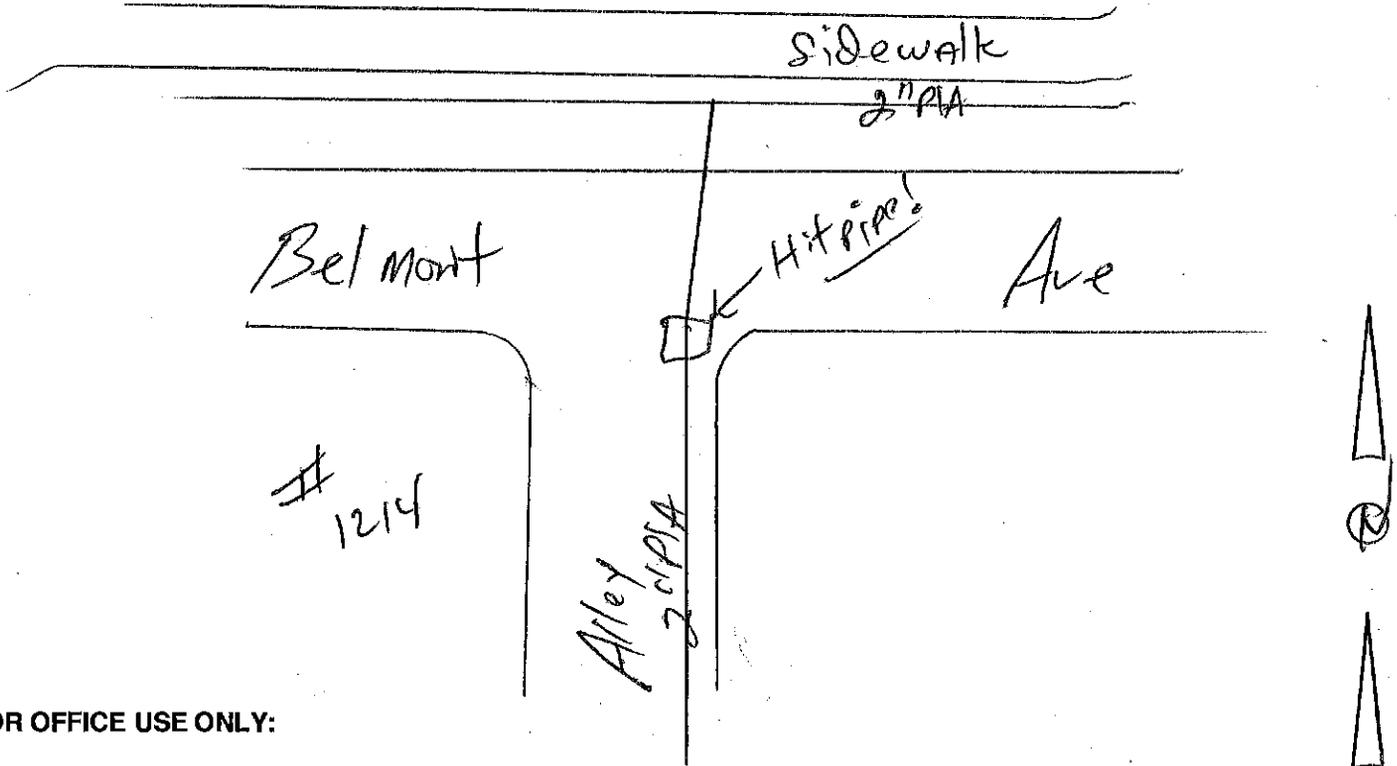
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Stephen Neubers

FIELD SUPERVISOR Richard Whitlock

FIELD MANAGER Rick Gray

- 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



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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: _____