



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Todd Gross Drainage

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4059

Report Date: 9/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/25/2012 9:58:57 AM

Damage Address: 11688 N 1200 W, Millersburg, Noble

The Parties

Excavator: **Todd Gross Drainage**

Address: 5460 East 600 North, Churubusco, In 46723

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: drainage

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210162817

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY ALONG THE STREET

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing drainage 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 accurately provide facility locate markings.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide accurate 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

February 4, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4059
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4059

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: 10/25/2012

Event Location: 11688 N 1200 W

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Todd Gross Drainage

Other Party:

Pipeline Division Case No. 4059

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. 4059	
Date of Event	10/25/2012
Event Location	11688 N 1200 W
Event City	Millersburg
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Todd Gross Drainage
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Todd Gross Drainage
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	5460 East 600 North
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Churubusco, IN 46723
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260-693-2835
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260-740-1384
EMAIL ADDRESS	TODDGROSSDRAINAGE@HOTMAIL.COM
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	11688 N 1200 W
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Millersburg, IN 46767
NEAREST INTERSECTION	W 1200 N 57
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.)	1 1/8"
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	
Drainage	X
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-1210250919
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1210162817
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
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>Facility marking or location not sufficient. Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1210251365</p>	

NIPSCO 00877 IUPPSa 10/16/2012 16:36:22 1210162817-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

CASE #
4059

Ticket : 1210162817 Date: 10/16/2012 Time: 16:28 Oper: MWALLACE Chan:043

State: IN Cnty: NOBLE Twp: PERRY
Cityname: MILLERSBURG Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 11688
Street : N 1200 W
Cross 1 : W 1200 N 57 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY ALONG THE STREET
:
Grids : 4130B8539D 4130A8539D 4131D8539D 4131C8539D 4130B8539C
Grids : 4130A8539C 4131D8539C 4131C8539C
Boundary: n 41.523506 s 41.511707 w -85.655060 e -85.651588

Work type : DRAINAGE
Done for : JEFF JACOBS
Start date: 10/18/2012 Time: 16:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 - 5 FEET

Company : TODD GROSS DRAINAGE Type: CONT
Co addr : 5460 EAST 600 NORTH
City : CHURUBUSCO State: IN Zip: 46723
Caller : TODD GROSS Phone: (260)693-2835
Contact : TODD GROSS - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)740-1384
Email : TODDGROSSDRAINAGE@HOTMAIL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
:

Submitted date: 10/16/2012 Time: 16:28
Members: ID2034 ID7573 NIPSCO ID5857

NIPSCO 00299 IUPPSa 10/25/2012 09:58:58 1210250919-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

CASE #
4059

Ticket : 1210250919 Date: 10/25/2012 Time: 09:56 Oper: DHIGHBAUGH Chan:091

State: IN Cnty: NOBLE Twp: PERRY
Cityname: MILLERSBURG Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 11688
Street : N 1200 W
Cross 1 : W 1200 N 57 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY ALONG THE STREET
:
Grids : 4130B8539D 4130A8539D 4131D8539D 4131C8539D 4130B8539C
Grids : 4130A8539C 4131D8539C 4131C8539C
Boundary: n 41.523506 s 41.511707 w -85.655060 e -85.651588

Work type : DRAINAGE
Done for : JEFF JACOBS
Start date: 10/25/2012 Time: 09:56 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 - 5 FEET

Company : TODD GROSS DRAINAGE Type: CONT
Co addr : 5460 EAST 600 NORTH
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NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN HIT 10 FEET OFF THE ROAD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE
PROPERTY---LINE IS BLOWING---YELLOW LINE 1 INCH DIAMETER PLASTIC---NIPSCO HAS
BEEN CALLED---911 HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED---ADVISED---CREW IS ON SITE---TODD
GROSS IS THE JOB SITE CONTACT AT 2607401384---PREVIOUS TICKET 1210162817---THANK
YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
:

Submitted date: 10/25/2012 Time: 09:56
Members: ID2034 ID7573 NIPSCO ID5857

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

Gas service wasn't being used. No meter on property and service not on any of NIPSCO records. Line ran to an old barn and the stubed riser was very close to the ground. Line was not marked.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Unknown, stated that he didn't have service on any of his records and was about to write it up as abandoned because it doesn't lead to anything.

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

Unknown, stated he didn't know about gas on property and thought it to be abandoned as well.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

N/A

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? Yes

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA? No

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE Service line was cut in two

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 2 ft (estimate)

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)

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Goshen MAXIMO WO# M592060
 OPERATING AREA CONTACT Goshen JOB ORDER # 5-547282
 TRACKING NUMBER _____ LOCATE REF # _____
 Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 10-25 2012 10:58^{AM} DATE OF REPORT 10-25-2012
 PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 11688 N 1200 W ZIONVER

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN () SIZE 1 1/8" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
 OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 30" PRESSURE (PSI) 45 Lbs.

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 9:45 TIME RESTORED 12:30

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1 1/8"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) GROSS DRAINAGE CO.

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) _____

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS Service not located

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY N/A REPORT # _____

FIRE () AGENCY N/A REPORT # _____

OTHER () N/A Any Injuries? () YES # _____ NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO TAKEN BY: N/A (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
 MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED — CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED — CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED— CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>Service NO marked</u> |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

