



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Sun Communications

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4336

Report Date: 4/8/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/23/2013 1:18:45 PM

Damage Address: Bent Creek Rd, Center, Howard

### The Parties

Excavator: Sun Communications

Address: 17728 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, In 46074

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 9

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1301170355

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Starting at the northwest corner of the intersection at the secondary ped - locate going east for 60 feet across toubey pike and locate going north for 150 feet along the white flagged route

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A two (2) inch natural gas main was damaged while boring for a new electric line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator's employees failed to expose the natural gas facility under a concrete sidewalk prior to making the bore. The excavator provided documentation that the two (2) employees had been disciplined for not exposing the gas facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage.

**Violation: 8-1-26-20(a)(1) Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities.**



150 West Market Street, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 7, 2013

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4336  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4336

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: 1/23/2013

Event Location: Bent Creek Rd

City: Center

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Sun Communications

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4336

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Earle".

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. 4336</b>	
Date of Event	1/23/2013
Event Location	Bent Creek Rd
Event City	Center
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Sun Communications
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Sun Communications
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	17728 Sun Park Drive
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Westfield / IN / 46074
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(317) 896-2593
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	NIPSCO
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2000 South Home Avenue
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Kokomo / IN / 46902
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(765) 459-4101
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	khinkle@NiSource.com
<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	E 31 & CO Rd 100
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Kokomo / IN / 46902
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N Touby Pike
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	9
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	X
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	X
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
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1301170355
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Y
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Failure to use hand tools where required (locates accurate).</p> <p>Emergency Ticket# 1301231141.</p>	

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: On-Hold folder; Assigned To: N/A

ID8011 00026 IUPPSa 01/17/2013 09:03:29 1301170355-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1301170355 Date: 01/17/2013 Time: 09:01 Oper: SMCCLURE Chan:049

State: IN Cnty: HOWARD Twp: CENTER  
Cityname: KOKOMO Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision: BENT CREEK

Address :

Street : BENT CREEK RD  
Cross 1 : N TOUBY PIKE Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION AT THE SECONDARY  
PED - LOCATE GOING EAST FOR 60 FEET ACROSS TOUBEY PIKE AND LOCATE GOING NORTH  
FOR 150 FEET ALONG THE WHITE FLAGGED ROUTE  
\*\*\*Boring Where = UNDER TOUBY PIKE

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Grids : 4029C8606C 4029C8606D  
Boundary: n 40.491567 s 40.489147 w -86.104869 e -86.100812

Work type : INSTALL UNDERGROUND STREET LIGHTS  
Done for : DUKE ENERGY  
Start date: 01/22/2013 Time: 09:15 Hours notice: 120/048 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 FEET

Company : SUN COMMUNICATIONS Type: CONT  
Co addr : 17728 SUN PARK DRIVE  
City : WESTFIELD State: IN Zip: 46074  
Caller : BOB LEWELLEN Phone: (317)896-2593  
Contact : BOB LEWELLEN - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (317)523-4697  
Fax : (317)867-0425

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

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Submitted date: 01/17/2013 Time: 09:01  
Members: ID0002 ID5240 ID5509 ID8011 ID9379 SBCIN SM

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: On-Hold folder; Assigned To: N/A

ID8011 00018 IUPPSa 01/23/2013 13:18:48 1301231100-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE

Ticket : 1301231100 Date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:14 Oper: SWOODFORD Chan:058

State: IN Cnty: HOWARD Twp: CENTER  
Cityname: KOKCMO Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision: BENT CREEK

Address :

Street : BENT CREEK RD

Cross 1 : N TCUBY PIKE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION AT THE SECONDARY  
PED - LOCATE GOING EAST FOR 60 FEET ACROSS TOUBEY PIKE AND LOCATE GOING NORTH  
FOR 150 FEET ALONG THE WHITE FLAGGED ROUTE

\*\*\*Boring Where = UNDER TOUBY PIKE

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Grids : 4029C8606C 4029C8606D

Boundary: n 40.491567 s 40.489147 w -86.104869 e -86.100812

Work type : INSTALL UNDERGROUND STREET LIGHTS

Done for : DUKE ENERGY

Start date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:17 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 FEET

Company : SUN COMMUNICATIONS Type: CONT

Co addr : 17728 SUN PARK DRIVE

City : WESTFIELD State: IN Zip: 46074

Caller : BOB LEWELLEN Phone: (317)896-2593

Contact : BOB LEWELLEN - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (317)523-4697

Fax : (317)867-0425

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER BOB LEWELLEN--A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED--DOES NOT HAVE ANY  
INFORMATION ON THE SIZE,COLOR ARE MATERIAL OF THIS LINE--GAS CAN BE SMELLED AND  
IS HISSING--WAS DIGGING AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE BENT CREEK  
SUBDIVISON--CREW IS ON SITE--VECTREN HAS BEEN CONTACTED--ADVISED CALLER TO CALL  
911--PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1301170355.

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES

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Submitted date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:14

Members: ID0002 ID5240 ID5509 ID8011 ID9379 SBCIN SM

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: On-Hold folder; Assigned To: N/A

ID8011 00019 IUPPSa 01/23/2013 13:38:50 1301231141-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1301231141 Date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:33 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: HOWARD Twp: CENTER  
Cityname: KOKOMO Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision: BENT CREEK

Address :

Street : BENT CREEK RD

Cross 1 : N TOUBY PIKE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: APPROX 700FT WEST OF TOUBY PIKE AT THE DEAD END--LOCATE THE SOUTHSIDE  
OF BENT CREEK RD--GAS MARKERS AT EACH END

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Grids : 4029C8606C 4029C8606D

Boundary: n 40.490217 s 40.489119 w -86.104664 e -86.103225

Work type : REPAIR GAS MAIN

Done for : NIPSCO

Start date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:34 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB

Co addr : 2000 HOME AVE

City : KOKOMO State: IN Zip: 46902

Caller : PEGGY WOOD Phone: (765)459-4101 Ext: 328

Contact : KENNY HINKLE CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (765)419-0433

Fax : (765)868-0967

Email : PAWOOD@NISOURCE.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
CREW ON SITE

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 01/23/2013 Time: 13:33

Members: ID0002 ID5240 ID8011 ID9379 SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

JO 567610

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA 250 MAXIMO WO # JO 567610  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Ken Hinkle JOB ORDER # 950780027200  
TRACKING NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATE REF # 1301170355  
Locate Performed By: Roger Foutch / NIPSCO

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 1-23-2013 1:02 PM DATE OF REPORT 1-23-2013  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 700 Touby Pike & Bent Creek Rd. Kokomo

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_  
GAS: SERVICE ( ) MAIN  SIZE 2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC  STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 31" 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: 9  
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 1:02 pm TIME SHUT OFF 2:25 pm TIME RESTORED 6:00 pm  
DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1/2" slice

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES  DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 18" NO ( )  
HOW LOCATED: PAINT ( ) FLAGS ( ) BOTH ( ) WHITE LINED ( )

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Sun Communications Bobby 317-523-4697

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 17728 Sun Park Dr. Westfield, In. 46074

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Salome Rivera office 317-896-2593

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

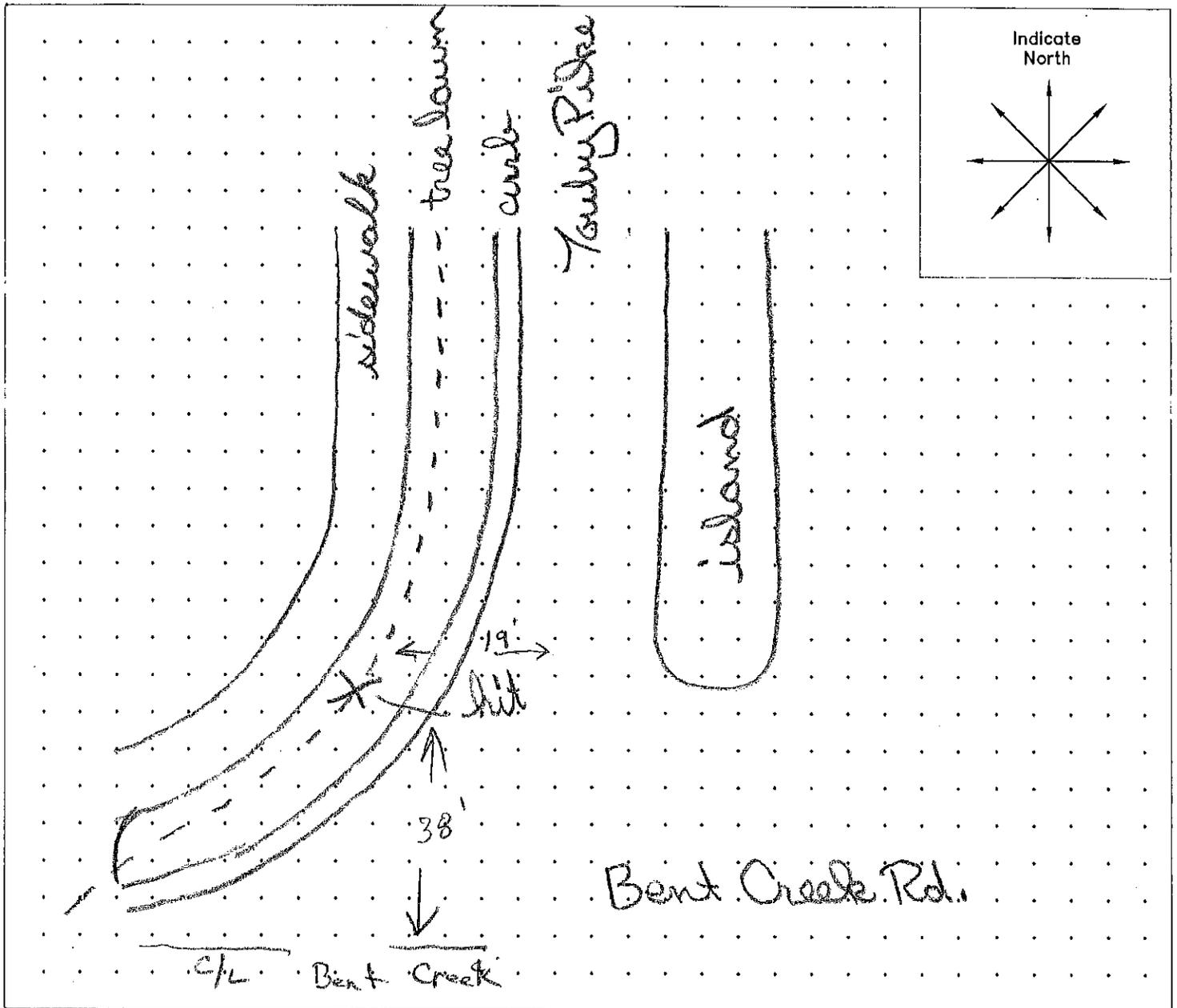
AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Any Injuries? ( ) YES # \_\_\_\_\_  NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES  NO ( ) TAKEN BY: K. Hinkle / M. King (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 type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE      | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY            | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>street lights</u> |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input checked="" 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>Did not expose gas main</u> |



Instructions:

1. Locate leak point and mark with X
2. Provide dimensions from centerlines, utility poles, curb lines etc.
3. Outline leak migration perimeter, provide dimensions and indicate % gas from leak point to 0%.

LEGEND

- X Centered Leak
- O Valve or Curb Box
- △ Manhole
- ⊠ Conduit Manhole
- Catch Basin
- ⊕ Utility Pole
- ▨ Leak Area

SIZE OF PIPE 2"  
 PRESSURE MP  
 SIZE OF HOLE 1/2" slit  
 TIME RECEIVED NOTICE OF LEAK 1:02  
 TIME SERVICE/METER WAS SHUT OFF 2:15  
 CUSTOMER'S LOST

Comments: Contractor hit 2" main when boring. Replaced damaged pipe with 4" of 2" plastic & 2 slack/fuse couplings. Locates were good, contractor did not expose

# ON. C0780027200 LEAK INVESTIGATION FORM

Section 1 - To be Completed by the First Responder (Information known during initial investigation)

CIS Ticket Number: 929465205 Date Reported: 1-23-13 Time Leak Reported (Military): 13:02  
 LOA: Kokomo GPS Coordinates: Latitude      N Longitude      W  
 City Name: Kokomo  
 Address or Location: Touhey Pike & Bent Creek Rd.

**Leak Location:**  
 1.  No Leak Found  
 2.  Customer Equip.  
 3.  Main  
 4.  Service  
 5.  Meter Loop (Lockwing and above)  
 6.  Regulator Station

**For Services Only:**  
 Re-tested at      PSIG for      minutes

**Leak Grade:**  
 1.  Hazardous  
 2.  Non-Hazardous, Scheduled Repairs  
 3.  Non-Hazardous, Monitored

**Leak Resolution**  
 1.  Leak Repaired  
 2.  Pipe Replaced  
 3.  Pipe Retired  
 4.  Grade 2 or 3 Leak Not Repaired To be scheduled for re-evaluation/repair

If marked and not making repairs you must complete **bold box** below. If repairs are made, complete all Section 2.

Residual Gas Present:  Yes  No (Grade 1 Leak Only)

1st Responder: User ID: 120219 W. Beckom Leak Referred to: outside crew  
 (FIRST NAME) (MI) (LAST NAME)

Section 2 - To be Completed by the Person Making Repairs to a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Leak

Comments: Cut out damaged section of 2" main. Used 9 1/2" of 2" plastic with 2 2" s/c coupling. 2" pipe was protected for 1 hour.

Repaired/Inspected: 01-23-13 Time: 17:00 (Military) User ID: 120207 Michael L King  
 MO DAY YR HR MIN (FIRST NAME) (MI) (LAST NAME)

**Cause of Leak:**

**A. Material or Welds**  
 1. Faulty weld, dent, gouge, excess stress  
 2. Manufacturing defect

**B. Corrosion**  
 1. External  
 2. Internal  
 3. Stress Corrosion Cracking (must be confirmed by Corrosion group)

**C. Weather/Outside Forces**  
 1. Natural Forces (weather, washouts, frost heave, frozen equipment etc.)  
 2. Other Outside Forces (fire, explosion, vandalism etc.) (explain in comments)

**D. Excavation**  Identification: Sun Communications  
 1. Company Crew Contractor Crew:  
 2. Contractor Crew  
 3. Third Party Third Party Name: Sun Communications

**E. Equipment Failure and Operations**  
 1. Inadequate or failure to follow correct procedures  
 2. Equipment Malfunction (i.e. gasket/o-ring failure, stripped threads etc.)

**F. Other (Explain in comments)** (Includes thread leaks)  
 1. No Locate Request  
 2. Request, No Locate  
 3. Mislocated Accurate Locate

CIS Grid Number:      Pipe Size: 2 inches Soil Condition:  dry  moist  wet  
 Corrosion CP Section Number (Steel):      Transmission Line section     

Section 3 - For Reporting Results of a Scheduled Re-inspection or Repair ONLY.

**Re-evaluated Leak Resolution**  
 1.  Leak Repaired  
 2.  Pipe Replaced  
 3.  Pipe Retired  
 4.  No Leak Found  
 5.  Leak Re-classified  
 6.  Grade 2 or 3 Leak, Schedule for repair/re-evaluation

**Re-classified Leak Grade:**  
 1.  Hazardous  
 2.  Non-Hazardous, Scheduled Repairs  
 3.  Non-Hazardous, Monitored

**Material:**  
 1.  Coated Steel  
 2.  Bare Steel  
 3.  Plastic  
 4.  Cast Iron  
 5.  Copper  
 6.  Wrought Iron

**Pipeline Identifier:**  
 1.  Distribution  
 2.  Transmission  
 3.  Transmission HCA

Re-evaluation Comments:     

Repaired/Re-evaluated: 01-23-13 Time: 17:00 (Military) User ID: 120207 Michael L King  
 MO DAY YR HR MIN (FIRST NAME) (MI) (LAST NAME)

COMMENTS: Contractor holed into 2" main, locates were good but they did not attempt to expose our main. Replaced damaged section with tested pipe.

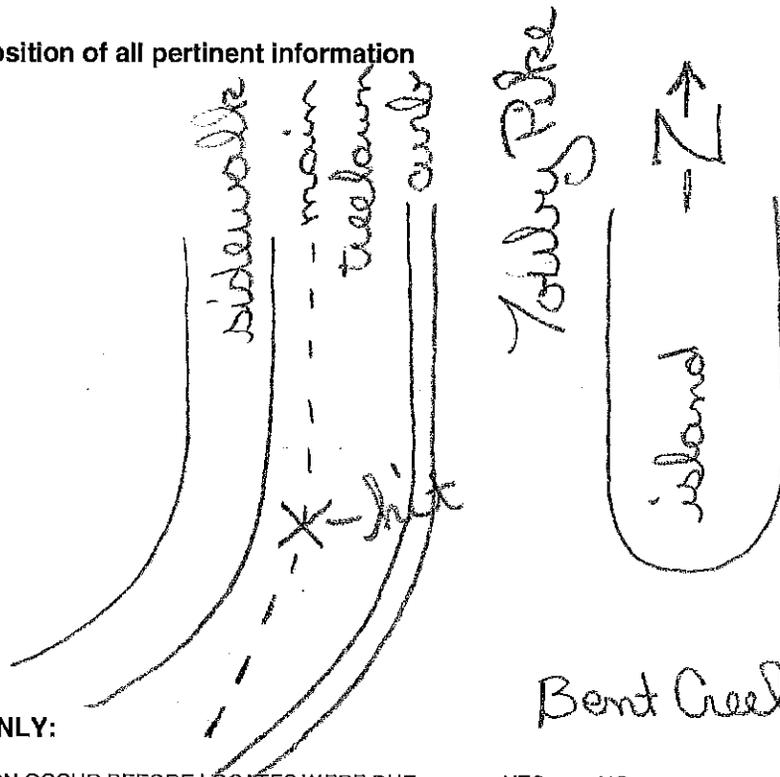
PERSON PREPARING REPORT U120219

FIELD SUPERVISOR KENNETH HENKLE

FIELD MANAGER DAVE SALMONS

- 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:

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| • 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 4336

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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: Sun Communications Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Alejandro Ramos & Salome Rivera

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

Address (number and street): 17728 Sun Park Dr.

City, State and ZIP Code: Westfield, IN 46074

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317-896-2593

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

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

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: Nipsco

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: Nipsco \_\_\_\_\_

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*): Boring/Drilling

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

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

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): Bent Creek Road, Center Howard County

City, State and ZIP Code: Kokomo, IN 46902

Nearest Intersection: E. 100N & Touby Pike

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

**Facility Type (*select one*):** Service/Drop

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

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

**Interruption in Service:**      Yes      No     **Number of Customers Affected:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Release of Product:**      Yes      No

**Ignition and/or Fire:**      Yes      No

**Excavator Notify 811:**      Yes      No

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**      Yes      No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** 1301170355

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: n/a

Number of Inpatient Treated: n/a

Number of Fatalities: n/a

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No

Police Department Response:  Yes  No

Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

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### Additional Information / Comments

Damage Ticket #130121100

Crew drilled through gas line. Crew did not spot utility at cross point due to information given on depth. Crew was in error and was disciplined accordingly.

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT**

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4336

Your Full Name: Joe Hilbert

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Sun Communications Inc.

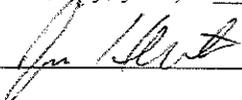
Your Business Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): 17728 Sun Park Drive

City: Westfield State: IN ZIP Code: 46074

Your E-mail Address: joeh@suncommunication.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 3/15/2013

Your Signature:  Title (if any) General Manager

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 4336**  
**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)

SUN COMMUNICATIONS  
DAMAGED UTILITY REPORT

NipSCO GAS cut  
Kokomo  
12:50pm

DATE OF REPORT: 1-23-13  
DATE OF INCIDENT: 1-23-13 <sup>1250pm</sup> JOB NUMBER: Kokomo 13080

LOCATION AT WHICH INCIDENT OCCURRED:  
Bentcreek Subdivision - E 100N + Ruby Pike  
Entrance to subdivision

WERE LOCATES WITHIN 24" OF DAMAGED FACILITY / FACILITIES? YES NO  
Locate # 1301170355 - Image # 1301231100

WERE PICTURES TAKEN? YES NO

WAS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF SUN COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVED? YES NO  
IF SO, WHO? \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES: \_\_\_\_\_

SUN COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEE(S) INVOLVED and/or ON SITE:  
SAL Alex adonias

WHO WAS OPERATING EQUIPMENT? adonias - Alex Locating

ESTIMATED VALUE OF LOSS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:  
Drilled through GAS main under sidewalk  
Sol says he was ~~NOT~~ within 2 ft of  
locates. ??

Fyi New Emergency # for NipSCO 1-800-684-3524  
EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE: Shirley A. R...

DATE SIGNED: 01-24-2013 RW...  
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

Sun Communications, Inc.  
Employee Discipline Form

Name:



Date: 01/24/2013

Verbal Warning

Written Warning

Suspension w/o pay, 2 Days

Termination

REASON FOR DISCIPLINE

Did not locate gas main before boring which caused  
a damage to the main

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this discipline, I may not agree with this action.

Date:

01/24/13

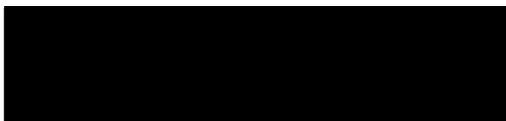
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Supervisor

Date:

01/24/2013

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Employee Discipline Form

Name:



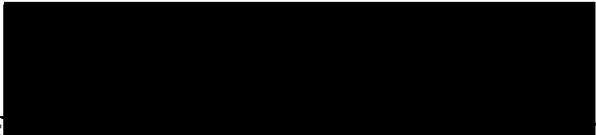
Date: 01/24/2013

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Suspension w/o pay, 2 Days
- Termination

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Supervisor

Date: 01/24/2013