



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Martis Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4404

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/3/2012

Damage Address: 7861 N. Tippecanoe, Walkerton, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Martis Construction**

Address: 7800 N. 1000 E, Walkerton, In 46574

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. The property owner requested the gas service to be retired and the gas employee that removed to meter indicated he would be back to retire the service at the street.

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

March 13, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4404
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4404

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: 11/3/2012

Event Location: 7861 N. Tippecanoe

City: Walkerton

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: George Martis (martis Construction)

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4404

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

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4404	
Date of Event	11/3/2012
Event Location	7861 N. Tippecanoe
Event City	Walkerton
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	George Martis (Martis Construction)
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Martis Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	George Martis
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	7800 N 1000 E
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Walkerton, IN 46574
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-586-2443
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
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	1-317-538-7301
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	7861 N Tippecanoe
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Walkerton, IN 46574
NEAREST INTERSECTION	E Ostego Ln
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)	35
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	NO
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	NO
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	
Trencher	
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)	YES
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	NO
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	NO
LOCATE INFORMATION:	

EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	NO
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	NO
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	NO
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	NO
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	NO
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	NO
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	
No notification made to the one-call center NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket# 1211030264	

Facility: Transmission Lines; Folder: N/A; Assigned To: N/A

NIPSCO 00124 IUPPSa 11/03/2012 20:00:31 1211030264-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1211030264 Date: 11/03/2012 Time: 19:57 Oper: MPLUMMER Chan:021

State: IN Cnty: STARKE Twp: OREGON
Cityname: WALKERTON Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 7861
Street : N TIPPECANOE DR
Cross 1 : E OSTEGO LN Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4124A8629D 4125D8629D
Boundary: n 41.418232 s 41.415951 w -86.485786 e -86.483345

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 11/03/2012 Time: 19:58 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 4 HOURS Depth: 20 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : DONNA DAME Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : DONNA DAME - OFFICE Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (800)322-2806
Fax : (219)647-4764

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

Submitted date: 11/03/2012 Time: 19:57
Members: ID0004 ID2034 ID2885 NIPSCO ID5857 SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA PLYMOUTH MAXIMO WO #

OPERATING AREA CONTACT BOB SOMERS JOB ORDER # 566542

TRACKING NUMBER 61820121103063 LOCATE REF #

Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT Nov 3 2012 17:06P DATE OF REPORT 11/3/12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 7861 N TIPPECANOE - WALKERTON

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 5/8 MATERIAL: PLASTIC () STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18 PRESSURE (PSI) 35 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 1706 TIME SHUT OFF 2200 TIME RESTORED RETIRED

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

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

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) GEORGE MORTIS

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:

CONTRACTOR DEMOLISHING HOUSE
NO ONE ON SITE AT ARRIVAL

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

FRIAN SHUTLS

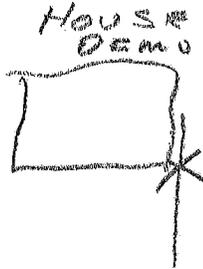
FIELD SUPERVISOR

BOB SOMERS

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



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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:

FRIAN SHUTLS

DATE:

11/3/10



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jan 15, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Avenue

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): (219) 962-0422

Fax number (*area code*): (219) 962-0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: George Martis (Martis Construction)

Business address (*number and street*): 7800 N. 1000 E

City, State, and ZIP code: Walkerton, IN 46574

Telephone number (*area code*): (574) 586-2443

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Bldg. Demolition

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Nov 3, 2012

County: St. Joseph

City: Walkerton

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
7861 N. Tippecanoe, Walkerton, IN 46574

Nearest intersection: _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? _____

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 5

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: _____

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 18

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: _____

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used:

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

Were maps used to complete the locate request?

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Emergency Ticket # 1211030264

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121103003

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 11/3/2012 3:00:00 PM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 11/3/2012 7:10:59 PM

NOTIFIED BY: donna Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 7861 n tippecanoe dr x e ostego ln

CITY: walkerton

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 11/03/2012

FROM: 21:00:00

TO: 21:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: MARTIS CONSTRUCTION

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: HOUSE DEMOLITION

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A: Yes

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: M69757184

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: BRAD IRWIN

DATE/TIME: 11/3/2012 9:15:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #: NA

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117330

INVESTIGATOR NAME: BRAD WELLMAN

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121103003

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN: Yes

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):

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

NO LOCATE REQUESTED, CONTRACTOR THOUGHT NIPSCO HAD RETIRED SERVICE.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

NA

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

NA

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? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE CUT SERVICE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE RETIRED

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? NA

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)



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INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 4404

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.

The Parties

Excavator Information:

Business Name: Martis Construction

Responsible Party Personal Name: George Martis Sr.

Title (if any): Owner

Address (number and street): 7800N 1000E

City, State and ZIP Code: Walkerton, IN 46574

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574.586.2443

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: donnalmartis@yahoo.com

Facility 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: _____

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):

Type of Work Performed (select one):

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): 7861 N. Tippecanoe

City, State and ZIP Code: Walkerton, IN 46574

Nearest Intersection: _____

Product Type (select one): Natural Gas

Facility Type (select one): Service/Drop

Size (Diameter/etc.): 1/2" PVC

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service:

Yes

No

Number of Customers Affected: _____

Evacuation:

Yes

No

If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 432.07

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

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

In response to the alleged violation at 7861 N. Tippecanoe, Walkerton, IN.

First and foremost, let me say that I have called for many, many locates from Nipsco and have never had a problem.

see attached

The homeowner, Pam Anderson, called Nipsco for a disconnection due to the home being torn down and a new one being built. I was present when the serviceman came to remove the meter from the home. The standpipe was still there. I questioned him about it and his response was that he would be back to disconnect it at the road. Having done business with Nipsco many times, I took the man at his word that he would come back and finish the job as he said he would. I did not call for a locate because I didn't think there was anything to locate due to my conversation with the serviceman.

The electric, provided by Nipsco, was unhooked at the pole the same day I called to have it done without a problem.

We tore the house down 10 days later. I was sure the gas had been disconnected because the Nipsco employee said he was going to do just that. I, unfortunately, found out he did not follow through.

To whom it may concern;

I am responding to the alleged violation at 7861 N. Tippecanoe, Walkerton, IN.

First and foremost, let me say that I have called Nipsco for many, many locates throughout the years and have never had any problems.

The homeowner, Pam Anderson, called for a disconnection due to the home being torn down and a new one being built in the same location. I was present when the serviceman came to remove the meter from the house. The standpipe was still there. I questioned him about it and his response was that he would come back and disconnect it at the road. Having gone through this before, I was sure he was going to do just that. I did not call for a locate because I didn't think there was anything to locate due to my conversation with the serviceman.

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I received a bill from Nipsco which I shouldn't have been responsible for. I called and disputed it with Mary Lechowicz. We discussed the same points I have pointed out above. When I told her I thought the serviceman had finished what he said he would, her response was "Why did you take him at his word"? Really? Because in my business, I finish what I am responsible for. I agreed to pay half the cost for the repair. See attached.

I do not feel I was wrong in this matter. I believe that the Nipsco employee was negligent for not finishing the job he was responsible for. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

George Martis Sr.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: _____ 4404

Your Full Name: George G. Martis Sr

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

Your Business Title (if applicable): Owner

Address (number and street): 7800N 1000E

City: Walkerton State: IN ZIP Code: 46574

Your E-mail Address: donnalmartis@yahoo.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 03-06-2013

Your Signature: George G Martis Sr Title (if any) Owner

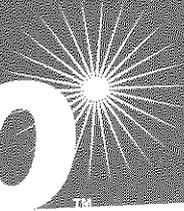
Please return your Narrative Statement to:

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

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

NIPSCO



Facility Damage Recovery
801 E. 86th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.nipsco.com

(219) 647-4033
(800) 884-2684

December 7, 2012

Martis Construction
Attn: George Martis
7800 N. 1000 E.
Walkerton, IN 46574

Re: Our Claim 12 2359

Mr. Martis:

As you are aware, this Department has presented to you our billing statement in the amount of \$864.15, being the expense this Company incurred to make the necessary repairs to our facilities located at 7861 North Tippecanoe, Walkerton. Again, this facility was struck and damaged during your operations on November 03, 2012.

Per our conversation and agreement earlier today, NIPSCO is willing to reduce our billed amount by 50%, seeking compensation in the amount \$432.07 with payment being due from Martis Construction within 30 days of today. Enclosed is a billing statement reflecting the agreed deduction and balance due.

Please see that your payment is forwarded to the address provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lechowicz".

Mary L. Lechowicz
Leader Facility Damages

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