



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Geiger Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4405

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/28/2012

Damage Address: 821 Pearse Ave, Auburn, Dekalb

The Parties

Excavator: **Geiger Excavating**

Address: 811 Airport North Office Park, Fort Wayne, In 46825

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1212052866

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer project.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator reported that the gas operator was working to cut the gas services out of the way as the excavator progressed. They also reported the line that was cut was not properly located. The number provided as the locate number indicates the notification was expired by three (3) days.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation by allowing the original locate to expire.

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 13, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4405
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4405

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: 12/28/2012

Event Location: 821 Pearse Ave

City: Auburn

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Geiger Excavating

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4405

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

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4405	
Date of Event	12/28/2012
Event Location	821 Pearse Ave
Event City	Auburn
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Geiger Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Geiger Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2808 W Coliseum Blvd
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne / IN / 46804
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(260) 459-2005
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	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	821 Pearse Avenue
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Auburn / IN / 46706
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Prospect Street
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.)	3/4"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	26
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
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	
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)	X
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)	N
LOCATE INFORMATION:	

EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1212052866
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N UNTONEABLE SVC
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)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>No notification made to the one-call center (original locate expired and excavator did not call for remarks).</p> <p>Emergency ticket# 1212281099.</p>	

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

NIPSCO 00866 IUPPSa 12/05/2012 17:05:59 1212052866-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1212052866 Date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:55 Oper: MARK.HIPLE Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: DEKALB Twp: UNION
Cityname: AUBURN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : PEARSE AVE
Cross 1 : PROSPECT ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE PEARSE AVE STARTING IN THE INTERSECTION OF PROSPECT AND PEARSE
- HEAD SOUTH DOWN PEARSE TO THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH STREET- LOCATE BOTH SIDES
OF THE STREET

:
Grids : 4122C8503B 4122C8503C
Boundary: n 41.374919 s 41.371918 w -85.058379 e -85.056921

Work type : UTILITIES
Done for : GEIGER EXCAVATING
Start date: 12/07/2012 Time: 17:15 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 30 DAYS Depth: 15'

Company : GEIGER EXCAVATING Type: CONT
Co addr : 2808 W COLISEUM BLVD.
City : FT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46804
Caller : MARK HIPLE Phone: (260)459-2005
Contact : BRUCE MERTZ Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)417-6802
Fax : (260)459-6034
Email : MHIPLE@GEIGEREXCAVATING.COM

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

Submitted date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:55
Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00335 IUPPSa 12/28/2012 14:49:37 1212281099-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY EMERGENCY

Ticket : 1212281099 Date: 12/28/2012 Time: 14:45 Oper: LWORTON Chan:062

State: IN Cnty: DEKALB Twp: JACKSON
Cityname: AUBURN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 821
Street : PEARSE AVE
Cross 1 : NORTH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4122C8503B 4122C8503C
Boundary: n 41.374885 s 41.371952 w -85.058403 e -85.056896

Work type : REPAIRING GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 12/28/2012 Time: 14:47 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : TANECIA GHOLSTON Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : JOE THOMAS CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)908-3413

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

Submitted date: 12/28/2012 Time: 14:45
Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Angala MAXIMO WO# M638529

OPERATING AREA CONTACT Jason Sprunger JOB ORDER # 589757

TRACKING NUMBER 01820121228002 LOCATE REF # 1212281099

Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 12-28-12 201144 ^{PM} DATE OF REPORT 12-28-12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 821 Pearce

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 3/4" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 44" PRESSURE (PSI) 26 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 1:44 pm TIME SHUT OFF 2:05 PM TIME RESTORED 7:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: cut in 1/2 (3/4" hole)

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Geiger ERS. 260-459-2005

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2808 W. Coliseum Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46800

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: se 021839 (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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS:

Fixed leak with 15' of 1/2 inch pipe
and 2 - 3/4" x 1/2" EF reducer couplings.

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Steve Landes

FIELD SUPERVISOR

Joe Thomas

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

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: _____



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jan 23, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tommy Buher

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 E. 15th Ave.

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: Geiger Excavating

Business address (*number and street*): 2808 W. Coliseum Blvd.

City, State, and ZIP code: Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Telephone number (*area code*): 260-459-2005

Fax number (*area code*): N/A

E-mail address: N/A

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Dec 28, 2012 _____

County: Dekalb _____

City: Auburn _____

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
821 Pearse Ave, Auburn, IN 46706 _____

Nearest intersection: Prospect St _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

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? 0 _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1 _____

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

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0 _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0 _____

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? 44 _____

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? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: marks needed refreshed _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

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

Original locate 1212052866 expired.
Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1212281099.

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121228002

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 12/28/2012 1:00:00 PM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/28/2012 2:53:14 PM

NOTIFIED BY: TAMISHA GOSTAN Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 821 PEARSE AVE X NORTH

CITY: AUBURN

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 12/28/2012

FROM: 15:10:00

TO: 15:50:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: GEIGER EXCAVATING

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: install utilities

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1212052866

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1212281099

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: ronald meeks jr DATE/TIME: 12/28/2012 3:30:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 129852

INVESTIGATOR NAME: jesse thomas

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121228002

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Meeks Ronald - 117956

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Relocate Needed,
Other

Other: untonable svc

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:

svc was turned in as a untonable on 12/8 nipsco sent a response email on 12/11 there were no marks anywhere do to the snow contractor should of called for a remark not an at fault

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 hit svc

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE n/a

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? n/a

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) nipsco



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 12/28/2012 3:26:24 PM



Property of Local Basic Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 12/29/2012 3:26:06 PM



March 12, 2013

Pipeline Safety Division – Case 4405
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204-3407

RECEIVED

MAR 18 2013

INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Re: Geiger Excavating, Inc.
811 Airport North Office Park
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

RE: Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4405
Notice Dated February 14, 2013
Date of Event: 12/28/2012
Event Location: 821 Pearse Ave, Auburn, Dekalb County
Excavator: Geiger Excavating
Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

This letter is in response to the notice we received from you. We called in a locate prior to starting work on the site. Our ticket # was 1212052866 (see attached).

The gas service that was located was actually an old gas service the newer plastic gas service was to the south of the old steel line and locates.

We had hand dug on several of the gas lines weeks before crews were ready to start work on this road, due to the shallowness of the new storm, so the gas company if they wanted to come in before we started work could lower them. The gas company decided they would cut these services as we went down the road with the new storm. We did not complain about the missed mark service due to the gas company already set-up that day to cut out and lower the gas service after we had it exposed.

There is a picture of these, but we were not able to get it off the phone before this letter was written. I have attached a copy of your notice, our original locate confirmation, and a copy of the information request form that was required to be filed out and submitted by email, which we did 3/12/2013.

We take our locates on job sites very seriously and have protocols sent in place to avoid utility hits on our numerous job sites over the years.

If you have any questions please call our office and speak with Jodie Geiger or Julie Jones. at 260-459-2005.

Thank you,

Jay Geiger
President



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 4405

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: Geiger Excavating, Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Jason King

Title (if any): Operator

Address (number and street): 811 Airport North Office Park

City, State and ZIP Code: Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-459-2005

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: jodiegeiger@geigerexcavating.com

Facility Information:

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Responsible Party Personal Name: _____

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 1-800-464-7726

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Indiana 811

Responsible Party Personal Name: _____

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): PO Box 219

City, State and ZIP Code: Greenwood, IN 46142

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 317-893-1400

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 877-230-0495

Email Address: (web site) indiana811.org

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (select one): Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (select one): Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

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

Personal Contact: Jason King

Business/Organization Name: Geiger Excavating, Inc.

Title (if any): Operator

Address (number and street): 811 Airport North Office Park

City, State and ZIP Code: Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260-459-2005

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: jodiegeiger@geigerexcavating.com

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): 821 Pearse Avenue

City, State and ZIP Code: Auburn, IN

Nearest Intersection: Prospect and Pearse Avenue

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

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

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/4"

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): \$ _____

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: 1212052866

- 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

3/4" Gas service on 821 Pearse Ave, Auburn, Indiana (DeKalb County)

The gas service that was located was actually an old gas service. The newer plastic gas service was to the south of the the old steel line and locates.

We had hand dug on several of the gas lines weeks before the crews were ready to start work on this road due to the shallowness of the new storm, so the gas company if they wanted to come in before we started work could lower them. The gas company decided they would cut these services as we went down the road with the new storm.

We did not complain about the missed marked service due to the gas company already set-up that day to cut out and lower the gas service after we had exposed it.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4405

Your Full Name: Jay Geiger

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Geiger Excavating, Inc.

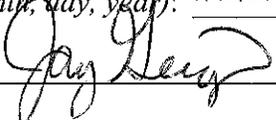
Your Business Title (if applicable): President

Address (number and street): 811 Airport North Office Park

City: Fort Wayne, IN State: IN ZIP Code: 46825

Your E-mail Address: jodiegeiger@geigerexcavating.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 3/12/2013

Your Signature:  Title (if any) President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 4405
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1212052866 Date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:55 Oper: MARK.HIPLE Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: DEKALB Twp: UNION
 Cityname: AUBURN Inside: Y Near: N
 Subdivision:

Address :

Street : PEARSE AVE
 Cross 1 : PROSPECT ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
 Location: LOCATE PEARSE AVE STARTING IN THE INTERSECTION OF PROSPECT AND PEARSE
 - HEAD SOUTH DOWN PEARSE TO THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH STREET- LOCATE BOTH SIDES
 OF THE STREET

Grids : 4122C8503B 4122C8503C
 Boundary: n 41.374919 s 41.371918 w -85.058379 e -85.056921

Work type : UTILITIES
 Done for : GEIGER EXCAVATING
 Start date: 12/07/2012 Time: 17:15 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM
 Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
 Duration : 30 DAYS Depth: 15'

Company : GEIGER EXCAVATING Type: CONT
 Co addr : 2808 W COLISEUM BLVD.
 City : FT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46804
 Caller : MARK HIPLE Phone: (260)459-2005
 Contact : BRUCE MERTZ Phone:
 BestTime:
 Mobile : (260)417-6802
 Fax : (260)459-6034
 Email : MHIPL@GEIGEREXCAVATING.COM

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

Submitted date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:55
 Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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AT&T - DISTRIBUTION	COMMUNICATIONS
AUBURN, CITY OF WATER, SEWER & ELECTRIC	
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE
MEDIACOM LLC- AUBURN	CABLE TV
NIPSCO	GAS & ELECTRIC