



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Geiger Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4407

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 12/30/2012

Damage Address: 829 Van Buren St., 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: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: No

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: Yes
Date:

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1212052856 - EXPIRED Original Start

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas main 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 damaged the gas main while working with an expired locate ticket.

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

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. 4407
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4407

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: 12/30/2012

Event Location: 829 Van Buren St.

City: Auburn

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Geiger Excavating

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4407

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. 4407	
Date of Event	12/30/2012
Event Location	829 Van Buren St.
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	829 N Van Buren Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Auburn / IN / 46706
NEAREST INTERSECTION	North Street
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	27
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	N
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
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)	N
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE INFORMATION:	

EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	N EXPIRED LOCATE
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	EXPIRED LOCATE #1212052856
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
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>Notification made to one call center Excavator working on expired ticket # 1212052856</p> <p>Emergency ticket# 1212300018.</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121230003

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 12/30/2012 10:15:00 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/30/2012 10:17:15 AM

NOTIFIED BY: NIPSCO Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 829 N VANBUREN ST

CITY: AUBURN

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 12/30/2012

FROM: 00:00:00

TO: 00:05:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: GEIGER EXCAVATING

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: install utilities

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1212052856

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1212300018

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: james kraushaar DATE/TIME: 12/30/2012 11:10:00 AM

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: 01820121230003

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Main

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Meeks Ronald - 117956

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Facility Marked Accurately,
Relocate Needed

Other:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

when James arrived to site he could tell it was marked accurately. Contractor had hit the line after it was exposed(caught it

with a tooth on the excavator)james relocated the line do to the snow. Contractor should have recalled due to snow, post locates show line was marked.

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? Yes

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA? Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE bent steel line

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE n/a

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? excavator

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) nipsco

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

NIPSCO 00007 IUPPSa 12/30/2012 10:12:31 1212300018-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1212300018 Date: 12/30/2012 Time: 10:08 Oper: JELEWITZ Chan:086

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

Address : 829
Street : N VAN BUREN ST
Cross 1 : NORTH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4122B8503B 4122B8503C 4122C8503B 4122C8503C
Boundary: n 41.376181 s 41.373803 w -85.059449 e -85.057367

Work type : REPAIRING A DAMAGED GAS LINE
Done for : HOMEOWNER
Start date: 12/30/2012 Time: 10:10 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 : JEFF KORS Phone: (219)647-4701
Contact : JASON SPRUNGER - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)226-2330
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: 12/30/2012 Time: 10:08
Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00862 IUPPSa 12/05/2012 16:55:37 1212052856-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1212052856 Date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:45 Oper: MARK.HIPLE Chan:000

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

Address :

Street : N VAN BUREN ST

Cross 1 : NORTH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE VAN BUREN STREET BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH AND VAN
BUREN - HEAD NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF PROSPECT AND VAN BUREN - LOCATE BOTH
SIDES OF THE STREET

:

Grids : 4122B8503B 4122B8503C 4122C8503B 4122C8503C

Boundary: n 41.375166 s 41.372152 w -85.059760 e -85.057874

Work type : UTILITIES

Done for : GEIGER EXCAVATING

Start date: 12/07/2012 Time: 17:00 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: 16:45

Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jan 24, 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*): 260-459-6034

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 30, 2012

County: Dekalb

City: Auburn

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
829 Van Buren St. Auburn, IN 46706

Nearest intersection: North St

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

Was there a release of product? No

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? No

If yes, how many affected? 0

Time to restore service (*in hours*):

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? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 30

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1212052856

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

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: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Contractor hit exposed gas line with excavator.
Nipsco emergency repair ticket -- 1212300018

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Angola MAXIMO WO # 267058
OPERATING AREA CONTACT J. Sprunger JOB ORDER # C0519407204
TRACKING NUMBER 0182012.1230003 LOCATE REF # 1212300018
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT Dec 30 9:09am 2012 M DATE OF REPORT 12/30/12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 825 Van Buren St

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30" PRESSURE (PSI) 27 Lbs.

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED N/A TIME SHUT OFF N/A TIME RESTORED N/A

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: None

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Geiger Excavating

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 811 Airport North Office Park Ft. Wayne IN 46825

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Jason & Corlynn

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS 260-417-6812 260-4176813

WITNESS REMARKS _____

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

FIRE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

OTHER () _____ Any Injuries? () YES # NO (X) NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES (X) NO () TAKEN BY: 121562 (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO (X)

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 | (X) SEWER | |

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| () AUGER | () HAND TOOLS | (X) BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| () MILLING EQUIPMENT | () PROBING DEVICE | () BORING / DRILLING |
| () EXPLOSIVES | () TRENCHER | () FARM EQUIPMENT |
| () VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | () GRADER | () OTHER _____ |

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| () AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | () EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | (X) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| () NO NOTIFICATION | () MARKS DISTURBED | () STUB () OTHER _____ |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Damaged section removed, new section tested, installed
+ style 90 couplings soaked. Tested at 90psi for 15min

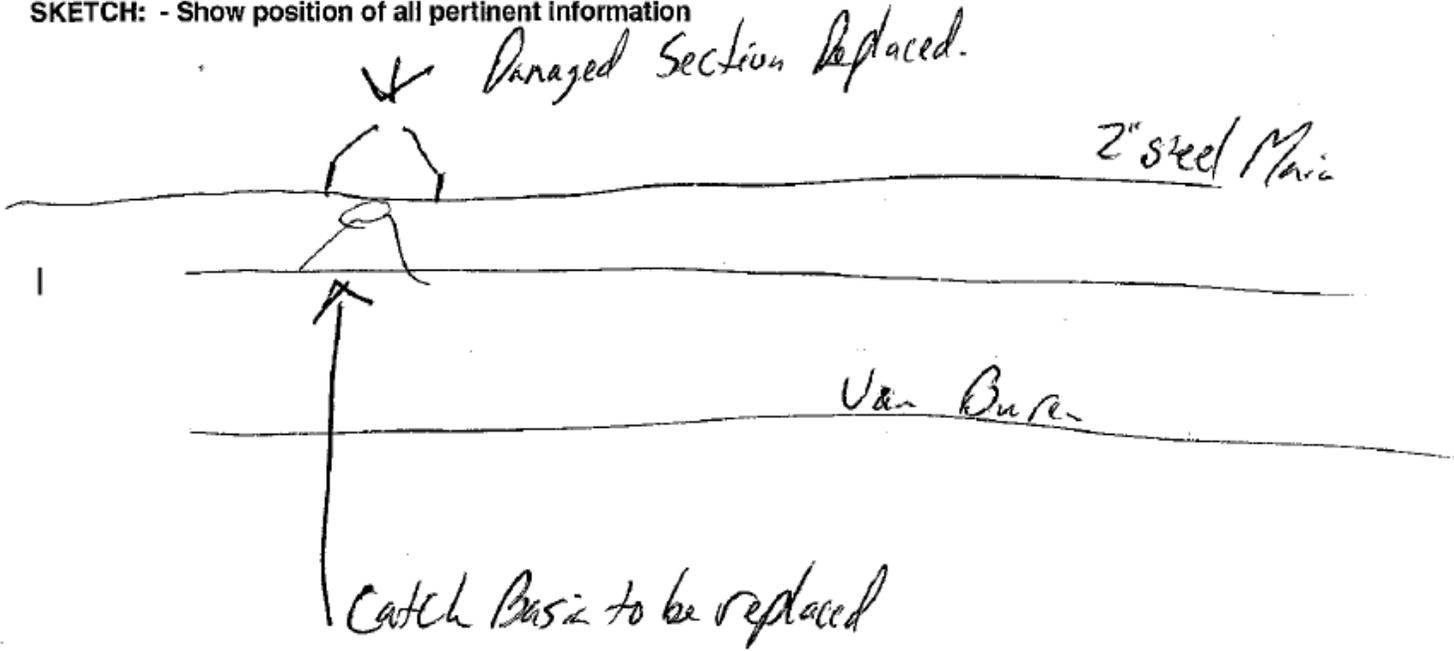
PERSON PREPARING REPORT 121562

FIELD SUPERVISOR J. Sprunger

FIELD MANAGER R. Dunn

- 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: _____



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

Fax number (*area code*): 260-459-6034

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 30, 2012 _____

County: Dekalb _____

City: Auburn _____

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
829 Van Buren St. _____

Nearest intersection: North St _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

Was there a release of product? No

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? No

If yes, how many affected? 0 _____

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

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

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

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

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If other, please specify: _____

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Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Notification to one-call center made but not sufficient

Additional Comments

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Nipsco emergency repair ticket -- 1212300018

Expired locate ticket. MAO 1/25/2013.



March 12, 2013

Pipeline Safety Division – Case 4407
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. 4407
Notice Dated February 14, 2013
Date of Event: 12/30/2012
Event Location: 829 Van Buren St., 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 1212052856 (see attached). The gas line was sitting on an old storm structure that was being removed. While removing the structure it is caused a dent in the steel gas main. The line was not leaking but the protective coating was off the steel pipe. As per our protocol we notified the gas company to see if they wanted to recap the main and if the dented area was going to need to be replaced. Originally they were only going to recap the main, but decided to cut the dent out.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Geiger', written over a white background.

Jay Geiger
President



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 4407

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: Todd Davis

Title (if any): Foreman

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: Todd Davis

Business/Organization Name: Geiger Excavating, Inc.

Title (if any): Foreman

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): 260-417-6813

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): 829 Van Buren Street

City, State and ZIP Code: Auburn, IN

Nearest Intersection: Prospect and Van Buren

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

Facility Type (*select one*): Distribution

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

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

Locate Information

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1212052856

- 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

2" Main on Van Buren 829 Van Buren St., Auburn, Indiana.
 This gas line was sitting on an old storm structure that was being removed. While removing the structure it caused a dent in the steel gas main. The line was not leaking but the protective coating was off of the steel pipe. As per the protocol we notified the gas company to see if they wanted to recap the main and see if the dented area was going to need to be replaced. Originally they were only going to recap the main, but decided to cut the dent out.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4407

Your Full Name: Jay Geiger

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

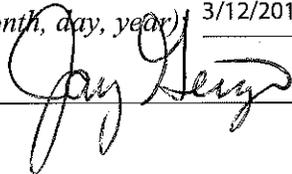
Your Business Title (if applicable): President

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

City: Fort Wayne 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 4407
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 : 1212052856 Date: 12/05/2012 Time: 16:45 Oper: MARK.HIPLE Chan:000

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

Address :

Street : N VAN BUREN ST
 Cross 1 : NORTH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
 Location: LOCATE VAN BUREN STREET BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH AND VAN BUREN - HEAD NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF PROSPECT AND VAN BUREN - LOCATE BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET

Grids : 4122B8503B 4122B8503C 4122C8503B 4122C8503C
 Boundary: n 41.375166 s 41.372152 w -85.059760 e -85.057874

Work type : UTILITIES
 Done for : GEIGER EXCAVATING
 Start date: 12/07/2012 Time: 17:00 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: 16:45
 Members: ID2200 ID2885 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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