



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Delta Iii Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4418

Report Date: 7/16/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/29/2012

Damage Address: 5th St, Laporte, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Delta Iii Inc**

Address: 2063 W 1250 S, Hanna, In 46340

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211272500

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing water work.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator had a locate which was due later that day; however, the excavator stated meeting with the locator for issue clarification. The investigation shows a section of main being unlocatable as photo documentation identifies.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide accurate facility locate markings.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jan 25, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Tommy Buher (NIPSCo)

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: Delta III Inc

Business address (*number and street*): 2063 W 1250 S

City, State, and ZIP code: Hanna, IN 46340

Telephone number (*area code*): 219-797-4004

Fax number (*area code*): 219-797-3008

E-mail address: delta3bill@csinet.net

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Nov 29, 2012

County: Laporte

City: Laporte

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
5th St

Nearest intersection: Ziegler Rd

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? Yes

If yes, how many evacuated? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 2

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 12.5

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? Distribution

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

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? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

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? Yes

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

Ticket -- 1211272500 was called in but not valid til later that day.

There were accurate locates onsite for another contractor.

Contractor dug before ticket was good.

Nipsco emergency repair ticket -- 1211291325



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 13, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4418
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4418

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: 11/29/2012

Event Location: 5th St

City: Laporte

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Delta Iii Inc

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4418

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. 4418	
Date of Event	11/29/2012
Event Location	5th St
Event City	Laporte
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Delta Iii Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Delta III
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Mike Eaton
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2063 W 1250 S
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Hanna, IN 46340
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-876-1416
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	5 th St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	LaPorte, IN 46350
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Ziegler Rd
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)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	YES
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	2
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	
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	X
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)	
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	
<p>Notification to one-call center made but not sufficient Excavator dug before their locate was due. Marks were onsite from another contractor NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket# 1211291325</p>	

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

NIPSCO 00433 IUPPSa 11/29/2012 11:02:36 1211291325-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1211291325 Date: 11/29/2012 Time: 10:58 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: CENTER
Cityname: LA PORTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : 5TH ST
Cross 1 : ZIEGLER RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 200 FOOT RADIUS OF THE INTERSECTION
:
Grids : 4136D8644A
Boundary: n 41.603710 s 41.602612 w -86.748352 e -86.746887

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 11/29/2012 Time: 10:59 Hours notice: 0/0 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 E 86TH AVE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : LAURA SZCZECINA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : STEVE JEORGION -- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)363-1033
Fax : (219)647-4764

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CREW EN ROUTE

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

Submitted date: 11/29/2012 Time: 10:58
Members: COMCN ID0252 ID2354 ID2708 ID5693 ID8000 ID8240 ID9556 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA LaPorte-160 MAXIMO WO # M617176
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rich Elm JOB ORDER # 569744-16
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 1129 002 LOCATE REF # 121291325
Locate Performed By: USIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 9:35 11-29-12 2012 A M DATE OF REPORT 11-29-2012
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 5th and Ziegler Rd

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) 30" PRESSURE (PSI) 45 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 23:00

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 9:35 AM TIME RESTORED 23:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 2" Severed

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 2' NO ()
HOW LOCATED: PAINT FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Delta III - Mike Eaton 574-876-1416 c

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2063 W 1250 S Hanna 46340

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Delta III

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____
FIRE AGENCY L.P.D. FD 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 Disturb Hand Exposure

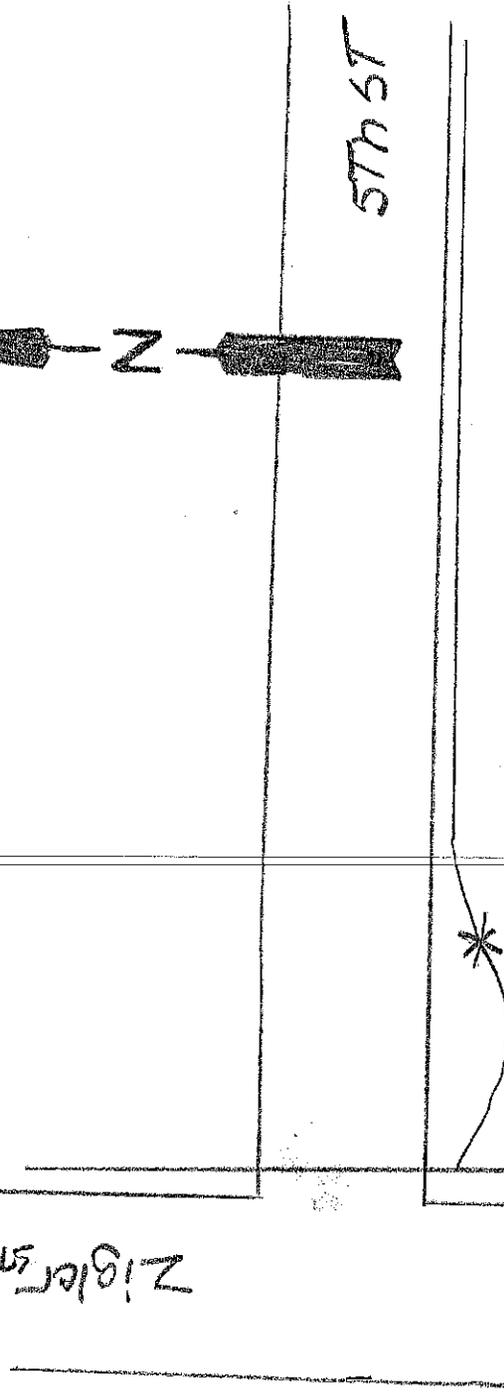
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Leak Asset # 23.7436 Third Party Maximo # M617212
Stop Gas Leaking from Main at 4:30 PM 11-29-12

PERSON PREPARING REPORT George Watkins
FIELD SUPERVISOR Rich Elm / Steve Georsion
FIELD MANAGER John Todd

- 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: _____ DATE: _____

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121129002

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 11/29/2012 9:30:00 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 11/29/2012 11:05:31 AM

NOTIFIED BY: LAURA Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 5TH X ZIGLER

CITY: LAPORTE

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 11/29/2012

FROM: 11:10:00

TO: 16:45:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: DELTA 3

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Water Main Extension

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1211270822

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET: Ongoing Project

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1211291325

START DATE/TIME: 11/29/2012 10:55:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Eric Veach

DATE/TIME: 11/29/2012 4:25:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #: 1

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 113212

INVESTIGATOR NAME: Eric Veach/Robert Anderson

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121129002

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Main

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Veach Eric - 113212

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Facility Marked Accurately,

Other

Other: No Tracer Wire on Plastic Section

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,

Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

This damage occurred around 11am on the morning of 11/29/12. Utilities were being marked by Eric as the project

progressed along. There were already markings down for the 2" steel gas main and the last plastic service on 5th street just to the east of the intersection of Ziegler rd. The plastic 2" gas main on Zeigler was marked accurately. The prints show the steel main on 5th street running west all the way to the intersection and tying into the plastic main on Ziegler. This is how this main was marked. While digging along the south edge of 5th st, the contractor had snagged and cut into a 2" plastic main. After some time, Nipsco ran a bypass so no other services would be lost and were able to finally get the gas shut down. It was then uncovered some more and found that a section of 2" plastic gas main was attached to the steel main which had dead ended at one time. There was a plastic to steel transition fitting but also no tracer wire was found along the plastic main for at least

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Nipsco crews from LaPorte along with supervisors Steve and Rich from LaPorte District were on site and observed all issues and agreed with my investigation findings.

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

Crew from Delta III and supervisor Mike Eaton also on site.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

LaPorte Fire Dept provided road closures and safety.

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 Cut into plastic main

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE N/A, possibly spliced together

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? Yes Delta III

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? Backhoe

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) Nipsco prints show steel



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Ticket Detail: 1211291325



From: IRTHNet At: 11/29/12 10:03 AM Seq No: 43
Facility: Distribution Lines

NIPSCO 00433 IUPPSa 11/29/2012 11:02:36 1211291325-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1211291325 Date: 11/29/2012 Time: 10:58 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: CENTER
Cityname: LA PORTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : 5TH ST
Cross 1 : ZIEGLER RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 200 FOOT RADIUS OF THE INTERSECTION
:
Grids : 4136D8644A
Boundary: n 41.603710 s 41.602612 w -86.748352 e -86.746887

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 11/29/2012 Time: 10:59 Hours notice: 0/0 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 E 86TH AVE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : LAURA SZCZECINA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : STEVE JEORGION -- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)363-1033
Fax : (219)647-4764

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Members: COMCN ID0252 ID2354 ID2708 ID5693 ID8000 ID8240 ID9556 NIPSCO SM

Ticket History (All Times in Central Standard Time):
11/29/2012 10:02:57 AM: Received
Details: Ticket received for registration code NIPSCO

Distribution Lines
11/29/2012 10:02:57 AM: Put in Folder
Details: Put in REGION 1 by auto process
Notes: Auto Processed per State, County, and Place

11/29/2012 10:03:13 AM: Assigned
Details: Assigned to USIC - Company Request by Oscar Rios

11/29/2012 10:03:13 AM: Ticket Queued
Details: Ticket queued for delivery

Transmission Lines
11/29/2012 10:02:57 AM: Responded
Details: Transmission - N/A: added by auto process
Notes: Auto Processed per Facility Location

Email_From: irthnetapp@nisource.com
Email_Subject: Seq# 43: 1211291325 for NIPSCO - Distribution Lines
Email_Sent_Date: 2012-11-29 10:03:24 CST
Email_MessageID: <OF2DC8C14A.272BC94A-ON86257AC5.005833AF@nisource.com>

Ticket Detail: 1211291325



Email_host: tickets6.811tickets.com
Email_user: 811.in.ni
Email_To: 811.in.ni@tickets.811tickets.com
Email_ContentType: text/Plain; charset=US-ASCII

Ticket Detail: 1211291325



Ticket Position: 41.6031610,-86.7476195



Attachments

Attached to	Name	Upload Date	Uploaded by	Created	Position
Ticket 1211291325	20121129162907_IM G0804.jpg	Nov 29, 2012 4:44 PM CST	Veach, Eric	11/29/12 4:29 PM	



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/29/2012 4:29:07 PM

Ticket Detail: 1211291325



Attached to	Name	Upload Date	Uploaded by	Created	Position
Ticket 1211291325	20121129162912_IM G0805.ipa	Nov 29, 2012 4.44 PM CST	Veach, Eric	11/29/12 4:29 PM	



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/29/2012 4:29:12 PM

Ticket Detail: 1211291325



Attached to	Name	Upload Date	Uploaded by	Created	Position
Ticket 1211291325	20121129162916_IM G0806.ipc	Nov 29, 2012 4.44 PM CST	Veach, Eric	11/29/12 4:29 PM	



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/29/2012 4:29:16 PM

Ticket Detail: 1211291325



Attached to	Name	Upload Date	Uploaded by	Created	Position
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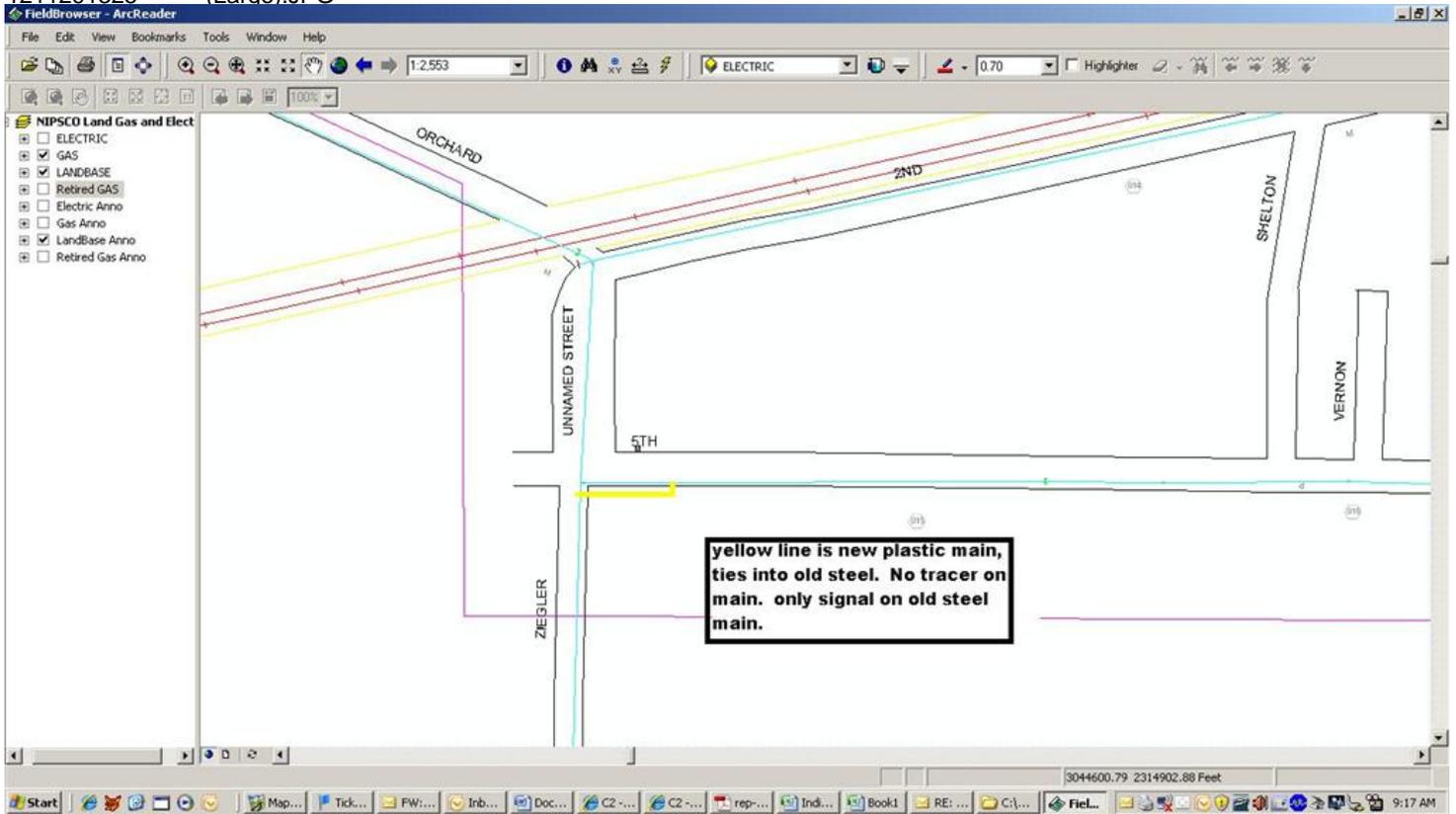


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Ticket 1211291325	callout_2012-11-29- 10-13-02.mp3	Nov 29, 2012 10.43 AM CST	Veach, Eric		



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

June 21, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4418
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 4418
Date of Event: 11-29-2012
Event Location: 5th St., LaPorte
Excavator: Delta III Inc.
Other Party: N/A

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Division of Pipeline Safety, Notification of Possible Violations for Case No. 4418 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated May 22, 2013. NIPSCO has enclosed a copy of the original locate ticket no. 1211272500 identified in NIPSCO's March 13, 2013 response.

NIPSCO contends that ticket no. 1211272500 documents that the locate request was made at 3:22 pm on October 27 and the damage was reported at 11:02 am on October 29, less than two business days after the locate request was placed. As a result, no violation of Ind. Code 8-1-26-18 could have occurred as the statutory timeframe for completing the location of the line in question had not passed. As discussed in the USIC Fact Based Investigation Report provided with NIPSCO's March 13 response, the Excavator was evidently making use of markings from a previous locate.

If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" and last name "Earle" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle

NiSource Corporate Services - Legal

Phone: 317-684-4904

Fax: 317-684-4918

Email: cearle@nisource.com

NIPSCO 00787 IUPPSa 11/27/2012 15:22:35 1211272500-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1211272500 Date: 11/27/2012 Time: 15:11 Oper: CSCOTT Chan:052

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: CENTER
Cityname: LA PORTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : 5TH ST

Cross 1 : ZIEGLER RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION TRAVEL EAST APPROX 40 FEET ON 5TH ST -
THEN AT THAT POINT LOCATE WEST ON BOTH SIDES OF 5TH STREET ENDING AT ZIGLER
RD

:

Grids : 4136D8644B 4136D8644A

Boundary: n 41.603737 s 41.602589 w -86.748993 e -86.745514

Work type : WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Done for : LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.

Start date: 11/29/2012 Time: 15:30 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 5 FEET

Company : DELTA III INCORPORATED Type: CONT

Co addr : 2063 WEST 1250 SOUTH

City : HANNA State: IN Zip: 46340

Caller : MIKE EATON Phone: (219)797-4004

Contact : MIKE EATON - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)876-1416

Fax : (219)797-3008

Email : DELTA3BILL@CSINET.NET

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

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

:

Submitted date: 11/27/2012 Time: 15:11

Members: COMCN ID0252 ID2354 ID2708 ID5693 ID8000 ID8240 ID9556 NIPSCO SM



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

RECEIVED
MAR 12 2013
INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Case Number: 4418

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: Delta III, Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Michael Eaton

Title (if any): President

Address (number and street): 2063 W 1250 S

City, State and ZIP Code: Hanna, IN 46340

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-797-4004

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 574-876-1416

Email Address: delta3bill @csinet.net

Facility Information:

Business Name: New Construction-LaPorte County

Responsible Party Personal Name: Jeff Wright

Title (if any): Engineer

Address (number and street): 1805 5th St

City, State and ZIP Code: LaPorte, IN 46350

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-362-2051

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): Unknown

Email Address: Unknown

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: USIC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Eric Warren

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 260-410-2850

Email Address: _____

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (select one): Excavator

Type of Work Performed (select one): Excavation

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

Personal Contact: Keith Adkinson

Business/Organization Name: LaPorte Water Dept

Title (if any): Maintenance Supervisor

Address (number and street): 1119 Lake Street

City, State and ZIP Code: LaPorte, IN 46350

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-326-9540

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-608-9817

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (number and street): 5th Street Zigler Rd

City, State and ZIP Code: LaPorte, IN 46350

Nearest Intersection: 5th Street & Zigler Rd

Product Type (select one): Plastic

Facility Type (select one): NIPSCO-Main

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): High Pressure

Interruption in Service: Yes No Number of Customers Affected: 0

Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 0

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: 1211272500

Locate Marks Visible: Yes No
Locate Marks Correct: Yes No
Excavator "White Lined": Yes No Not needed-Met with locator to go thru the job
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

NIPSCO utility release enclosed-Line was mismarked due to inaccurate drawings and no tracer wire installed with pipe. All suggested violations are false

Photos and paid invoice for potholing enclosed

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4418

Your Full Name: Michael Eaton

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Delta III, Inc

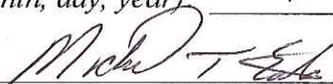
Your Business Title (if applicable): President

Address (number and street): 2063 W 1250 S

City: Hanna State: IN ZIP Code: 46340

Your E-mail Address: delta3bill@csinet.net

Today's Date (month, day, year): 3/11/13

Your Signature:  Title (if any) President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 4418
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Bill Eaton

From: <MLEchowicz@NiSource.com>
To: <delta3bill@csinet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 9:25 AM
Subject: NIPSCO Claims 12-2484 & 12-2485: 5th & Ziegler, LaPorte

Mike,

As you are aware, NIPSCO has presented to you billing statements for damages sustained to our facilities located at the above noted location on December 4, 2012 and November 29, 2012, respectively. After further review, it has been determined that we will no longer seek compensation for the damages from your organization.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Thank you.

Mary L. Lechowicz
Leader Facility Damages
NIPSCO
801 - E. 86th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

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219.647-4035 Fax
mlechowicz@NiSource.com

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JET / VAC & VIDEO

CUSTOMER: Delta III
 2063 W. 1250 S
 Hanna, IN 46340

Date: 12/7/2012

Invoice # 1283

PROJECT: LaPorte

JOB #: DI-83

P.O. #

04620

INVOICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HRS.</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
11/28/2012		8.5	Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner	\$220.00	\$2,750.00
11/30/2012		4	with Operator		
			Locate - Water, Fiber Cables, Phone & Gas Lines		
			Terms: Net 30 days		
			THANK YOU!	TOTAL	\$2,750.00

Case # 4419

1st locate

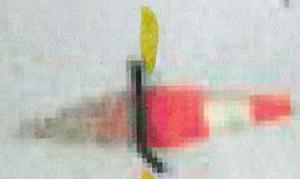
2nd locate

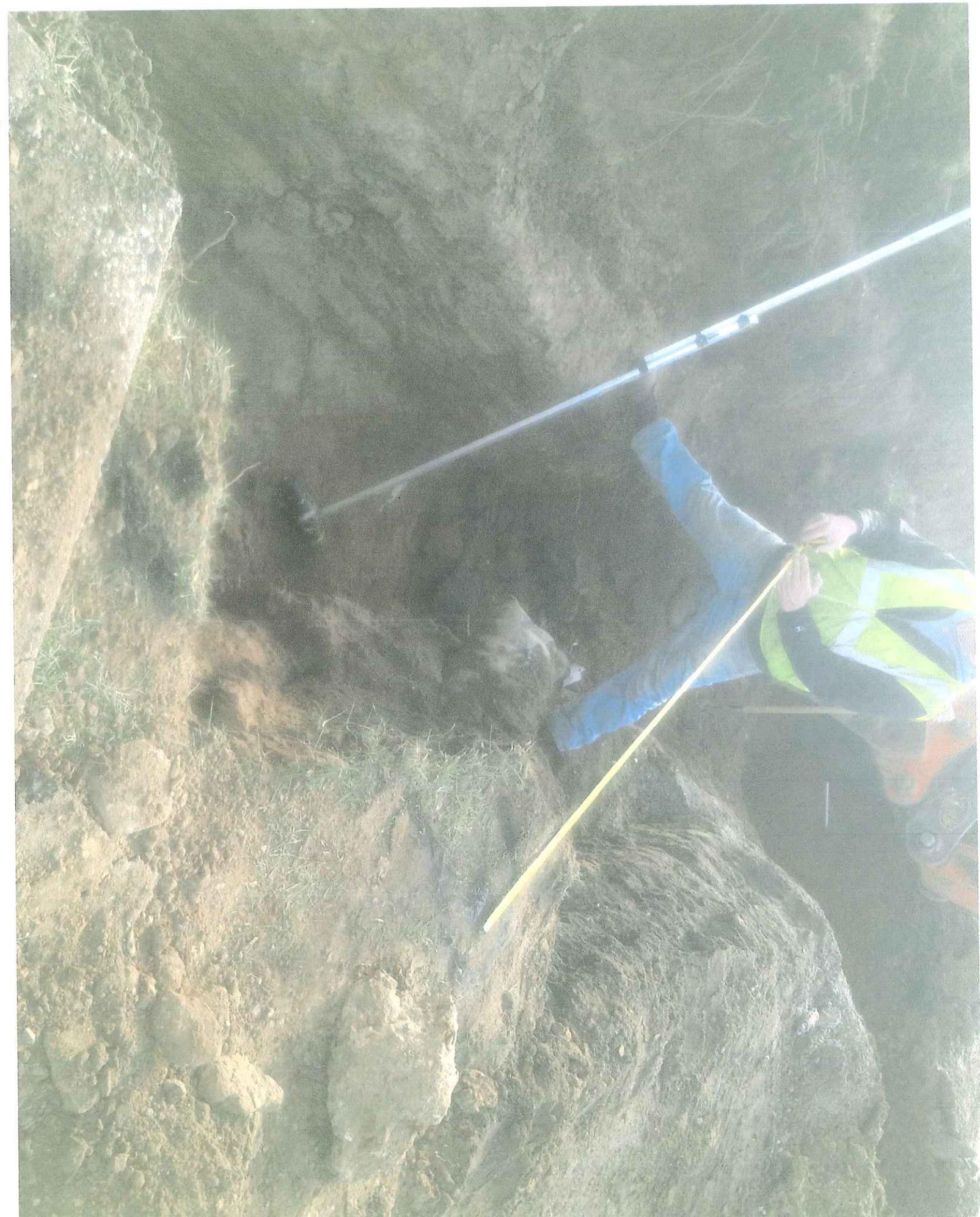
17'

Damaged Area #2

4419

Recovery





Proposed

Watermark

Actual

2nd locate

1st locate

1st locate

Exposed
by hand ex.





Area marked

4.9

Damage #1

Action

Delta III Inc
2063 West 1250 South
Hanna, IN 46340
(219) 797-4004
Fax (219) 797-3008

State of Indiana
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 Washington Street, Suite 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204-3407
Attn: Kelsey Klinger

March 12, 2013

Ms Klinger,

Per our conversation, I am forwarding further explain violations that our company was cited for:

REF: Case #4418

IC 8-1-26-16 (g): Failure to provide notice of excavation
*Our ticket # 1211272500

IC 8-1-26-16 (h): Failure to perform required white lining
*Met with locator Eric Warne on site and walked him through areas to be located.

IC 8-1-26-20 (b): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment
*Damage was done 5+ feet away from markings

IC 8-1-26-18 (f): Failure to properly locate facilities (operator violation)
*We potholed every utility that we were to cross, and due to the installation of gas by NIPSCO the locator was unable to find the actual route of the pipeline, because it did not have a tracer wire.

REF: Case #4419

IC 8-1-26-16 (g): Failure to provide notice of excavation

*Our ticket #1211272500

IC 8-1-26-16 (h): Failure to perform required white lining

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IC 8-1-26-20 (b): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment

*Damage was done 5+ feet away markings

IC 8-1-26-18 (f): Failure to properly locate facilities (operator violation)

*After NIPSCO repaired gas break #1 (Case 4418) NIPSCO installed a new tracer **wire to a wire that was found 15' away from the first break** and then they connected it to the existing steel main and a second relocate was done by USIC. Unfortunately the wire was not continued onto the plastic main, hence the locator marked what he believed to be the existing main and it was not. Prior to digging we potholed and found plastic main which was near his markings, at this point **the markings were at least 4' away from our dig area and continuing away from us (please relate to pictures already forwarded to you) 10' after the pothole, the 2"** gas line actually turned south across our dig area and the line was broken. After line was shut down, it was found that the tracer wire was not on the existing main at the break point. In our conclusion NIPSCO connected to a wire that they **couldn't confirm where it even went.**

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely

Michael Eaton
Delta III Inc
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