



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Delta Iii, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4419

Report Date: 7/16/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 12/4/2012

Damage Address: 5th And Ziegler Road, Laporte, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Delta Iii, Inc.**

Address: 2063 W. 1250s, 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: 1211272510

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 Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported the main was not properly located.

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 21, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCo)

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: Delta III, Inc.

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

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

Telephone number (*area code*): (574) 876-1153

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

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*): Dec 4, 2012

County: LaPorte

City: LaPorte

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

Nearest intersection: _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - County Road

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? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 2

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

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? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 54

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1211272510

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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? Yes

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

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? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Emergency Ticket# 1212041343



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 13, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4419
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4419

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: 12/4/2012

Event Location: 5th And Ziegler Road

City: Laporte

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Delta Iii, Inc.

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4419

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. 4419	
Date of Event	12/4/2012
Event Location	5th And Ziegler Road
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 Incorporated
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2063 West 1250 South
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Hanna / IN / 46340
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(219) 797-4004
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	5 th & Ziegler Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	LaPorte / IN / 46350
NEAREST INTERSECTION	5 th 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" plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	2
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
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)	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	1211272510
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Y
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)	Y
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Facility marking or location not sufficient Main was mismarked But, USIC states that this was an untoneable section of main and the marks were off by 5'.</p> <p>Emergency Ticket# 1212041343.</p>	

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

NIPSCO 00788 IUPPSa 11/27/2012 15:22:36 1211272510-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1211272510 Date: 11/27/2012 Time: 15:17 Oper: CSCOTT Chan:052

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

Address :
Street : ZIEGLER RD
Cross 1 : 5TH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE SOUTH ON BOTH SIDES OF ZIEGLER RD
FOR 750 FEET
:
Grids : 4136D8644A
Boundary: n 41.603729 s 41.600468 w -86.748428 e -86.746895

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: 15:17
Members: COMCN ID0252 ID2354 ID2708 ID5693 ID8000 ID8240 ID9556 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00411 IUPPSa 12/04/2012 11:55:41 1212041343-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1212041343 Date: 12/04/2012 Time: 11:49 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

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 200 FOOT RADIUS OF THE INTERSECTION
:
Grids : 4136D8644A
Boundary: n 41.603716 s 41.602618 w -86.748329 e -86.746866

Work type : GAS LEAK REPAIR
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 12/04/2012 Time: 11:51 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 : JOEL DEJESUS Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : RICH ELM--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)851-3265
Fax : (219)647-4764

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

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

:

Submitted date: 12/04/2012 Time: 11:49
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 # M620933
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rich Elm JOB ORDER # 569745-16
TRACKING NUMBER 018-2012-1204-004 LOCATE REF # 121-204-1343
Locate Performed By: USIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 10:42 12/04/2012 A M DATE OF REPORT 12/04/12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 5th and Ziegler Rd LaPorte IN 46350

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) 54" PRESSURE (PSI) 95 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 2

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 10:42 AM TIME RESTORED _____

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 2" cut through

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Delta III - Corey Eaton 574-876-1153

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2053 W 1250 S Hanna IN 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 LaPorte REPORT # _____

OTHER () _____ Any Injuries? () YES # X () 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
- () BLDG CONSTRUCTION () DEMOLITION () DRAINAGE
- () DRIVEWAY () ELECTRIC () SURVEYING
- () FENCING () GRADING () IRRIGATION
- () LANDSCAPING () PIPELINE () MILLING
- () POLE/SIGN POST () ROAD WORK () SEWER
- () TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- () WATER DRAINS/CULVERTS
- () MOWING
- () OTHER _____

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

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

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

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

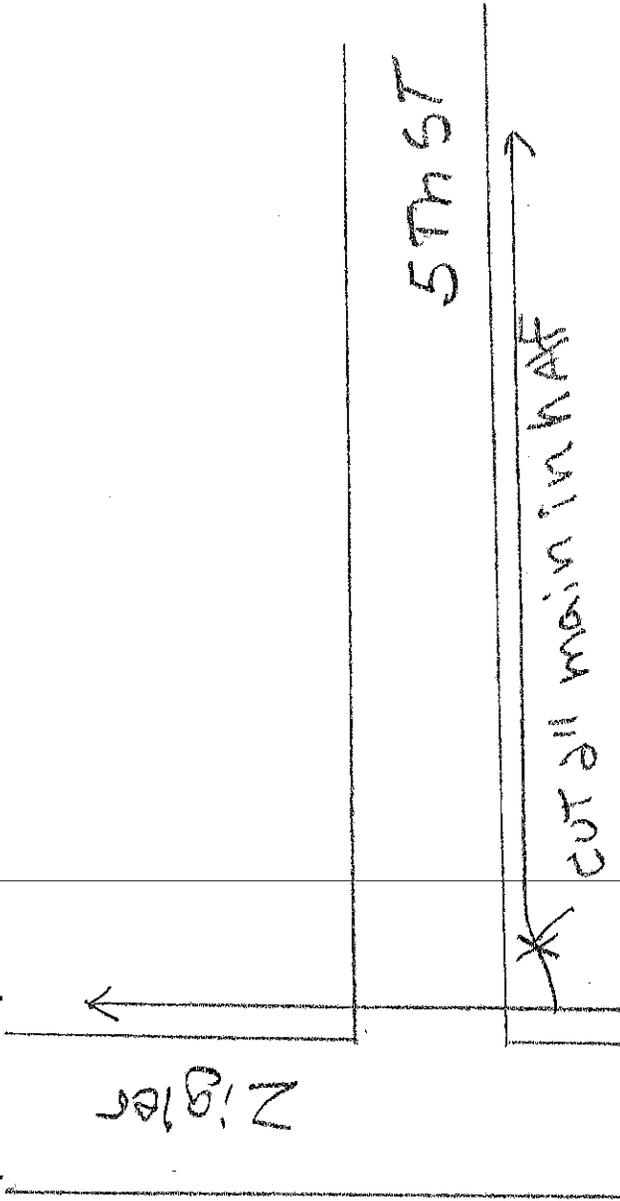
• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Main stopped 12:00 PM 12-4-12 to start repair
MAIN Restored 20100 12-4-12

PERSON PREPARING REPORT George Watkins U122634
FIELD SUPERVISOR Rich Elm
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

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

Telephone number (*area code*): (574) 876-1153

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

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*): Dec 4, 2012

County: LaPorte

City: LaPorte

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
5th and Ziegler Road, LaPorte, IN 46350

Nearest intersection: _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - County Road

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? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 2

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

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? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 54

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1211272510

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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify:

Was site marked by "White Lining"? Yes

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

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? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Emergency Ticket# 1212041343

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121204004

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 12/4/2012 10:40:00 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/4/2012 11:59:56 AM

NOTIFIED BY: JOEL DEJESUS Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: X 5TH ST & ZIEGLER RD

CITY: LA PORTE

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 12/04/2012

FROM: 11:45:00

TO: 15:15:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: DELTA 3

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: WATER MAIN INSTALL

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: UNK

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A: Yes

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1212041343

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: ERIC VEACH

DATE/TIME: 12/4/2012 1:00:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 113212

INVESTIGATOR NAME: ERIC VEACH

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121204004

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: main - 2"

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Veach Eric - 113212

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Other

Other: UNTONEABLE SECTION OF MAIN

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:

CONTRACTOR CUT THE NIPSCO 2" PL GAS MAIN AT THE INTERSECTION. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THE CONTRACTOR CUT THIS 2" PL GAS MAIN. NIPSCO INSTALLED A BYE PASS, NO SERVICE WAS LOST. WHEN NIPSCO FIXED THE TRACER FROM THE FIRST DAMAGE, I LOCATED THE GAS GOING TO THE INTERSECTION(WEST) AND THE READING TOOK ME TO THE 2" PL GAS MAIN GOING NORTH. WHERE THE

CONTRACTOR CUT THE MAIN THE MARKS ARE ABOUT 5' OFF. NIPSCO INSTALLED A 10' OF NEW MAIN.NIPSCO IS GOING TO RUN NEW TRACER WIRE FROM THE STEEL MAIN TO THE PL GAS MAIN. THE EXISTING MARKS ARE CIRCLED IN BLACK PAINT. CONTRACTOR HAD THE STEEL AND PL GAS MAIN EXPOSED AWAY FROM THE INTERSECTION.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

ROB HAYWORD WITH NIPSCO DAMAGE PERVENTION.

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? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE CUT IN HALF

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 10'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? TRACK HOE

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) LAP



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

RECEIVED

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**INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Case Number: 4419

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: 4419

Your Full Name: Michael Eaton

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

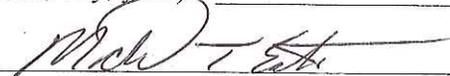
Your Business Title (if applicable): President

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 4419
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
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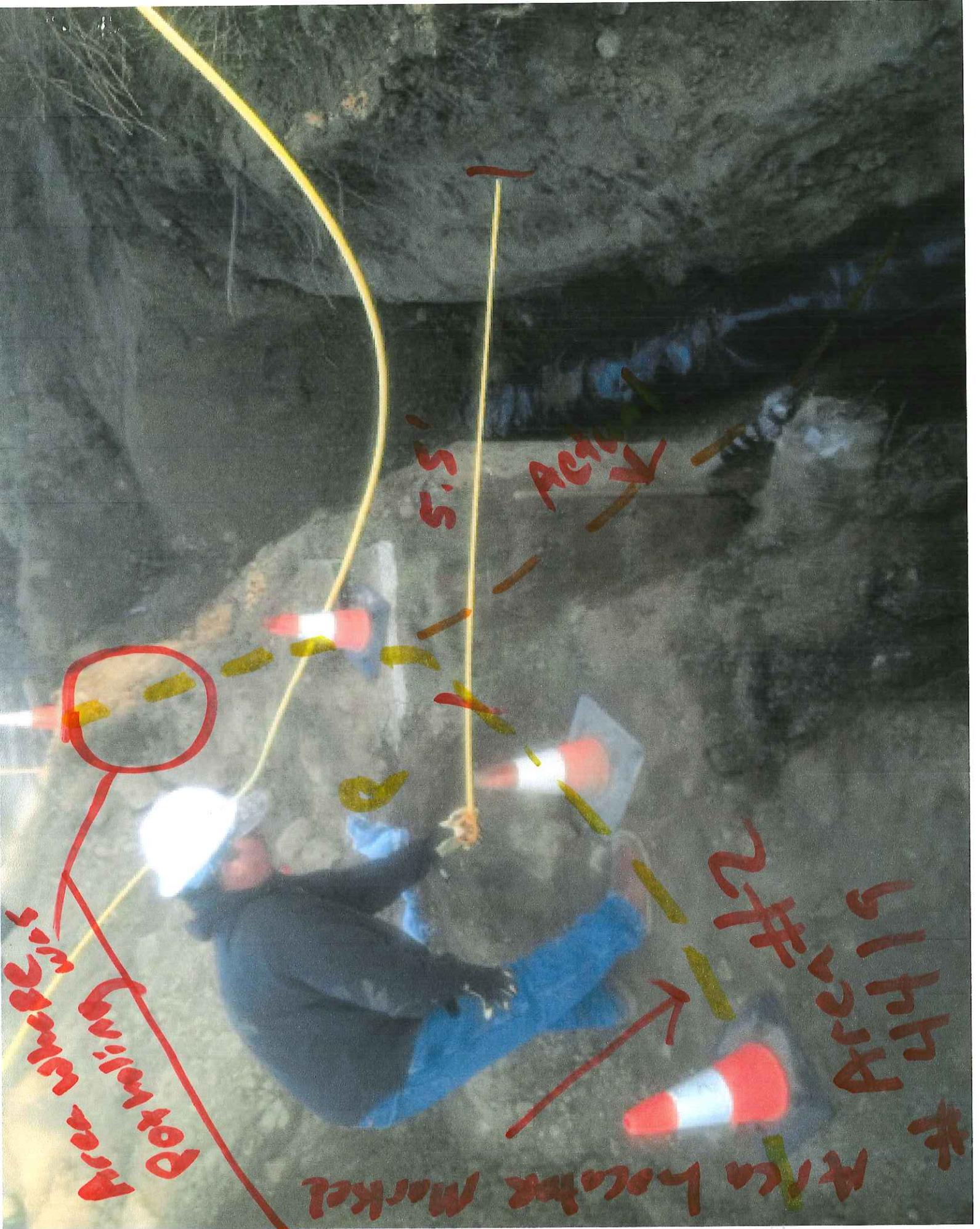
JET / VAC & VIDEO

CUSTOMER: Delta III **Date:** 12/7/2012
 2063 W. 1250 S
 Hanna, IN 46340 **Invoice #** 1283

PROJECT: LaPorte **JOB #:** DI-83
04620 **P.O. #**

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



Area where
potting
is

Area locator
Markel

April 9
#2

5.5'

Actual

81744419

1st locate

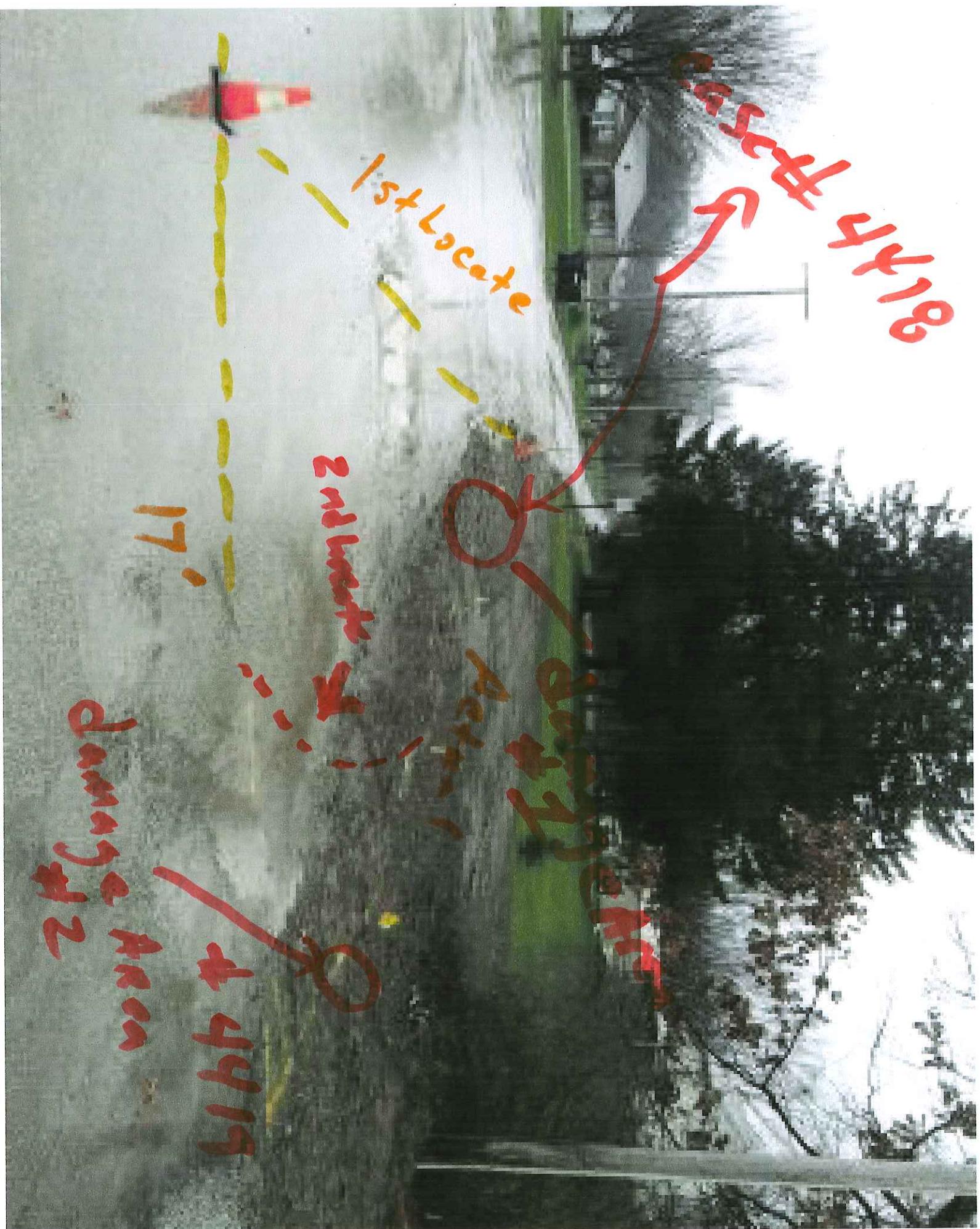
2nd locate

17'

Damage Area #2

44419

Area 1





Proposed

Watermark

Actual

2nd locate

1st locate

1st locate

Exposed
by hand ex.





Actual

Damage #1
Area #1

4.9'

Area
marked

Delta III Inc

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Hanna, IN 46340

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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.

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*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
Ilw