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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Laporte County Highway Department

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4421

Report Date: 7/17/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 12/18/2012

Damage Address: 5644 Us Highway 35, Laporte, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Laporte County Highway Department**

Address: 1805 West 5th Street, Laporte, In, 46350

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

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: 1212071827

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing ditch cleaning work.

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/22/2013. The excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to locate the facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide 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 24, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Steve Noffsinger (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: Laporte County Highway Department

Business address (*number and street*): 1805 West 5th Street

City, State, and ZIP code: Laporte, IN, 46350

Telephone number (*area code*): 219-362-2051

Fax number (*area code*): 219-362-4221

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: County

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Dec 18, 2012

County: LaPorte

City: LaPorte

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
5644 US Highway 35

Nearest intersection: N 525 W

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? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1.5

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: _____

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1212071827

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? No

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: --Facility marking or location not sufficient

Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1212180980

The gas operator has self reported a failure to correctly mark facility resulting in an OPERATOR VIOLATION. MAO 1/25/2013.



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 13, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4421
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4421

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: 12/18/2012

Event Location: 5644 Us Highway 35

City: Laporte

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Laporte County Highway Department

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4421

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. 4421	
Date of Event	12/18/2012
Event Location	5644 Us Highway 35
Event City	Laporte
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Laporte County Highway Department
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Laporte County Highway Department
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	1805 West 5 th Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Laporte / IN / 46350
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(219) 362-2051
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	5644 US Highway 35
CITY/STATE/ZIP	LaPorte / IN / 46350
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N 525 W
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	YES
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
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	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	X (ditch digging)
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)	YES
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1212071827
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	YES
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	NO
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	NO
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	YES
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)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Facility marking or location not sufficient. Service not marked. Emergency ticket# 1212180980.</p>	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Laporte-160 MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT R Elm/604584 JOB ORDER # 569734-16
TRACKING NUMBER 01820121218002 LOCATE REF # _____
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 12/18/12 2012 08:30 AM DATE OF REPORT 12/18/12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 5644 N US Hwy 35 Laporte

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

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 5/8" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____
DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 3 FT 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: 1
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 08:30 AM TIME RESTORED 1000 AM
DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: CUT IN HALF

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Laporte County Highway Dept
ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) _____

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Joe Scalka 219-608-9742
WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____
FIRE () AGENCY NONE _____ 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 Ditch Digging
() 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 Locates not complete

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: hit Mismarked some Referred

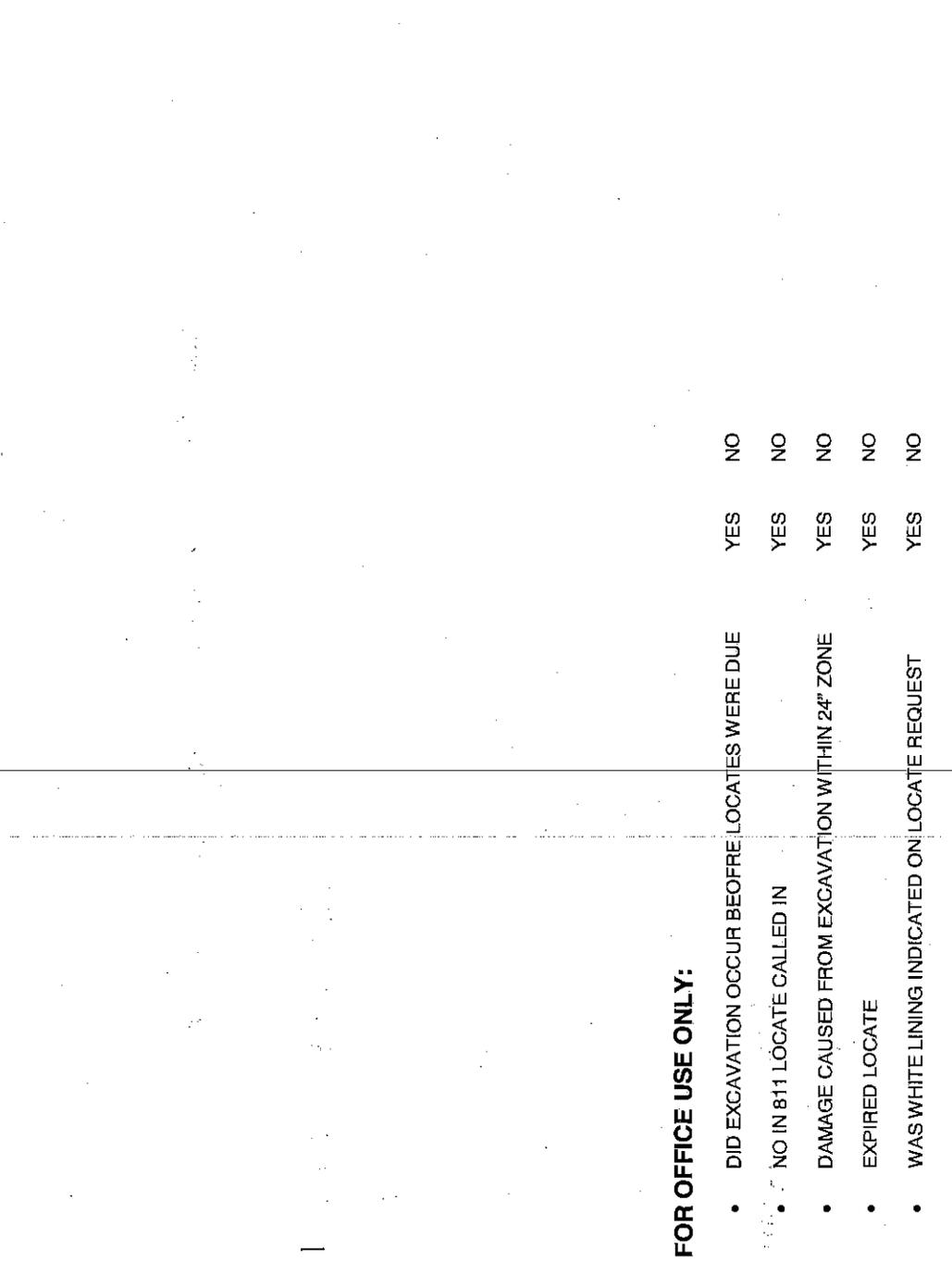
PERSON PREPARING REPORT John Hampton

FIELD SUPERVISOR Rick Elm / Steve Gorgens

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



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: _____

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121218002

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 12/18/2012 9:45:00 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/18/2012 9:46:34 AM

NOTIFIED BY: SHERRY MINKEMA Facility Owner

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 5644 N US HWY 35 (N 525 W)

CITY: LAPORTE

ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 12/18/2012

FROM: 08:40:00

TO: 11:00:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: LAPorte County Highway

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Ditch Cleaning

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1212071827

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET: Routine

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1212180692

START DATE/TIME:

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Chris Deniston

DATE/TIME: 12/18/2012 9:30:00 AM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #: 12-18

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117867

INVESTIGATOR NAME: Chris Deniston

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? Possibly

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121218002

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Veach Eric - 113212

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Other

Other: Not Marked

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:

House sits southeast of the intersection with a highway 35 address. Gas service went out back to 525 west. All other utilities go out to highway 35. Gas service to this house was not 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? No

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

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut 1/2

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 3'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? n/a

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)



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: Steve Noffsinger

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: Laporte County Highway Department

Business address (*number and street*): 1805 West 5th Street

City, State, and ZIP code: Laporte, IN, 46350

Telephone number (*area code*): 219-362-2051

Fax number (*area code*): 219-362-4221

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: County

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Dec 18, 2012

County: LaPorte

City: LaPorte

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
5644 US Highway 35, LaPorte, IN, 46350

Nearest intersection: N 525 W

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? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1.5

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: _____

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1212071827

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? No

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: --Facility marking or location not sufficient

Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency repair ticket 1212180980

NIPSCO 00297 IUPPSa 12/18/2012 10:41:36 1212180778-01A EMER CNCL GRID

CANCEL SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1212180778 Date: 12/18/2012 Time: 10:36 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034
Old Tkt: 1212180778 Date: 12/18/2012 Time: 09:47 Oper: MMOELLER Rev: 00A

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

Address : 5584
Street : N 525 W
Cross 1 : N US RT 35 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4141C8648D 4141D8648D
Boundary: n 41.689712 s 41.685650 w -86.803627 e -86.801006

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 12/18/2012 Time: 09:48 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 8 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : SHERI MINKEMA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : RICH ELM CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)851-3265

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CANCELLED DUE TO INCORRECT ADDRESS AND MAPPING -- SEE TICKET 1212180980 FOR
CORRECT INFORMATION

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

Submitted date: 12/18/2012 Time: 10:36
Members: COMCN ID0148 ID2509 ID5121 ID7150 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NIPSCO 00292 IUPPSa 12/18/2012 10:35:30 1212180980-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1212180980 Date: 12/18/2012 Time: 10:27 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

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

Address : 5644
Street : US RT 35
Cross 1 : N 525 W Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4141C8647A 4141C8648D 4141D8647A 4141D8648D
Boundary: n 41.690290 s 41.686263 w -86.804047 e -86.797941

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 12/18/2012 Time: 10:27 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 8 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : SHERI MINKEMA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : RICH ELM CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)851-3265

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CREW IS EN ROUTE THIS TICKET REPLACES TICKET 1212180778 - WRONG ADDRESS
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 12/18/2012 Time: 10:27
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0148 ID2509 ID5121 ID7150 ID8000 NIPSCO SBCIN SM



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 4421

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: La Porte County Highway Department

Responsible Party Personal Name: Robert Young

Title (if any): Superintendent

Address (number and street): 1805 W 5th Street

City, State and ZIP Code: LaPorte, IN 46350

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

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 219-608-9732

Email Address: ryoung@laportecounty.org or jpajor@laportecounty.org

Facility Information:

Business Name: Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO)

Responsible Party Personal Name: _____

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Indiana Underground

Responsible Party Personal Name: _____

Title (*if any*): _____

Address (*number and street*): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: website= www.indiana811.org

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (*select one*): Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (*select one*): Drainage

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

Personal Contact: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Title (*if any*): _____

Address (*number and street*): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): 5644 Us Highway 35

City, State and ZIP Code: LaPorte, IN 46350

Nearest Intersection: Hwy 35 & 525 W

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

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

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/4 1"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): Residential

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: 1211291672/1212071827

- 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: _____

Number of Inpatient Treated: _____

Number of Fatalities: _____

Fire Department Response: Yes No

Police Department Response: Yes No

Ambulance Response: Yes No

Additional Information / Comments

The service line that we hit was not located properly and you may contact Carrie Ludwig (with Indiana Underground) 219-962-0422

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 4421

Your Full Name: Julie Pajor/ Sec-Bookkeeper

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): LaPorte County Highway Department

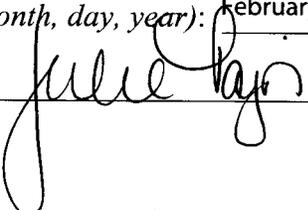
Your Business Title (if applicable): LaPorte County Highway Department

Address (number and street): 1805 W 5th Street

City: LaPorte State: IN ZIP Code: 46350

Your E-mail Address: jpajor@laportecounty.org or ryoung@laportecounty.org

Today's Date (month, day, year): February 21, 2013

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Sec/Bookkeeper

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 4421
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

CONTRACT # 0265

LOCATE REQUEST FORM

COUNTY _____

LAPORTE

TOWNSHIP _____

SPRINGFIELD

NEAREST CITY _____

M.C.

STREET ADDRESS _____

5566 N. 525. W

TYPE OF WORK _____

5384 N. 525. W

EXTENT OF WORK _____

NAME OF CALLER _____

DIG DITCH

TITLE OF CALLER _____

STARTING DATE _____

TIME _____

CONTRACTOR _____

L.P. CO. HWY. DEPT. 219-362-2051

TICKET REF # _____

1211291672 / 1212071827

DATE LOCATION WAS CALLED IN _____

12/6

CALL TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG!

WITHIN INDIANA 800-382-5544

OUTSIDE INDIANA 800-428-5200

West Side

EST SIDE

11/29/12/17

550'

12/27

East Side

WEST SIDE

of Road



DRAWN
TICKET #
1212180692

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To: LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Attn: JOE SKALKA
Voice: 2193622051 Fax: 2193624221
Re: One Call Response: Marathon Pipe Line LLC

This is a response from Marathon Pipe Line LLC regarding your one call request to excavate.

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Ticket: 1212180692
County: LAPORTE Place: MICHIGAN CITY
Address: N 525 W

ID2509:
Marathon Pipe Line LLC facilities are clear from the work area described on the one call center ticket.

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Please contact a Marathon One Call Specialist at 419-421-3031 if you have questions concerning Marathon's response to your one call request, or if you are aware of Marathon facilities near your excavation that have not been marked with yellow marking materials. Thank you for using your State One Call Center and please Dig Safely!

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To: LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Attn: JOE SKALKA
Voice: 2193622051 Fax: 2193624221
Re: Message from CenturyLink

Message from CenturyLink

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Ticket: 1212180692
County: LAPORTE Place: MICHIGAN CITY
Address: N 525 W

ID5121:
The described dig area of your locate request has been checked and is clear fo
CenturyLink National Network. If you have any questions, please call
CenturyLink at 1-855-742-6062. CenturyLink has closed this ticket.

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Message from CenturyLink
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 Ticket: 1212071827
 County: LAPORTE Place: MICHIGAN CITY
 Address: N 525 W

ID2509:
 Marathon Pipeline LLC facilities have been marked with yellow paint and/or flags at your described location. If your dig site is within 50 feet of the pipeline, a Marathon Pipe Line LLC representative must be present during excavation activity.

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Re: Message from CenturyLink

Message from CenturyLink

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Ticket: 1211291672
County: LAPORTE Place: MICHIGAN CITY
Address: N 525 W

ID5121:

Your excavation does not pose a risk to Qwest Worldwide Networks, but may be a risk to Qwest Local Networks. If you are in the 14 state area previously served by US West, and you have questions, please call Qwest Local Networks at 1-800-833-0825. Qwest Worldwide has closed this ticket.

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Message from CenturyLink

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To: LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Attn: JOE SKALKA
Voice: 2193622051 Fax: 2193624221
Re: Response to Dig Request

This is an Important Message from Level 3 Communications replying to your request to locate our underground facilities in the area described on the One Call Center ticket.

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Ticket: 1211291672
County: LAPORTE Place: SPRINGFIELD
Address: N 525 W

ID8240:
Level 3 Communications has determined our facilities are not in conflict per the dig site information provided by the One Call Center ticket.

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If you have any questions, please contact Level 3's Asset Management Team at 1-800-441-0223.
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Voice: 2193622051 Fax: 2193624221
Re: Message from CenturyLink

Message from CenturyLink

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County: LAPORTE Place: MICHIGAN CITY
Address: N 525 W

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 Message from CenturyLink

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To:
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject:

On 12/18/12 at approximately 08:30 a call was made to NIPSCO reporting a hit service line at 5644 N US HWY 35. There was an interruption of gas service for about an hour and a half. It was restored at 10:00. The USC tracking number is 018 2012 1218 002.

Steve Georgion | Supervisor of Gas Operations
La Porte LOA Gas C&M Department
NIPSCO | 1501 W State Rd 2 | La Porte, IN 46350
Office:219.325.4227 | Cell:219.363.1033 | Pager:219.325.1392
✉: sgeorgion@nsource.com

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Violation Pipeline Safety Division
Case No. 4421

Per Joe Skalka:

Position: Bridge Forman for LaPorte County Highway Department

Before starting project along 525 W, I (Joe Skalka) called in for locations and white lined the area of excavation. I proceeded to contact neighbor on South end of the ditch on the west side of 525W requesting permission to allow county employees on his property and to allow drainage of water to go through his property. I obtained written permission from Jim Thompson. (5384 N. 525 W. (219) 871-0874). Contact was made by Richard Ostergen who stopped by the LaPorte County Highway Department's Office to inquire about work we were doing, at that time the project was explained to him. While on the site I noticed on the East side of 525 W address of 5425 N. 525 W- Bruce & Tina Rickett, there is a ditch that was dug by homeowner and connected to the drainage ditch that is maintained/ cleaned by the county. No one would answer the door at this address; however they watched us through the window.

* Cleaned ditch over Marathon Pipe Line, contacted them and they sent a service technician to watch as were worked over the area of the pipeline.

* The location where the interruption of service occurred is 5644 N Us Hwy 35. WE hit the service line to this residence due to it being marked incorrectly. Verified by Carrie Ludwig (the location service) 219-962-0422 and Steve Georgion Supervisor of Gas Operations for NIPSCO (219) 325-4227