



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Thomas Hagen**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4515

Report Date: 8/13/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 1/19/2013

Damage Address: 64645 CR 15, Goshen, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: **Thomas Hagen**

Address: 64645 CR 15, Goshen, In 46526

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/occupant struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing electric work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 3/27/2013. The excavator/occupant failed to request a locate ticket from IN811 prior to excavating deeper than twelve (12) inches.

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

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



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Feb 4, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

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: Thomas Hagen

Business address (*number and street*): 64645 CR 15

City, State, and ZIP code: Goshen, IN 46526

Telephone number (*area code*): (574) 875-5847

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Electric

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jan 19, 2013

County: Elkhart

City: Goshen

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
64645 CR 15

Nearest intersection: _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1

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? 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? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

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: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Emergency Ticket # 1301190142