



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Infrasource

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4520

Report Date: 4/26/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/31/2013

Damage Address: 7306 Taft Street, Merrillville, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Infrasource**

Address: 4033 E Morgan Rd, Ypsilanti, Mi 48197

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Natural Gas

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: 1301111549

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a gas line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 4/21/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reported the frost was twelve (12) inches deep and the gas line was nine (9) inches deep. They elected to use a backhoe to dig through the frozen ground rather than use hand tools to expose the facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

April 23, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4520
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4520

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: 1/31/2013

Event Location: 7306 Taft Street

City: Merrillville

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Infrasource

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4520

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. 4520	
Date of Event	1/31/2013
Event Location	7306 Taft Street
Event City	Merrillville
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Infrasource
Date of IURC Information Request	3/27/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Infrasource Underground Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4033 Morgan Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Ypsilanti / IN / 48197
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(440)420-6613
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	7306 Taft Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Merrillville / IN / 46410
NEAREST INTERSECTION	75th Avenue
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)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	
Liquid Pipeline	
Milling	
Natural Gas	X – installing gas service lines
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	
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	1301111549
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Y
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	Y
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>Failure to use hand tools where required.</p> <p>Emergency ticket# 1301311397.</p>	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA 150 MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT 150 JOB ORDER # 476100
TRACKING NUMBER 01820130131001 LOCATE REF # N/A
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 1-31-13 2013, 13:31 M DATE OF REPORT 1-31-13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 7306 TAFT ST, MERRILLVILLE

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 5/8" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 14" PRESSURE (PSI) 42 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 13:31 TIME RESTORED _____

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 5/8

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) INFRA SOURCE

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 4033 Morgan Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Supr. Dave Shroy; Former Gordon Dwyer

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____
(410) 420-6613

WITNESS REMARKS _____
FAX# 262-787-9225

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

FIRE () AGENCY _____ 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

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>Main/Service Replacement</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Backhoe used to break through Frost line.
Second bucket full is when hit occurred

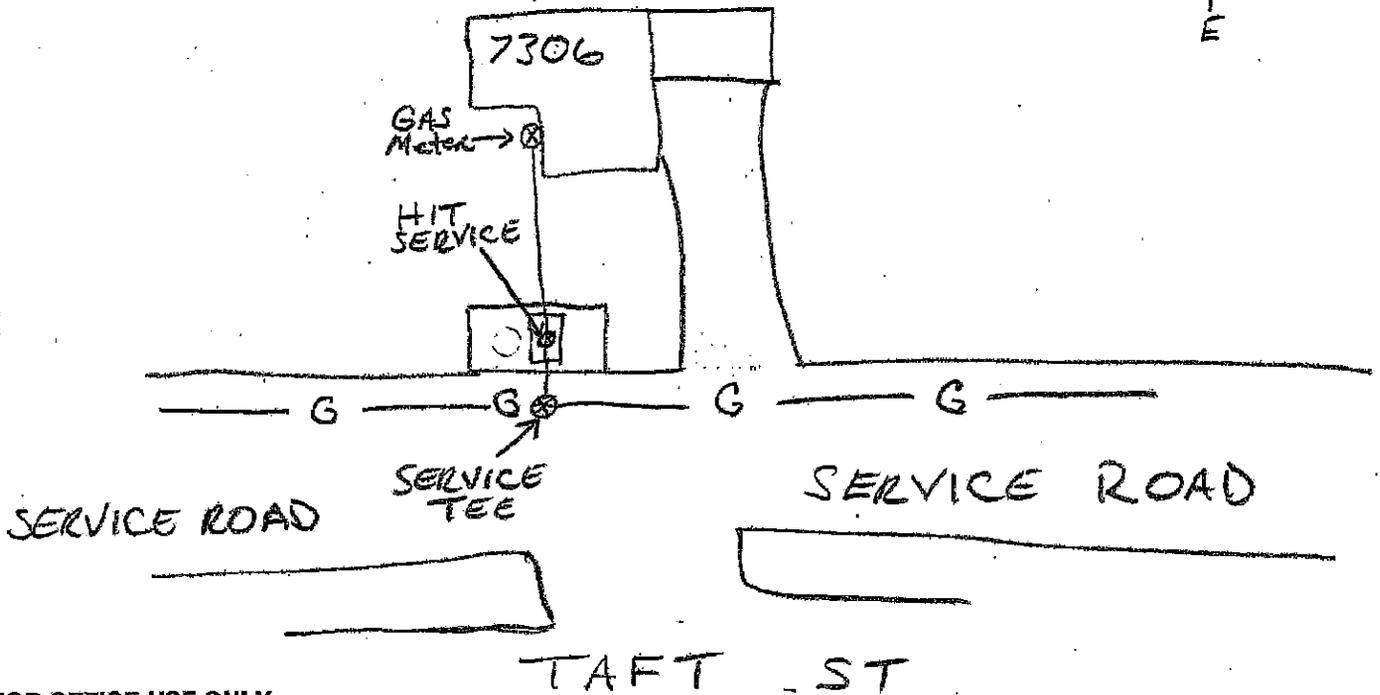
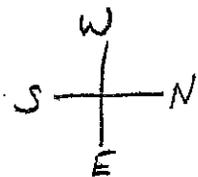
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Keith Pickett

FIELD SUPERVISOR Steve Taylor

FIELD MANAGER Karima Hasan Bey

- 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: _____

NIPSCO 00495 IUPPSa 01/11/2013 15:38:21 1301111549-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1301111549 Date: 01/11/2013 Time: 15:27 Oper: JCARTER Chan:009

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 7536
Street : TAFT PL
Cross 1 : 75TH AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: STARTING AT AND IN FRONT OF ABOVE ADDRESS ON WEST SIDE OF 7536 TAFT PL
LOCATE IN FRONT OF ABOVE ADDRESS GOING SOUTH 1500 FEET
***Boring Where = DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

:
Grids : 4128A8721A 4128B8721A
Boundary: n 41.481979 s 41.476528 w -87.366020 e -87.364489

Work type : REPLACE 2 GAS LINES
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 01/15/2013 Time: 15:45 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : INFRASOURCE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION Type: CONT
Co addr : 4033 MORGAN ROAD
City : YPSILANTI State: MI Zip: 48197
Caller : DAVE SHIPPY Phone: (440)420-6613
Contact : DAVE SHIPPY - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (440)420-6613
Fax : (262)787-9225
Email : DAVE.SHIPPY@INFRASOURCEINC.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
:

Submitted date: 01/11/2013 Time: 15:27
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

Facility: Transmission Lines; Folder: GM & T tickets; Assigned To: N/A

NIPSCO 00367 IUPPSa 01/31/2013 14:46:14 1301311397-00A EMER NEM GRID

EMERGENCY

Ticket : 1301311397 Date: 01/31/2013 Time: 14:43 Oper: AHUNTER Chan:037

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 7306
Street : TAFT ST
Cross 1 : W 73RD AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE-- THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4128A8721A 4129D8721A
Boundary: n 41.486324 e 41.481448 w -87.365735 e -87.364232

Work type : REPAIRING GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 01/31/2013 Time: 14:44 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Dt/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 8 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 E 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : MARK DILOSA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : STEVE TAYLOR--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)314-9567

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: 01/31/2013 Time: 14:43
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID2245 ID3996 ID6784 NIPSCO SM



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Feb 25, 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: Infrasource

Business address (*number and street*): 4033 E Morgan Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Telephone number (*area code*): 440 420 6613

Fax number (*area code*): 262 787 9225

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jan 31, 2013

County: Lake

City: Merrillville

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
7306 Taft Street

Nearest intersection: 75th Avenue

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Business

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*): 3

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? 14

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1301111549

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

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

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? Yes

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

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments

NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket# 1301311397

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820130131001 **DISTRICT:** Northern IN
DAMAGE DATE: 1/31/2013 1:30:00 PM **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 1/31/2013 2:57:33 PM
NOTIFIED BY: MARK DILOSA Facility Owner
DAMAGE ADDRESS: 7306 TAFT ST X W 73RD AVE
CITY: MERRILLVILLE **ST:** IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 01/31/2013
FROM: 13:30:00 **TO:** 13:35:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: INFRASOURCE
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: replace gas lines

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1301111549 **START DATE/TIME:** 1/17/2013 1:30:00 PM
TYPE OF TICKET: Routine **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: M77516281 **START DATE/TIME:** 1/31/2013 5:30:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Blaine Reider **DATE/TIME:** 1/31/2013 5:30:00 PM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital **FRAME #:**

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 134728 **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** Blaine Reider

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820130131001
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO
CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** Gas Service
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Nagel Brad - 131807
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:
Facility Marked Accurately

Other:

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:
The line was hit while working on the gas lines. When the investigation occurred the line had already been fixed and covered back up. The line was marked as seen in the damage photos. See post locate photo G5083.jpg for original marks.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

n/a

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

n/a

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

n/a

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? Yes

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

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut to service line

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 2'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? na

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 1/31/2017 at 2:27:06 PM



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Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments

NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket# 1301311397

**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (R / 3-13)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 4520**Date of Damage** (*month, day, year*): 1-31-2013**Location of Damage:**Address (*number and street*): 7306 Taft StCity, State and ZIP Code: Merrillville, In 46410Nearest Intersection: 75 th st**Excavator Information:**Business Name: InfraSourceResponsible Party Personal Name: Gordon DuBayTitle (*if any*): ForemanzAddress (*number and street*): 4033 E Morgan RdCity, State and ZIP Code: Ypsilanti, Mi 48197Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 734-434-2000Email Address: dave.shippy@infrasourceinc.com**Utility Information:**Utility Name: Northern Indiana Public Service CompanyContact Person: Kostas KnikitarasTitle (*if any*): Q&A

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (*select one*):

Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (*select one*):

Natural Gas

Repair Cost: \$ ⁰

- Did a leak result from damage: Yes No
- Was there ignition: Yes No
- Excavator Notify 911 due to leak: Yes No
- Excavator Notify 811 upon damage: Yes No
- Excavator Notify Utility upon Damage: Yes No

Locate Information

- Excavator Request Locate: Yes No
- Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1301300360
- Locate Marks Visible: Yes No
- Locate Marks Correct: Yes No
- Excavator "White Lined": Yes No
- Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: Yes No
- Utility Employees On-site during Excavation: Yes No

Incident Information:

- Fire Department Response: Yes No
- Police Department Response: Yes No
- Ambulance Response: Yes No
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Additional Information / Comments

On 1-31-13, we were excavating to spot a 5/8" pl gas service. There was app 12" of frost. Steve Thompson was the operator on the project. He proceeded to remove the 12" of frost with the backhoe. When he did, the service was broken. The gas service was in the 12" of frost. The gas service was pinched off and repaired. The repair was made by Nipsco.

Printed Name: David Shippy
Signature: David Shippy Date (month, day, year): 4/20/13

**If submitting this form electronically, typing your name in the signature box will act as an electronic signature.*

Please return completed form to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Or mail to:

**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
Pipeline Safety Division - Case Number _____
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

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DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: 4-21-13

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: david g shippy

Business address (*number and street*): 4033 e. morgan rd

City, State, and ZIP code: ypsilanti, mi 48197

Telephone number (*area code*): 734-434-2000

Fax number (*area code*): 262-787-9225

E-mail address: dave.shippy@infrasourceinc.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: infrasource underground

Business address (*number and street*): 4033 e morgan rd

City, State, and ZIP code: ypsilanti, mi 48197

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Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Utility

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Natural Gas

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): 1-31-2013

County: lake

City: merrillville

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
7306 taft pl merrillville, in 46410

Nearest intersection: 75th st

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

Was there a release of product? No

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 0.5

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 0

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? 9

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1301300360

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? Contract Locator

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify:

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? Yes

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? No

Description of Cause

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

Additional Comments

We were excavating along taft pl, and our operator was removing the frost so we could hand dig the gas service. The gas service was only 9" deep. The frost was 12" deep. when we removed the frost, it tore the 5/8" plastic gas service. It was pinched off immediately, and repaired by Nipsco.