



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Land Construction Corporation

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4524

Report Date: 8/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 2/7/2013

Damage Address: 722 N. Main Street, Ligonier, Noble

The Parties

Excavator: Land Construction Corporation

Address: P.O. Box 192/11808 St. Rd 205E, Laotto, IN 46763

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1301290418

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 3/27/2013. The excavator failed to use hand tools within the tolerance zone.

Conclusion: There was a failure to use hand tools where required.

Violation: IC 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. 4524
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4524

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: 2/7/2013

Event Location: 722 N. Main Street

City: Ligonier

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Land Construction Corp. (api)

Other Party: N/A

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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
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Event City	Ligonier
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Date of IURC Information Request	3/27/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Land Construction Corp.
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	PO Box 192
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Laotto / IN / 46763
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(260)897-2407
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	722 N. Main Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Ligonier / IN / 46763
NEAREST INTERSECTION	W Northwood Street
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)	N
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
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	
Pole	
Public Transit Authority	
Railroad Maintenance	
Road Work	
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	X
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	1301290418
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
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)	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# 1302071679.</p>	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA GOSHEN 110 MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT KNIGLEY/COLE JOB ORDER # 546513
TRACKING NUMBER 0120130207004 LOCATE REF # 1301290418
Locate Performed By: VJK

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 2/7/13 ~~2/5/13~~ M DATE OF REPORT 2/7/13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 722 N. MAIN ST

DAMAGE WAS TO:

ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # N/A SIZE N/A YEAR INSTALLED N/A BROKEN YES () NO ()

OTHER (DESCRIBE) N/A

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 3' PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 0

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 13:50 TIME RESTORED Retired service

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

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) LAND CONSTRUCTION COOP (API)

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 11808 ST. RD. 205 E / P.O. Box 192 LA OTTO, IN. 46763

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE HARRY BROWN

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS N/A

WITNESS REMARKS N/A

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY N/A REPORT # N/A

FIRE () AGENCY N/A REPORT # N/A

OTHER () N/A 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>Did Not Hand EXPLORE</u> |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS :

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Shadd Corryboys

FIELD SUPERVISOR

Mark Knisley

FIELD MANAGER

Rick Corry

- 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

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Mar 1, 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: Land Construction Corp. (API)

Business address (*number and street*): PO Box 192/11808 ST. RD 205E

City, State, and ZIP code: Laotto, IN 46763

Telephone number (*area code*): (260) 897-2407

Fax number (*area code*): (260) 897-2432

E-mail address: s.warner@apiland.net

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Feb 7, 2013 _____

County: Noble _____

City: Ligonier _____

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
722 N. Main Street, Ligonier, IN 46763 _____

Nearest intersection: W Northwood Street _____

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? No

If yes, how many affected? _____

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? 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: 1301290418 _____

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 and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

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? 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

Emergency ticket# 1302071679.

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: N/A; Assigned To: USIC

NIPSCO 00079 IUPPSa 01/29/2013 09:36:33 1301290418-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1301290418 Date: 01/29/2013 Time: 09:27 Oper: SHARON.WARNER Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: NOBLE Twp: PERRY
Cityname: LIGONIER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : N MAIN ST

Cross 1 : W NORTHWOOD ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE N MAIN ST INCLUDING BOTH RIGHT OF WAY AREAS FROM THE S SIDE OF
RHODE ISLAND TO THE NORTH SIDE OF NORTHWOOD ST

:

Grids : 4128C8535C

Boundary: n 41.474909 s 41.472239 w -85.589984 e -85.588459

Work type : SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION

Done for : CITY OF LIGONIER

Start date: 01/31/2013 Time: 09:45 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 MONTHS Depth: 15 FEET

Company : LAND INC Type: CONT

Co addr : PO BOX 192

City : LAOTTO State: IN Zip: 46763

Caller : SHARON WARNER Phone: (260)897-2407

Contact : HARRY BROWN Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)897-2743

Fax : (260)897-2432

Email : S.WARNER@APILAND.NET

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

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

:

Submitted date: 01/29/2013 Time: 09:27

Members: AEPIN ID0252 ID3032 ID4123 ID7613 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00369 IUPPSa 02/07/2013 15:07:44 1302071679-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1302071679 Date: 02/07/2013 Time: 15:02 Oper: SFOX Chan:050

State: IN Cnty: NOBLE Twp: PERRY
Cityname: LIGONIER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 722
Street : N MAIN ST
Cross 1 : RHODE ISLAND AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4128C8535C 4128D8535C
Boundary: n 41.471804 s 41.470229 w -85.589913 e -85.588452

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 02/07/2013 Time: 15:04 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 : LAURA SZCZECINA Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : MARK KINGSLEY - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)535-2036
Fax : (219)647-4764

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

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

:

Submitted date: 02/07/2013 Time: 15:02
Members: AEPIN ID0252 ID3032 ID4123 ID7053 ID7613 NIPSCO SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130207004
Damage Date 02/07/2013 12:50
Notified By MARCIA KING (Facility Owner)
Damage Address 722 N MAIN ST X RODE ISLAND AVE NOBLE
LIGONIER, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 02/07/2013 14:09

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 02/07/2013 14:20:00 **To** 02/07/2013 14:40:00

Excavator Involved LAND INC
Type of Excavation install sewer

Orig. Locate Request 1301290418 **Start Date**
Type of Ticket **Locate Req. Info** N/A

Damage Request # M78120557 **Start Date**

Pictures Taken By james kraushaar **Date** 02/07/2013 14:30
Photography Type Digital **Frame #**

Investigator Emp. # 131779 **Investigator Name** james kraushaar
Based on your investigation, is further investigation needed? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

Facility Description Low Profile **Facility ID** Gas Service

Locator Name & EMP # Krauchaar James - 131779 **Locator Not Known**

Investigation Findings

Facility Marked Accurately
Relocate Needed

Other Notes

Investigation Methods

Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

contractor hit long side svc. marks were still visible in drive way but the ones in the road were covered by snow and destroyed by snowplows. contractor should of requested a remark. this svc was marked accurately

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

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 svc line
Replacement Footage	n/a
Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?	No
What contractor equipment was used?	excavator
Is the facility shown on the utility records?	No
If yes, list record numbers	nipsco



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