



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Milestone Contractors, Lp

UPPAC Database Record ID: 452

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 5/14/2012

Damage Date: 6/2/2011 6:47:02 PM

Damage Address: Central Avenue

City: Columbus

County: Bartholomew

### The Parties

Excavator: **Milestone Contractors, Lp**

Contact: Travis Pickerill

Address: Po Box 3004, Elizabethtown, In 47021

Telephone: 317-409-0475

Facility Owner: Vectren

Contact: Darlene Kulhanek

Address: 1 N Main Street, Evansville, IN 47702

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

**Investigation regarding: Milestone Contractors, Lp**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 452

**Damage Impact**

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1110

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1105270379

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Road Work

**Synopsis:** A natural gas main was damaged during excavation for road work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/28/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the facilities had been located.

**Conclusion:** The excavator responded that the locate marks were incorrect. The pictures provided by the operator indicates the locate marks were correct. Ultimately, the excavator paid for the damage.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**

**Milestone Contractors, Lp** currently has 10 reports of damages in the record, between 11/9/2009 and 11/17/2011.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

452



**DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION**  
State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: 3-27-2012

**Who is submitting this information?**

Name of person providing this information: Darlene Kulhanek

Business address (number and street): 1 Main Street

City, State, and ZIP code: Evansville, IN 47711

Telephone number (area code): 812-491-4227

Fax number (area code): 812-491-4504

E-mail address: dkulhanek@vectren.com

**Excavator Information, if known**

Full name: Milestone Contractors

Business address (number and street): PO Box 3004

City, State, and ZIP code: Elizabethtown, IN 47021

Telephone number (area code): 317-409-0475

Fax number (area code): 812-579-6703

E-mail address: Unknown

**Excavation or Demolition Information**

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Road Work

**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (month, day, year): 6-2-2011

County: Bathlomew

City: Columbus

Street address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code):  
3114 Central, Columbus, IN

Nearest intersection: National

Right of way where damage occurred: Dedicated Public Utility Easement

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

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ 1,110.33

**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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1105270379

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? Unknown/Other

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? Unknown/Other

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**

2" plastic main damaged by trackhoe. Not hand exposed.



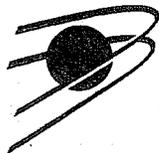
2 VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - NORTH

NOW DUE  
FINAL  
\$1,110.33

MILESTONE CONTRACTORS  
PO BOX 3004  
COLUMBUS, IN 47202

Type: GAS  
Invoice: FDS0014388  
BillToID: 30320  
Billing Date: 10/27/2011  
Date of Loss: 6/2/2011  
5926 103.0509

Please return this portion with your remittance.



Mall Payment To:  
Vectren Utilities Holdings Inc  
1239 Reliable Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60686-0012  
Inquiries: 1-877-902-2934, Mon.-Fri., 8-5  
Risk Management/Claims Department

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Invoice For Costs to Repair and Reconstruct Damaged Property

Address: NATIONAL RD AND CENTRAL AVE, COLUMBUS  
2" PLASTIC MAIN DAMAGED BY TRACKHOE. NOT HAND EXPOSED.

Material:	\$24.78
Company Labor:	\$891.50
Contract Labor:	\$0.00
Transportation/Equipment:	\$18.60
Misc:	\$0.00
Gas Loss:	\$175.45
Adjustments:	\$0.00
Payments:	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,110.33</b>

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Remember, call two (2) working days before digging. Contact I.U.P.S. at 1-800-382-5544.

FACILITIES DAMAGE REPORT GAS

Task No.: 103.0609

Capital / O&M (circle one)

FDS0014388

Vectren Corporation  
Form 3112 (Rev. 10/04)

- Indiana Gas
 Sigeco
 Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio

TIME: 6:40 AM/PM

DATE OF DAMAGE: 6/2/11

Cost Center No.: 55216

DAMAGE SITE ADDRESS: National rd + central ave.

LOT #: CITY: Columbus

FACILITIES DAMAGED

- MAIN
 SERVICE
 REGULATOR STATION
 FARM TAP
 RESIDENTIAL METER
 METER INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL
 OTHER

- SIZE(S)
 0.50 INCH
 0.75 INCH
 1.00 INCH
 2.00 INCH
 4.00 INCH
 6.00 INCH
 OTHER

TYPE OF MATERIAL

- PLASTIC
 STEEL
 CAST IRON
 OTHER

DAMAGE TYPE

- SEVERED
 NOT CUT
 PUNCTURE
SIZE 1 X 1

PRESSURE

- 25 PSIG
 40 PSIG
 50 PSIG
 60 PSIG
 6 WC
 OTHER

PROTECTION IN PLACE

- RAIL  POST  NONE  N/A

LEAK REPORT

# 646693

DURATION OF ESCAPING GAS

MINUTES 45
EFV ACTIVATED  YES  NO

DAMAGED BY

- CONTRACTOR
 MUNICIPALITY/UTILITY
 VEHICULAR ACCIDENT
 COMPANY CREW
 UNKNOWN
 PROPERTY OWNER/TENANT
 OTHER

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

- SEWER/DRAIN
 WATER
 ELECTRIC
 TELEPHONE
 CEMENT/PAVING
 TV CABLE
 FENCING
 FOOTERS
 OTHER

WORKING FOR

- CITY  STATE  PROPERTY OWNER
 OTHER

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT

- BACKHOE
 TRACKHOE
 PLOW
 TRENCHER
 BULLDOZER
 POSTHOLE DIGGERS
 BORE
 AUGER
 STAKE/SHOVEL
 OTHER

DAMAGING PARTY

- DID NOT REQUEST LOCATES
 DID NOT HAND DIG
 USED EXPIRED LOCATES
 OTHER

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED: 1

TOTAL HOURS SERVICE WAS OFF: 1.00

INVOICE: YES  NO

DAMAGING PARTY

NAME: Milestone
ADDRESS: 3410 S. 650 E
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Col Ind, 47203 PO Box 3004
PREPARED BY: [Signature] DATE: 6-2-11

MAX # 6344782

VISUAL OBSERVATION AT DAMAGE SITE

- LOCATE NOT APPLICABLE (Above Ground Damage Only)
 FACILITIES PROPERLY MARKED
MARKING METHODS:  CONVENTIONAL  OFFSET
 FLAGS  PAINT  STAKES  WHISKERS
LOCATE MARKINGS FADED:  YES  NO
 WRONG ADDRESS REQUESTED
 FACILITIES IMPROPERLY LOCATED
 QUALIFIED LOCATOR COULD NOT HAVE ACCURATELY LOCATED
 INACCURATE MAPS/CARDS
 BROKEN OR NO TRACER WIRE (PLASTIC)
 INSULATION PREVENTING ACCURATE LOCATE
 LOCATOR ERROR
 QUALIFIED LOCATOR COULD HAVE ACCURATELY LOCATED
 INCOMPLETE LOCATE
 MARKINGS OFF BY (FEET/INCHES)
 INAPPROPRIATE SITE MARKINGS
 NO LOCATE PERFORMED
 FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY
 WRONG ADDRESS LOCATED

OBSERVATION BY: Rob Jones

NAME OF LOCATOR: Steve

- COPY OF MARKOUT REQUEST PROVIDED WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS

NOTIFICATION AND OTHER DETAILS OF LOCATE

- LOCATE TICKET #: 1105270379
DATE: TIME: AM/PM
 REGULAR REQUEST  EMERGENCY REQUEST
 LOCATE COMPANY NOTIFIED
CONTACT NAME:
TIME CALLED: AM/PM
TIME LOCATOR ARRIVED AT SITE: AM/PM
COMPANY NOTIFIED OF LOCATE NEAR CRITICAL FACILITIES:
 YES  NO

CONTRACTOR REPAIRS

- CONTRACTOR WORKING FOR VECTREN MADE REPAIRS AT OWN EXPENSE
 CONTRACTOR REPAIRED DAMAGE

NAME OF CONTRACTOR:
# OF REGULAR HOURS
# OF OVERTIME HOURS
CREW TYPE

MATERIALS OR ROAD WORK

- METER WAS REPLACED (STORES CODE)
 REGULATOR WAS REPLACED (STORES CODE)
 TEMPORARY ASPHALT REPAIR (SQ. FT.)
 PERMANENT ASPHALT REPAIR (SQ. FT.)

PARTY TO INVOICE

NAME:
ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:
REVIEWED BY FIELD SUPERVISOR: [Signature] DATE: 6/6/11

4843773
s/o 4843767

Locates o.k. 2" main turn ~~starts~~  
90° One locate marker ~~start turn~~ starts  
~~to~~ to turn with 90 that area dug up.

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK

Ticket : 1105270379 Date: 05/27/2011 Time: 08:42 Oper: TRAVIS.PICKERILL Chan:000  
 Old Tkt: 1105122796 Date: 05/12/2011 Time: 15:41 Oper: TRAVIS.PICKERILL Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: BARTHOLOMEW Twp: COLUMBUS  
 Cityname: COLUMBUS Inside: Y Near: N  
 Subdivision:

Address :  
 Street : CENTRAL AVE  
 Cross 1 : US RT 31 Within 1/4 mile: Y  
 Location: AREA IS MARKED START AT US 31 AND LOCATE TO THE NORTH FOR 750 FEET ON  
 CENTRAL AVE LOCATING BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD

Grids : 3913A8554D 3913A8554C

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCT  
 Done for : INDOT  
 Start date: 06/01/2011 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 120/48 Priority: NORM  
 Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
 Duration : 1 YEAR Depth: 15 FEET

Company : MILESTONE CONTRACTORS Type: CONT  
 Co addr : PO BOX 3004  
 City : ELIZABETHTOWN State: IN Zip: 47021  
 Caller : TRAVIS PICKERILL Phone: (317)409-0475  
 Contact : TRAVIS PICKERILL--CELL Phone:  
 BestTime:  
 Mobile : (317)409-0475  
 Fax : (812)579-6703  
 Email : TRAVIS.PICKERILL@MILESTONELP.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
 Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 05/27/2011 Time: 08:42  
 Members: ID0002 ID0413 ID2419 ID4401 ID8000 ID8060 ID8061 SBCIN SM

Member Name	Facility Types
AT&T - DISTRIBUTION	COMMUNICATIONS
COLUMBUS CITY UTILITIES	SEWER & WATER
COMCAST - COLUMBUS	CABLE TV
DUKE ENERGY / FORMERLY CINERGY	ELECTRIC
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE
SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC	TELEPHONE
SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY	TELEPHONE
VECTREN - COLUMBUS	GAS

[View Map](#)

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# Service Order Status

Thursday, June 16, 2011

**Enter Service Order Number:**

4843767



**Banner Instance:**  CS03PROD  CS01PROD  CS02PROD

**Order Number:** N4843767

**Order Type:** LEAK

**Order Status:** Completed

**Customer:** 009999999 - OWNER UNKNOWN  
**Prem:** 5695011 - NATIONAL & CENTRAL

**Technician:** 2658 - Jones, Robin

**Order Dates and Times**

**Need Date:** 6/2/2011 6:41:00 PM  
**Time Created:** 6/2/2011 6:37:56 PM  
**Time Dispatched:** 6/2/2011 6:37:56 PM  
**Time In Route:** 6/2/2011 6:42:36 PM  
**Time On-Site:** 6/2/2011 6:44:19 PM  
**Tech Complete:** 6/2/2011 8:06:41 PM  
**Time Closed:** 6/2/2011 8:06:41 PM

**Events Performed/Completion Code**

LKNS - CMP

**Meter Information**

**Current ReadStatus**

**Old Meter:**  
**New Meter:**

**Completion Notes**

Milestone cut 2inch pl. main.Crew called out.Repairs made .

**Request Notes**

PER BILL BAUTE MILESTONE CONTRUCTION HIT LINE AND BLOWING..NO OTHERINFO GIVEN..

**MDSI Event Dates and Times**

Event	Date/Time	User
AsnAssignmentManualAck_evt	6/2/2011 6:42:22 PM	Jones, Robin
AsnAssignmentEnRoute_evt	6/2/2011 6:42:36 PM	Jones, Robin
AsnAssignmentOnSite_evt	6/2/2011 6:44:19 PM	Jones, Robin
OrdOrderComplete_evt	6/2/2011 8:06:41 PM	Jones, Robin

NOTE:The Reporting database replicates in near real-time; it has been approximately 0 minute(s) since the last transaction replicated.

# Service Order Status

Thursday, June 16, 2011

**Enter Service Order Number:**

4843773



**Banner Instance:**  CS03PROD  CS01PROD  CS02PROD

**Order Number:** N4843773

**Order Type:** INVE

**Order Status:** Completed

**Customer:** 008888888 - INACTIVE CUSTOMER

**Prem:** 5695012 - CENTRAL AVE S OF LAUREL DR

**Technician:** 2658 - Jones, Robin

**Order Dates and Times**

**Need Date:** 6/2/2011 10:48:00 PM  
**Time Created:** 6/2/2011 7:47:59 PM  
**Time Dispatched:** 6/2/2011 7:47:59 PM  
**Time In Route:** 6/2/2011 8:07:52 PM  
**Time On-Site:** 6/2/2011 8:07:54 PM  
**Tech Complete:** 6/2/2011 8:09:19 PM  
**Time Closed:** 6/2/2011 8:09:19 PM

**Events Performed/Completion Code**

IVEG - CMP

**Meter Information**

**Current ReadStatus**

**Old Meter:**

**New Meter:**

**Completion Notes**

Duplicate .This is the central and national rd. cut line.Crew called repairs made.Milestone cut 2inch pl. main.

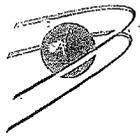
**Request Notes**

06/02/11 NOEL TAYLOR REPORTS HIT LINE ON CENTRAL AVE S OF LAUREL DR @NEW US 31 SAYS WORK BEING DONE BY HWY DEPT. HE IS 4 BLKS FRM LOC. CONT#812-375-9204 OT AWARE OF PETS .... SAYS HWY CREW IS STILL ONSITE.

**MDSI Event Dates and Times**

Event	Date/Time	User
AsnAssignmentManualAck_evt	6/2/2011 8:07:07 PM	Jones, Robin
AsnAssignmentEnRoute_evt	6/2/2011 8:07:52 PM	Jones, Robin
AsnAssignmentOnSite_evt	6/2/2011 8:07:54 PM	Jones, Robin
OrdOrderComplete_evt	6/2/2011 8:09:19 PM	Jones, Robin

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VECTREN  
Live Smart

November 8, 2011

Mr. Nathan Gaskill  
Milestone Contractors, L.P.  
PO Box 3004 Columbus, IN 47202

RE: Invoice #: FDS0014388  
Date/Loss: 6-2-2011  
Location: National Rd & Central Ave., Columbus, Indiana

Dear Mr. Gaskill:

I am in receipt of your October 19<sup>th</sup> letter and would like to reply.

You are correct in that the locates showed a sweeping mark instead of a 90 degree bend. However your estimation that the line was five (5) feet off is incorrect.

I have enclosed a copy of the post locate photos (#1) showing the gas marks going diagonally through the patch or crushed stone in the sidewalk. In this photo please note the last three telecom markings on the sidewalk is in line with the paint for gas located in the grass between the street and the sidewalk.

In the left foreground you see the sewer grate and another gas mark with a flag. This pictures shows me the locates went through the patch and across the pad between the private light and steel utility pole, and then continues to parallel the sidewalk on the property side.

Photo number 3 shows the line exposed and the discoloration in the soil below the gas line to be the same as the crushed stone.

The evidence shows me the locates were correct and Milestone should have recalled locates once hard cover was removed. As such this invoice remains past due and payable. Should payment not be received a legal demand letter will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

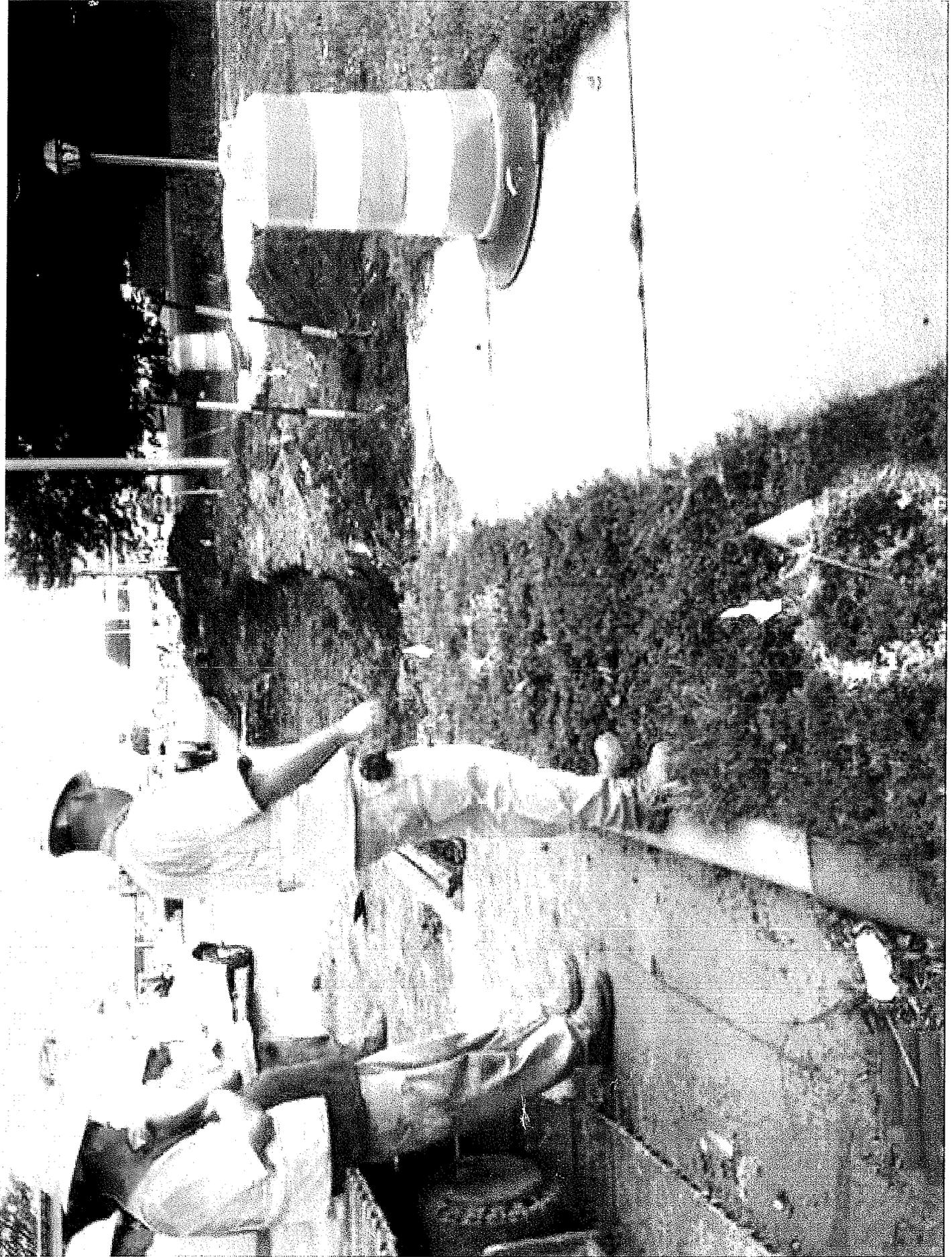
Darlene Kulhanek  
Manager Facilities Damages

Enclosure



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 5/27/2011 11:56:43 AM

#1



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 6/2/2011 7:36:24 PM

A2



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation

Photo taken on 6/2/2011 7:32:46 PM

A3

## MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

(PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ALL CHECKS TO THIS FORM AND  
USE PAPER CLIPS/DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS TO FORM)

PROCESS ROUTING FOR ALL VECTREN COMPANIES INCLUDING UTILITIES  
AND NON REGULATED SUBSIDIARIES: SEND COMPLETED FORM,  
ORIGINAL CHECK AND COPY OF CHECK TO REBECCA MINEAR IN  
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING, BRAUN BUILDING, EVANSVILLE. RETAIN COPY  
OF CHECK AND FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS. PLEASE INCLUDE PROPER  
ACCOUNTING SO RECEIPT MAY BE CREDITED ACCURATELY. PLEASE  
INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO THE RECEIPT MAY BE EASILY  
RESEARCHED BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING GROUP.

Activity Date: **12/12/2011**  
Your Name, not your initials (employee): **Pam Barber**  
Your Phone Number (employee): **812-491-4734**  
Party Check Received From (Check Payor):  
Address of Check Writer (Check Payor):  
**MILESTONE CONTRACTORS, LP**

Check Number **443518**  
Amount of Check **\$1,110.33**  
Utility/Company Name **VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - NORTH**  
Task Number **103.0509**  
Job Number **FDS0014388**

Date Printed: 12/19/2011

# Transaction Information G-3290598 CHI-861239 2011/12/12

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## Transaction Level Details

Env Num	12	Envelope	G-3290598
Transaction	G-3290598	Lockbox	CHI-861239
Date	2011/12/12	Time	17:00
Batch	2	Batch Item	2
Check	12	Amount	\$1,110.33
ABA/RT	041203895	Account Num	4239711574
Check Num	443518		

## Envelope and Check Image

FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THE BORDER OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS MICROPRINTING.

<p><b>MILESTONE CONTRACTORS L.P.</b> 5950 SOUTH BELMONT AVE. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217</p>	<p>PNC BANK, N.A. 070 ASHLAND, OHIO 68-389/412</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">443518</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="font-size: small;">DATE</th> <th style="font-size: small;">CHECK NO.</th> <th style="font-size: small;">AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">12/08/11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">443518</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,110.33</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	12/08/11	443518	\$1,110.33
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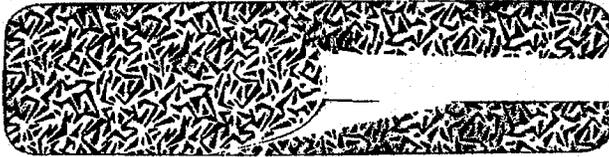
\*\*\*One thousand one hundred ten and 33 / 100 Dollars\*\*\*

<p>PAY TO THE ORDER OF</p>	<p><b>VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA</b> <b>RISK MANAGEMENT / CLAIMS DEPARTMENT</b> 1239 RELIABLE PARKWAY CHICAGO, IL 60686-0012</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">John P. Verriogae</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</p>
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⑈443518⑈ ⑈041203895⑈ ⑈4239711574⑈

<p><b>MILESTONE CONTRACTORS L.P.</b> 5950 SOUTH BELMONT AVE. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  <p style="font-size: small;">02 1M \$00.44<sup>0</sup> 0004293133 DEC 08 2011 MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 46217</p> </div>
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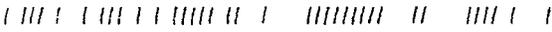
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**1239 Reliable Parkway**  
**Chicago, IL 60686-0039**







INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
101 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 1500E  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-3407

<http://www.in.gov/iurc>  
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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

March 6, 2012

Ms. Darlene Kulhanek  
Vectren  
1 N Main Street  
Evansville, IN 47702

Subject: Investigation Request for Information

Date of Event: 6/2/2011

Event Location: Central Avenue, Columbus

Facility Owner: Vectren

Excavator: Milestone Contractors, Lp

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 452

Dear Ms. Kulhanek:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-26, the *Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act*, the Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Pipeline Division") is required to investigate reported incidents of alleged statutory violations involving underground pipeline safety. The purpose of this statute is to promote excavation and pipeline safety and to reduce the imminent danger to life, health, property, or loss of service associated with unsafe digging practices. Please note that the investigation does not entail determining criminal liability or a civil determination of fault or damages; however, it does determine whether any statutory violations were committed regarding public safety.

The Pipeline Division received information regarding potential statutory violations regarding the date and location referenced above. You were identified as a person or entity that might have information that would assist the Pipeline Division in its investigation. Therefore, we have contacted you in order to receive the full account of information in order to make a fair determination related to the circumstances of this incident.

We have asked all involved parties, entities and witnesses to provide *written* information within *30 days* in order to meet legal deadlines to conclude our investigation. **Please consider this letter as a formal request to receive any and all information and evidence (including a narrative, documentation, maps, photographs or any other written information) you can access regarding anything you may know about the incident referenced above.**

## Information Request

### Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 452

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

#### The Parties:

##### **Excavator Information:**

Business Name: *MILLSTONE CONTRACTORS*

Responsible Party Personal Name: *TRAVIS PICKERILL*

Title (if any): *SUPT*

Address: *5950 S BELMONT AVE*

City, State Zip: *INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217*

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number: *317-409-0475*

Email Address: *TRAVIS.PICKERILL@MILESTONECLP.COM*

##### **Facility Information:**

Business Name: *VECTRON ENERGY*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

##### **Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: *USIC*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

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

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Utility Line Impact:**

**Location of Damage:**

Address: CENTRAL AVE

City, State Zip: COLLUMBUS, IN

Nearest Intersection: US31

**Product Type (circle one):**

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Interruption in Service: (Yes) No

Number of Customers Affected: 3

Evacuation: Yes / (No) If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 110.33

**Cause of Damage Information:**

**Type of Equipment (circle one):**

Auger  
Backhoe/Trackhoe  
Boring /Drilling  
Directional Drilling  
Explosives  
Farm Equipment  
Grader/Scraper  
Hand Tools  
Milling Equipment  
Probing Device  
Trencher  
Vacuum Equipment  
Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (circle 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 locate marks had been completed and recently updated. The 2" gas line had been relocated as part of a larger Vectren project to accommodate road reconstruction and widening. The line had not been relocated outside of the limits of the project but instead tied into the existing line before the project ended. During this work horizontal and vertical 90s had been used. While excavating out for curb line, the gas line was hit at the vertical 90 which was around 2' behind the curb. Onsite at the time, Vectren and SMP/USIC could not conclude that Milestone was at fault based on what was out there. Vectren has been spoken to several times over the years about the problems for the locators with these type of installations and the problems that the contractor has if they don't know that these are installed. It is for this reason that we believe that we are not at fault.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 452

YOUR FULL NAME: M Brad Buford

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): MILESTONE CONTRACTORS LP

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): GEN SUPP

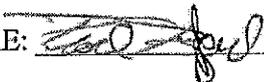
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Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

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