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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Anthony Hofspra

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4624

Report Date: 8/14/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/13/2013 3:23:32 PM

Damage Address: 8530 Liabile Rd, North, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Anthony Hofspra

Address: 8530 Liabile Rd, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Construction

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: 4/17/2013

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 5/1/2013. The excavator/occupant failed to request a locate ticket prior to excavation.

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

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

May 31, 2013

[Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4624
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4624

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: 4/13/2013

Event Location: 8530 Liabile Rd

City: North

Facility Owner: Nipsco

Excavator: Anthony Hofspira

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4624

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4624	
Date of Event	4/13/2013
Event Location	8530 Liable Rd
Event City	North
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Anthony Hofspira
Date of IURC Information Request	May 1, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Anthony Hofspira
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	8530 Liable Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Highland / IN / 46322
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(219)201-8374
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	8530 Liable Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Highland / IN / 46322
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Franklin 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.)	1 1/8"
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	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	X
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 – Deck Installation
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y – 1304130268
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	N

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N
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)	Y
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>No notification made to the one-call center.</p> <p>Emergency ticket# 1304130238.</p>	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Hammond MAXIMO WO # C0115277208
OPERATING AREA CONTACT JOB ORDER # 569682
TRACKING NUMBER 0182013 0413 003 LOCATE REF # No locates

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 4/13 2013, 12:28 PM DATE OF REPORT 4/13/13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 8530 Liable Rd, Highland

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 1 1/2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 20" 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: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 12:28 TIME RESTORED 6pm

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY:

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Anthony Hoftra

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 8530 Liable Rd, Highland

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Homeowner

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS
WITNESS REMARKS

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY REPORT #
FIRE () AGENCY Highland FD 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
() 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

COMMENTS :

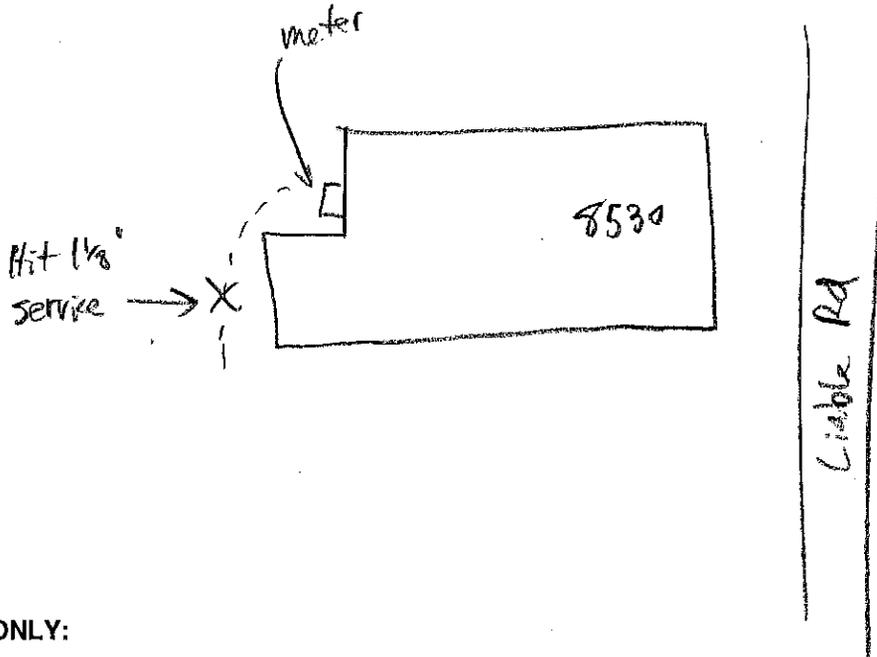
PERSON PREPARING REPORT 121813

FIELD SUPERVISOR Tony Sanchez

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



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|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| • 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: _____

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: On-Hold folder; Assigned To: N/A

NIPSCO 00083 IUPPSa 04/13/2013 15:23:41 1304130268-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304130268 Date: 04/13/2013 Time: 15:20 Oper: SFOX Chan:050

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH
Cityname: HIGHLAND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 8530
Street : LIABLE RD
Cross 1 : FRANKLIN AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4133B8726B 4133B8726C 4133C8726B 4133C8726C
Boundary: n 41.558886 s 41.556812 w -87.442927 e -87.441456

Work type : INSTALLING A DECK
Done for : ANTHONY HOFSPRA
Start date: 04/13/2013 Time: 15:23 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 2 FEET

Company : ANTHONY HOFSPRA Type: HOME
Co addr : 8530 LIABLE RD
City : HIGHLAND State: IN Zip: 46322
Caller : ANTHONY HOFSPRA Phone: (219)201-8374
Contact : ANTHONY HOFSPRA - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)201-8374

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS HIT ON THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY - 1 INCH IN DIAMETER -
COPPER IN COLOR - PLASTIC IN MATERIAL - CALLER WAS ADVISED TO CALL THE UTILITY
AND STATED THAT NIPSCO IS ON SITE - GAS LINE IS BLOWING - PREVIOUS TICKET
NUMBER 1304130267 - THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 04/13/2013 Time: 15:20
Members: COMCN IB ID5069 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00070 IUPPSa 04/13/2013 14:21:40 1304130238-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304130238 Date: 04/13/2013 Time: 14:18 Oper: SFOX Chan:050

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH
Cityname: HIGHLAND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 8530
Street : LIABLE RD
Cross 1 : LAPORTE ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4133B8726B 4133B8726C 4133C8726B 4133C8726C
Boundary: n 41.558886 s 41.556812 w -87.442927 e -87.441456

Work type : GAS LINE REPAIR
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 04/13/2013 Time: 14:20 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 5 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 E 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : DARREN SUROVIK Phone: (219)647-4701
Contact : MIKE COAPSTICK - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)314-0384
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: 04/13/2013 Time: 14:18
Members: COMCN IB ID5069 NIPSCO SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130413003
Damage Date 04/13/2013 00:00
Notified By DARREN (Facility Owner)
Damage Address 8530 LIABLE RD LAKE COUNTY
HIGHLAND , IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 04/13/2013 13:35

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 04/13/2013 16:15:00 **To** 04/13/2013 16:40:00

Excavator Involved Homeowner
Type of Excavation Deck install

Orig. Locate Request NONE **Start Date**
Type of Ticket **Locate Req. Info** N/A Yes

Damage Request # 1304130268 **Start Date** 04/13/2013 16:15

Pictures Taken By Nathan Wolf **Date** 04/13/2013 16:25
Photography Type Digital **Frame #**

Investigator Emp. # 134728 **Investigator Name** Nathan Wolf
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 # - **Locator Not Known** Yes

Investigation Findings

No Locate Req. By Contractor
Other Notes

Investigation Methods

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

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

There was no locate called in for the ticket. The homeowner damaged the line when digging to install a deck and stairs on the rear side of the house. The contractor did call in a good dig ticket after the damage had occurred.

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? No

Were any other indicators of facility present in the area? No

Was the excavation within the tolerance zone of marks?	No
Extent of facility damage	Cut service
Replacement Footage	2'
Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?	No
What contractor equipment was used?	
Is the facility shown on the utility records?	No
If yes, list record numbers	



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