



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Dave Murphy Landscape**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 462

Investigator: Chuck Weindorf

Report Date: 03/19/2012

Damage Date: 6/7/2011 11:55:26 AM

Damage Address: 522 Gilmer Street

City: South Bend

County: St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Dave Murphy Landscape**

Contact: Dave Murphy

Address: 16880 6th Road, Plymouth, In 46563

Telephone: (574) 292-4479

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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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:

Type of Equipment:

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Synopsis: Gas service was struck and damaged during excavation for landscaping.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; initial notice delivered and signed on 4/20/2012, however excavator failed to respond. Excavator failed to provide a notice to Indiana 811 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.

Dave Murphy Landscape currently has no other reports of damage on the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

November 14, 2011

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 462
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 462

To Whom It May Concern:

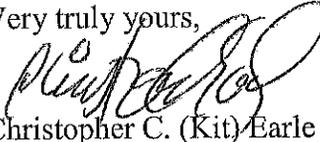
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/7/2011
Event Location: 522 Gilmer Street, South Bend
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Dave Murphy Landscape
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.

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,



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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 462**

462

Date of Event

6/7/11

Event Location

522 Gilmer Street, South Bend

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Dave Murphy Landscape

Date of IURC Information Request

9/23/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

522

STREET

Gilmer Street

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

South Bend, IN 46614

COUNTY

St Joseph

TOWNSHIP

Centre

PROPERTY OWNER

USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

TENANT'S NAME

IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED

IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME

BUSINESS NAME

Dave Murphy Lawn & Landscaping

ADDRESS

16880

STREET

6th Road

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Plymouth, IN 46563

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

SECONDARY TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:

BUSINESS NAME

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE

LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
260/439-1290

LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

No locate requested
No locate requested
06/07/11
No locate requested
1106072107
No locate requested
Unknown
No locate requested
No locate requested
No

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED
DEPARTMENT NAME
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

0
0
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation by Dave Murphy Lawn & Landscaping. Facilities struck due to a failure to request locates prior to the onset of excavation operations.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED