



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Grimmer Construction Company

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4648

Report Date: 9/16/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/19/2013 1:24:50 PM

Damage Address: 507 N Halleck St, Keener, Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **Grimmer Construction Company**

Address: 2619 Main Street, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

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
4/23/2013

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1304190825

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE---THE 30 FOOT WATER EASEMENT IN THE REAR OF ADDRESS 507 N HALLECK ST--LOCATE FROM THE CENTER OF 5TH AVE NE LOCATING NORTH FOR APPROX 550 FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF HALLECK ST FROM ROW TO ROW

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 5/16/2013. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide facility locate markings for a live in-service gas stub not on the maps/records.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide facility locate markings.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.



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. 4648
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4648

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: 4/19/2013
Event Location: 507 N Halleck St
City: Keener
Facility Owner: Nipsco
Excavator: Grimmer Construction Company
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 4648

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. 4648	
Date of Event	4/19/2013
Event Location	507 N Halleck St
Event City	Keener
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Grimmer Construction Company
Date of IURC Information Request	May 1, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Grimmer Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2619 Main Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Highland / IN / 46322
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(219)924-1623
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	(219)712-4135
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	529 N Halleck Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP	DeMotte / IN / 46310
NEAREST INTERSECTION	5th Avenue NE
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.)	3/4"
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)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	X
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y – 1304191655
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1304190825
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	Y
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)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Facility could not be found/located (in-service gas stub).</p> <p>Emergency ticket# 1304191862.</p>	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Crown Point MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT M. Schlessler JOB ORDER # 5830243
TRACKING NUMBER 018-2013-0419-006 LOCATE REF # 1304190825
Locate Performed By: WJZ

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 4-1-19 20:13:22 M DATE OF REPORT 4-19-13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 539 W Halleck St Demotte

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____
GAS: SERVICE () MAIN () SIZE 3/4 MATERIAL: PLASTIC () STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 20 PRESSURE (PSI) 90 Lbs.

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 12:22 TIME SHUT OFF _____ TIME RESTORED _____

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: _____

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS _____ NO () This service was not located
HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED () NO () It appears to be a stub

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Crimmer Construction

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2619 Main St Highland 46322

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE John Koselke 219 712 4135

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS Jon Buder

WITNESS REMARKS _____

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

FIRE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

OTHER () _____ Any Injures? () 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

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130419006
Damage Date 04/19/2013 12:20
Notified By ANISSA BAILEY (Facility Owner)
Damage Address 539 N HALLECK ST X 5TH JASPER/KEENER
DEMOTTE, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 04/19/2013 14:01

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 04/19/2013 16:50:00 **To** 04/19/2013 17:00:00

Excavator Involved GRIMMER CONSTRUCTION
Type of Excavation SEWER

Orig. Locate Request 1304033142 **Start Date**
Type of Ticket **Locate Req. Info** N/A

Damage Request # 1304191655 **Start Date**

Pictures Taken By ROBERT PUENT **Date** 04/19/2013 17:00
Photography Type Digital **Frame #** N/A

Investigator Emp. # 125915 **Investigator Name** ROBERT PUENT
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 # Puent Robert - 125915 **Locator Not Known**

Investigation Findings

Other

Other Notes

STUB SERVICE

Investigation Methods

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

PER ROBERT- STUB SERVICE , UNTONEABLE. LINE CAPPED FOR REPAIRS.

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? No

Extent of facility damage	CUT
Replacement Footage	0
Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?	No N/A
What contractor equipment was used?	N/A
Is the facility shown on the utility records?	No
If yes, list record numbers	N/A

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

NIPSCO 00273 IUPPSa 04/19/2013 10:16:24 1304190825-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE JOB EXTENSION

Ticket : 1304190825 Date: 04/19/2013 Time: 10:12 Oper: MMOELLER Chan:039
Old Tkt: 1304033142 Date: 04/03/2013 Time: 16:52 Oper: AHUNTER Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: KEENER
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 507
Street : N HALLECK ST
Cross 1 : 5TH AVE NE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE---THE 30 FOOT WATER EASEMENT IN THE REAR OF ADDRESS 507 N
HALLECK ST--LOCATE FROM THE CENTER OF 5TH AVE NE LOCATING NORTH FOR APPROX 550
FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF HALLECK ST FROM ROW TO ROW
:
Grids : 4112B8711A 4112C8711A
Boundary: n 41.209324 s 41.206370 w -87.199549 e -87.198052

Work type : UTILITY INSTALL
Done for : TOWN OF DE MOTTE
Start date: 04/23/2013 Time: 10:30 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 3 WEEKS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : GRIMMER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Type: CONT
Co addr : 2619 MAIN STREET
City : HIGHLAND State: IN Zip: 46322
Caller : MARGIE HOFFMANN Phone: (219)924-1623
Contact : JOHN KOSELKE - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)712-4135
Fax : (219)924-0326

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

Submitted date: 04/19/2013 Time: 10:12
Members: COMCN ID2009 ID3831 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00520 IUPPSa 04/19/2013 13:24:52 1304191655-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1304191655 Date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:23 Oper: MPLUMMER Chan:040

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: KEENER
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 507
Street : N HALLECK ST
Cross 1 : 5TH AVE NE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE---THE 30 FOOT WATER EASEMENT IN THE REAR OF ADDRESS 507 N
HALLECK ST--LOCATE FROM THE CENTER OF 5TH AVE NE LOCATING NORTH FOR APPROX 550
FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF HALLECK ST FROM ROW TO ROW

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Grids : 4112B8711A 4112C8711A
Boundary: n 41.209324 s 41.206370 w -87.199549 e -87.198052

Work type : UTILITY INSTALL
Done for : TOWN OF DE MOTTE
Start date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:23 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Uq/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 3 WEEKS Depth: 10 FEET

Company : GRIMMER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Type: CONT
Co addr : 2619 MAIN STREET
City : HIGHLAND State: IN Zip: 46322
Caller : MARGIE HOFFMANN Phone: (219)924-1623
Contact : JOHN KOSELKE - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)712-4135
Fax : (219)924-0328

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
HIT GAS LINE NIPSCO GAS IS BLOWING HIT LINE IN FRONT OF 539 HALLECK IN FRONT
EASEMENT UNKNOWN LINE SIZE CREW IS ON SITE NIPSCO HAS BEEN CALLED PREV
TICKET 1304190825
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
:

Submitted date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:23
Members: COMCN ID2009 ID3831 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00602 IUPPSa 04/19/2013 13:58:10 1304191862-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304191862 Date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:53 Oper: SLUCAS Chan:060

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: KEENER
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 539
Street : N HALLECK ST
Cross 1 : 5TH AVE NE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4112B8711A 4112B8712D 4112C8711A 4112C8712D
Boundary: n 41.210522 s 41.206306 w -87.200416 e -87.197075

Work type : REPAIRING GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:55 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 : ANNISA BAILEY Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : MARK SCHIESSLE - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)746-8237
Fax : (219)647-4764

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

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

:

Submitted date: 04/19/2013 Time: 13:53
Members: COMCN ID2009 ID3831 NIPSCO SM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation

Photo taken on 4/19/2013 3:17:23 PM



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (R / 3-13)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 4648 _____

Date of Damage (month, day, year): 4/19/13 _____

Location of Damage:

Address (number and street): 507 N Halleck _____

City, State and ZIP Code: Demotte, IN _____

Nearest Intersection: rear alley between 5th and 6th avenue _____

Excavator Information:

Business Name: Grimmer Construction, Inc _____

Responsible Party Personal Name: Mark J Grimmer _____

Title (if any): Vice President _____

Address (number and street): 2619 Main Street _____

City, State and ZIP Code: Highland, IN 46322 _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 219-924-1623 _____

Email Address: mgrimmer@grimmerconstruction.com _____

Utility Information:

Utility Name: NIPSCO _____

Contact Person: _____

Title (if any): _____

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (*select one*):

Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed (*select one*):

Water

Repair Cost: \$ _____

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: 1304033142

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

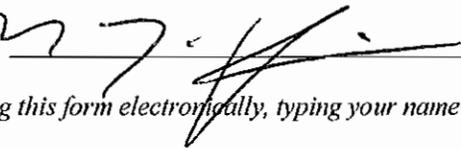
Ambulance Response: Yes No

Additional Information / Comments

attached is Grimmer Construction Inc Broken Utility Report form, utility was not marked

PHOTOS ATTACHED

Printed Name: MARK GRIMMER

Signature: 

Date (month, day, year): 5/16/13

**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**

**Or fax to:
317-233-2410**

Grimmer Construction, Inc.
Broken Utility Report

Date: 04/19/2013 Time: 12:15 AM (PM) Job # 12001

Location: WATER EASEMENT BEHIND 539 HALLECK (ACE HARDWARE)
DE MOTTE IN.

Was area marked by utility company: Yes ___ No X

IUPPS Ticket Number 1304033142 (If you do not have this, call the office for correct #)

Type of utility broken: (Check appropriate utility, if "other" please describe)

Telephone ___ Gas X Electric ___ Other ___

Name of Utility Company NIPSCO Utility Rep JONATHAN BUOZ ^{TRK#} 31405-3
(1574-210-5241)
Locating Company USIC Locators Name ROB PUENT

- **TAKE PHOTOS OF AREA** (Use Reference Points & Measuring Tape)

Explain in detail how utility was marked. State measurements of depth and distance from paint mark to utility.

UTILITY WAS NOT MARKED. EXCAVATOR OPERATOR CHARLES CLAYTON WAS DIGGING MATERIAL AND FELT SOMETHING, THEN STOPPED, AND THE STEEL GAS LINE HAD BEEN PULLED BUT NOT BROKEN IN THE TRENCH, THERE WAS A GAS SMELL AND UTILITY WAS NOTIFIED

Name: JOHN KOSELKE
(Please Print)





