



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Acorn Landscaping

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4656

Report Date: 9/16/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/24/2013 10:09:54 AM

Damage Address: S Main St, Centre, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Acorn Landscaping**

Address: 3680 W Sample St, South Bend, In 46619

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Unknown/Other

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Road Work

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
4/22/2013

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1304181811

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION -LOCATE SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF S MAIN ST APPROX 1200 FEET - TO INCLUDE LOCATING WEST INTO THE FIELD 200 FEET FOR THE ENTIRE DISTANCE OF THE LOCATE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas live in-service stub while performing road work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 5/13/2013. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to provide facility locate markings for the live in-service gas stub.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide facility locate markings for the live in-service gas stub.

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. 4656
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4656

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: 4/24/2013
Event Location: S Main St
City: Centre
Facility Owner: Nipsco
Excavator: Acorn Landscaping
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 4656

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. 4656 | |
| Date of Event | 4/24/2013 |
| Event Location | S Main St |
| Event City | Centre |
| Facility Owner | Nipsco |
| Excavator | Acorn Landscaping |
| Date of IURC Information Request | May 1, 2013 |
| THE PARTIES | |
| EXCAVATOR: | |
| BUSINESS NAME | Acorn Landscaping |
| RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME | |
| TITLE (IF ANY) | |
| ADDRESS | 3680 W Sample Street |
| CITY/ STATE/ZIP | South Bend / IN / 46619 |
| PREFERRED TELEPHONE | (574)288-6950 |
| CELL PHONE TELEPHONE | (574)286-9595 |
| 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) | |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ADDRESS | |
| CITY/ STATE/ZIP | |
| PREFERRED TELEPHONE | |
| CELL PHONE TELEPHONE | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | |
| UTILITY LINE IMPACT | |
| LOCATION OF DAMAGE | |
| ADDRESS | Metalmation SR and South Main Street |
| CITY/STATE/ZIP | South Bend / IN / |
| NEAREST INTERSECTION | N/A |
| 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) | 35 |
| 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 | |
| Boring/Drilling | |
| Directional Drilling | |
| Explosives | |
| Farm Equipment | |
| Grader/Scraper | |
| Hand Tools | X |
| Milling Equipment | |
| Probing Device | |

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|--|----------------|
| 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 | X |
| 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) | Y |
| IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO) | N |
| EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO) | Y - 1304240994 |
| LOCATE INFORMATION: | |
| EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO) | Y |

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|---|------------|
| INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER | 1304181811 |
| LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO) | Y |
| LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO) | N |
| 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) | Y |
| 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 Emergency ticket# 1304241262.</p> | |

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

NIPSCO 00322 IUPPSa 04/24/2013 10:11:39 1304181811-01A NORM 2NDR GRID

SECOND NOTICE 2ND NOTICE

Ticket : 1304181811 Date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:10 Oper: ALOUIE Chan:032
Old Tkt: 1304181811 Date: 04/18/2013 Time: 12:49 Oper: SHARRIS Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: CENTRE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : S MAIN ST

Cross 1 : METALMATION ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION -LOCATE SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF S MAIN ST
APPROX 1200 FEET - TO INCLUDE LOCATING WEST INTO THE FIELD 200 FEET FOR THE
ENTIRE DISTANCE OF THE LOCATE

:

Grids : 4137A8615D 4137B8615D

Boundary: n 41.632532 s 41.628716 w -86.253359 e -86.251392

Work type : INSTALL SILT FENCE

Done for : REITHRILEY

Start date: 04/22/2013 Time: 13:00 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 4 FEET

Company : ACORN LANDSCAPING Type: CONT

Co addr : 3680 W SAMPLE ST

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46619

Caller : KEN DAVIS Phone: (574)288-6950

Contact : KEN DAVIS - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)286-9595

Fax : (574)289-1096

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

PER KEN DAVIS---NEEDS NIPSCO TO RESPOND TO THIS TICKET

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

:

Submitted date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:10

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 ID6590 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00310 IUPPSa 04/24/2013 10:09:57 1304240994-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304240994 Date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:05 Oper: ALOUIE Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: CENTRE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : S MAIN ST

Cross 1 : METALMATION ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION -LOCATE SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF S MAIN ST
APPROX 1200 FEET - TO INCLUDE LOCATING WEST INTO THE FIELD 200 FEET FOR THE
ENTIRE DISTANCE OF THE LOCATE

:

Grids : 4137A8615D 4137B8615D

Boundary: n 41.632532 s 41.628716 w -86.253359 e -86.251392

Work type : INSTALL SILT FENCE

Done for : REITHRILEY

Start date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:05 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 4 WEEKS Depth: 4 FEET

Company : ACORN LANDSCAPING Type: CONT

Co addr : 3680 W SAMPLE ST

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46619

Caller : KEN DAVIS Phone: (574)288-6950

Contact : KEN DAVIS - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)286-9595

Fax : (574)289-1096

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

A GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED---THE CALLER BELIEVES THE LINE TO BE A NIPSCO LINE
BUT IS NOT SURE---THE LINE WAS DAMAGED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF S MAINT ST AND
METALMATION ST---THE GAS LINE IS BLOWING AND CAN BE SMELT---THE LINE WAS A 4
INCH LINE---ADVISED THE CALLER TO CALL 911---CREW IS STILL ON SITE---ADVISED
CALLER TO CALL NIPSCO AND GAVE THE CALLER THEIR NUMBER---PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
1304181811

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

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Submitted date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:05

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 ID6590 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00422 IUPPSa 04/24/2013 10:49:53 1304241262-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304241262 Date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:45 Oper: LSTEVENSON Chan:018

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: CENTRE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : METALMATION DR
Cross 1 : S MAIN ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 200 FOOT RADIUS OF THE ENTIRE INTERSECTION
:
Grids : 4137A8615D
Boundary: n 41.632658 s 41.631266 w -86.253089 e -86.251234

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:47 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 : TONY LOPEZ--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)876-8107
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: 04/24/2013 Time: 10:45
Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 ID6590 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130424003
Damage Date 04/24/2013 10:09
Notified By KEN DAVIS ()
Damage Address S MAIN ST & METALMATION
SOUTH BEND, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 04/24/2013 11:31

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 04/24/2013 10:45:00 **To** 04/24/2013 11:45:00

Excavator Involved ACORN LANDSCAPING

Type of Excavation TRENCHING

Orig. Locate Request 1304181811 **Start Date** 04/15/2013 00:00
Type of Ticket Routine **Locate Req. Info** N/A

Damage Request # 1304240994 **Start Date** 04/24/2013 00:00

Pictures Taken By ALLEN O'DONNELL **Date** 04/24/2013 11:45
Photography Type Digital **Frame #**

Investigator Emp. # 113463 **Investigator Name** BRIAN ARENS

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 # Waits Travis - 134075 **Locator Not Known**

Investigation Findings

Abandoned Facility

Other Notes

Investigation Methods

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

THIS IS A PROJECT TYPE AREA, THERE ARE MORE TICKETS FOR OVERLAPPING AREAS ALL OF THE SAME WORK. PAINT AND FLAGS ONSITE, THE MAIN MAIN IS ACROSS THE STREET. CONTR WHILE TRENCHING FOR PLACEMENT OF A SILT FENCE CONTR HIT AND DAMAGED AN ABANDONED GAS STUB (LONG SIDE SERVICE) THIS STUB HAD NO RISER OR CAP TOP TO INDICATE ITS PRESENCE. THIS IS RETIRED 5/8" PL GAS STUB. NO REPAIR CAPPED IN PLACE.

Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement

NA

Names of Excavator's Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement

Chris Hickey, said he was trench a long and getting ready to cut into the property when it start blowinG.

Other individuals on site

NA

Were any markings visible on the damage site upon arrival? Yes

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| 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 |
| Replacement Footage | CAPPED |
| Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who? | No NA |
| What contractor equipment was used? | NA |
| Is the facility shown on the utility records? | No |
| If yes, list record numbers | NA |

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA South Bend MAXIMO WO #
OPERATING AREA CONTACT G. KING JOB ORDER # 562593
TRACKING NUMBER 018,2013 0424002 LOCATE REF # 1304181811
Locate Performed By: SMGP

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 4-24-13 10:18 20 M DATE OF REPORT 4-24-13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) Metacarbon of S. MAIN South Bend

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 12+ PRESSURE (PSI) 35 Lbs.

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 10:18 TIME SHUT OFF 11:45 TIME RESTORED

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 5/8 1/2"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Acorn Landscape

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 3680 W Sample South Bend

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Chris Hickey

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS STUB NOT LOCATED

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY REPORT #

FIRE X AGENCY South Bend REPORT #

OTHER () Any Injuries? () YES # NO X

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO X TAKEN BY: (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES X 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 X ROAD WORK () SEWER

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- () AUGER () HAND TOOLS () BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
() MILLING EQUIPMENT () PROBING DEVICE () BORING / DRILLING
() EXPLOSIVES X 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 X STUB () OTHER

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS : 5/8 plastic stub

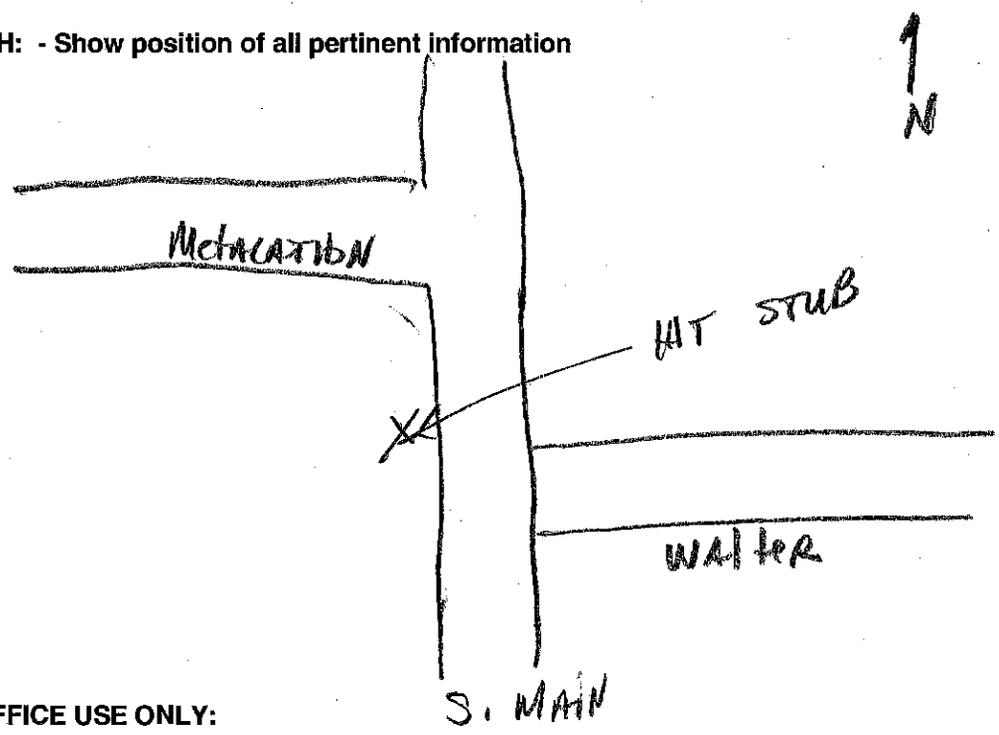
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Scott W Olds

FIELD SUPERVISOR _____

FIELD MANAGER Berry Oup

- 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

Initial Documents - Excavator
Case# 4656

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: 5-8-13

Who is submitting this information?

RECEIVED

Name of person providing this information: Ken Davis

MAY 13 2013

Business address (number and street): 3680 west sample street

INDIANA UTILITY
 REGULATORY COMMISSION

City, State, and ZIP code: south bend, IN 46619

Telephone number (area code): 574-288-6950

Fax number (area code): 574-289-1096

E-mail address: posse880@yahoo.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Acorn Landscaping

Business address (number and street): 3680 West Sample Street

City, State, and ZIP code: south bend, IN 46619

Telephone number (area code): 574-288-6950

Fax number (area code): 574-289-1096

E-mail address: posse880@yahoo.com

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Unknown/Other

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (month, day, year): 4-24-13

County: St. Joseph

City: South Bend

Street address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code):
unknown vacant

Nearest intersection: Metalmotion dr and main street

Right of way where damage occurred: Public - City Street

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? 3

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 130418811

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: _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? No

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Yes

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: Abandoned facility

Additional Comments

I was informed by a Nipsco representative that instead of capping off the gas line at the main they just capped off at the end of the pipe. The utility locator stated that the line was undetectable. I was also informed by Robert Hayward from Nipsco damage center (219)629-5071 that there are more in that area that are just capped off. Also as an another note, along Ireland Road(Just south of the currant job) when work was done there by Rieth -Riley (574)-288-8321 they hit at least 10 lines that were the same way just capped off at the end instead of being capped off at the main line. This is my opinion is very unsafe that Nipsco was allowed to do this instead of doing it the correct way and capping at the main. To have a gas line that is unable to be located can cause serious injury and damage.

Thank you
Ken Davis