



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Selge Construction Company Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4658

Report Date: 9/16/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/24/2013 3:14:22 PM

Damage Address: Auten Rd, Clay, St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Selge Construction Company Inc**

Address: 2833 South 11th Street, Niles, Mi 49120

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Grading

### 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  
4/16/2013

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1304122905

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing grading work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 5/31/2013. Excavator had a valid locate ticket and had provided facility owners one (1) years notice to move facilities as agreed to by a preconstruction meeting since there would be a dramatic grade change. Gas operator failed to provide facility locate markings when requested.

**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. 4658  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4658

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: Auten Rd

City: Clay

Facility Owner: Nipsco

Excavator: Selge Construction Company Inc

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4658

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](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4658</b>	
Date of Event	4/24/2013
Event Location	Auten Rd
Event City	Clay
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Selge Construction Company Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	May 1, 2013
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Selge Construction Company
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2833 South 11th Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Niles / MI / 49120
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(269)684-0842
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	(574)292-8970
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:jplunkett@selgeconstruction.com">jplunkett@selgeconstruction.com</a>
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:morganthompson@usicinc.com">morganthompson@usicinc.com</a>
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	17897 Auten Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Granger / IN / 46530
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Ironwood Road
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
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) (\$)	
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
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)	X
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 – 1304242842
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1304233138
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
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
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Area had been previously marked, but marks were graded off or removed by weather. Excavator called for re-marks, but struck facility before they were due.</p>	

# NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA S. BEND MAXIMO WO # \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT TONY LOPEZ JOB ORDER # 575945  
TRACKING NUMBER 01820130424001 LOCATE REF # 1304233138 (ticket not due until 4/25)  
Locate Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 04/24/2013 0835A DATE OF REPORT 04/24/13  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 17897 AUTEN ROAD GRANGER

**DAMAGE WAS TO:**  
**ELECTRIC** - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR INSTALLED \_\_\_\_\_ BROKEN YES ( ) NO ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

**GAS:** SERVICE ( ) MAIN (X) SIZE 2 MATERIAL: PLASTIC (X) STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30" 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 N/A TIME SHUT OFF 0900 TIME RESTORED 12:10

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

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) SELGE CONSTRUCTION @ (574) 292-8917

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) \_\_\_\_\_

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE BRUCE DICKIE

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS SAME

WITNESS REMARKS NONE

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Any Injuries? ( ) YES # \_\_\_\_\_ (X) NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO (X) TAKEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)  
MEDIA ON SITE YES ( ) NO (X)

- 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  | (X) SEWER         |                        |

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW**
- |                       |                    |                       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ( ) AUGER             | ( ) HAND TOOLS     | (X) 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 | (X) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| ( ) NO NOTIFICATION     | (X) MARKS DISTURBED               | ( ) STUB ( ) OTHER _____      |

COMMENTS: END OF 2" MAIN CLIPPED WITH BACK HOE

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PERSON PREPARING REPORT KURT BRANDON

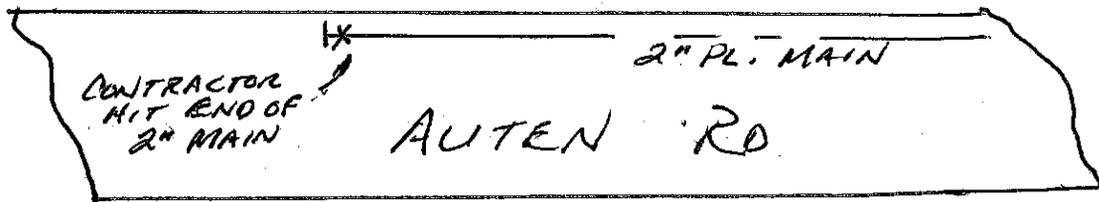
FIELD SUPERVISOR TONY LOPEZ

FIELD MANAGER Gary O'Connell

- 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.

Ho. No. 17897



**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

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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: N/A; Assigned To: USIC

NIPSCO 01030 IUPPSa 04/23/2013 15:25:20 1304233138-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304233138 Date: 04/23/2013 Time: 15:24 Oper: AHINES Chan:075  
Old Tkt: 1304122905 Date: 04/12/2013 Time: 15:41 Oper: ALOUIE Rev: 00A

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

Address :

Street : AUTEN RD  
Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING  
EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD  
TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY

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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8613D  
Boundary: n 41.746180 s 41.745019 w -86.218055 e -86.212832

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION  
Done for : INDOT  
Start date: 04/25/2013 Time: 15:45 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT  
Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET  
City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120  
Caller : JAMIE PLUNKETT Phone: (269)684-0842  
Contact : JAMIE PLUNKETT - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)292-8970  
Fax : (269)684-0846  
Email : JPLUNKETT@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
REMARK AS NEEDED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND WHEATHER--THANK YOU.  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 04/23/2013 Time: 15:24  
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00960 IUPPSa 04/24/2013 15:14:23 1304242842-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304242842 Date: 04/24/2013 Time: 15:08 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

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

Address :  
Street : AUTEN RD  
Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING  
EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD  
TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY  
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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8613D  
Boundary: n 41.746180 s 41.745019 w -86.218055 e -86.212832

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION  
Done for : INDOT  
Start date: 04/24/2013 Time: 15:09 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT  
Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET  
City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120  
Caller : JAMIE PLUNKETT Phone: (269)684-0842  
Contact : JAMIE PLUNKETT - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)292-8970  
Fax : (269)684-0846  
Email : JPLUNKETT@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER JAMIE PLUNKETT --- HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE --- COULD NOT SEE OR HEAR IT BUT  
THEY COULD SMELL GAS --- THE LINE WAS DAMAGED IN FRONT OF 17897 AUTEN RD --- 2  
INCH PLASTIC GAS MAIN --- YELLOW IN COLOR --- DID NOT CALL 911 BUT DID CALL  
NIPSCO --- NIPSCO HAS REPAIRED THE LINE ---CREW IS STILL ON SITE ---PREVIOUS  
TICKET 1304122905  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 04/24/2013 Time: 15:08  
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

**Notification ID** 01820130424001  
**Damage Date** 04/24/2013 09:25  
**Notified By** Anissa (Facility Owner)  
**Damage Address** 1789 Auten Rd x Ironwood Rd (ST. JOSEPH CTY)  
Granger (CLAY TWNSHP) , IN  
**District** Northern Indiana  
**Notification Date** 04/24/2013 09:33

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**Damaged Customer** NIPSCO

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**Investigation Date From** 04/27/2013 10:00:00 **To** 04/27/2013 11:45:00

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**Excavator Involved** SELGE

**Type of Excavation** ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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**Orig. Locate Request** 1304042571 **Start Date** 04/08/2013 00:00  
**Type of Ticket** Routine **Locate Req. Info** N/A

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**Damage Request #** M85967829 **Start Date** 04/24/2013 00:00

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**Pictures Taken By** B ARENS **Date** 04/24/2013 11:10

**Photography Type** Digital **Frame #**

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

**Based on your investigation, is further investigation needed?** No

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**Fact Based Investigation Customer Information**

**Facility Description** Low Profile **Facility ID** Gas Main

**Locator Name & EMP #** Fox Kevin - 121882 **Locator Not Known**

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**Investigation Findings**

Facility Marked Accurately

**Other Notes**

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**Investigation Methods**

Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

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**Investigator Statement/Causal Factors**

DAMAGE AREA IS EAST OF THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF AUTEN RD AND IRONWOOD RD. I RECREATED LOCATE IN WHITE PAINT AS ALL PAINT AND FLAGS WERE DESTROYED WITHIN 100' OF THE 2" PL DAMAGED MAIN. (DAMAGED AT THE END OF MAIN WITHIN 24" OF 2 SERVICES). THE POST LOCATE PHOTOS AND THE RECONSTRUCTED LOCATE SHOW THIS FACILITY HAD BEEN MARKED ACCURATELY. THE CONTR HAD REMOVED THE TOPSOIL AND LOWERED THE AREA THEN CAME THROUGH AGAIN TO PLACE PIPE WORKING IN THE NOW UNMARKED AREA(WITHOUT CALLING IN FOR A REMARK). IT WAS AT THIS TIME THEY(SELGE) STRUCK AND DAMAGED THE 2" PL GAS MAIN AT THE VALVE THAT TERMINATES THE MAIN, THERE WAS NO GAS BLOWING BUT THE UTILITY DID REQUIRE A REPAIR.

**Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement**

ROBERT HAYWOOD CALLED ME. HIS CONCERN RELATED TO ME WAS THAT CONTR HAD EXPOSED THIS MAIN BEFORE AND THERE WAS STILL PAINT (DISTANT) ON THE SERVICES THAT THEY KNEW WERE WITHIN 2 FOOT OF THE END OF MAIN SO THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAND DIGGING THAT CLOSE TO ANY FACILITY.(THEY WERE USING A LARGE BACKHOE, DIGGING BLIND ON A KNOWN FACILITY)

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

NA

**Other individuals on site**

NA

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<b>Were any markings visible on the damage site upon arrival?</b>	No
<b>Were any other indicators of facility present in the area?</b>	Yes
<b>Was the excavation within the tolerance zone of marks?</b>	Yes
<b>Extent of facility damage</b>	KNICKED VALVE CAP
<b>Replacement Footage</b>	UNKNOWN
<b>Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?</b>	No NA
<b>What contractor equipment was used?</b>	NA
<b>Is the facility shown on the utility records?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, list record numbers</b>	WMGIS



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation

Photo taken on 4/24/2013 10:23:04 AM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 4/24/2013 10:32:17 AM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 4/24/2013 10:21:52 AM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation  
Photo taken on 4/24/2013 10:17:50 AM



**CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.**

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May 31, 2013

Pipeline Safety Division- Case No. 4658  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: Initial Documents Excavator  
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4658

Mr. William Boyd,

My name is Bruce Dickie. I am the Manager of Safety and Resources for Selge Construction Co. Inc., in Niles, Michigan. I am authorized to represent Selge Construction in matters involving damaged utilities. I am also responsible to implement any corrective actions required as a result of damage to utilities. I attend meetings of the Northern Indiana Damage Prevention Council and will continue to do so to remain current on relevant issues. On January 18, 2013, 16 employees of Selge Construction including managers and foremen attended the training required by the IURC with Steve Baker.

Selge Construction Co. Inc. responds to the letter dated May 1, 2013 as follows:

1. The multiple locate requests are included to show that Selge Construction provided notice of excavation per Indiana Code 8-1-26. (see attached locate requests including area map)
2. "White lining" would not have been required because of the specific address of the excavation provided at the time the "locates" were called in.
3. Selge Construction employees are required to maintain the "hand dig zone" while excavating within two feet of a marked utility. In a case where that does not occur, the employee receives progressive discipline up to and including possible termination. This described protocol was observed with regards to this incident.
4. At least 3 Selge Construction employees on this site attended the January 2013 training.

I was notified of this damage incident by the Project Manager on site on 4-24-13, the day of this incident. When I investigated the incident, I took photographs and video footage of the damage and surrounding area. There were no fresh markings or flags in the area where Selge Construction's excavation was occurring. The closest fresh markings were +/- 80 feet away. I personally took a preconstruction video of this site on 3-29-13 at approximately 4:30 pm. The first call for locate markings was due on 3-27-13.

At the time of the preconstruction video, there were no locate markings at the point of this damage. Refresh markings would have been due on 4-4-13, 4-8-13, and 4-16-13. The attached white paint "damage investigation videos" on the date of this incident shows no other residual paint markings or flags required by IC 8-1-26 to help establish the "hand dig zone."

Selge Construction's excavation plan to avoid damage to utilities was as follows:

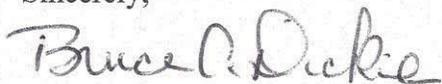
1. The utility operators in the area of this project were given 1 calendar year to relocate their utilities which conflicted with the scope of this project. There was a preconstruction meeting concerning the 4-1-13 start date where utility companies were given a chance to postpone this road closure if needed. (Selge Construction was given a 100 day window to have this road closed.) Only AT&T requested additional time to relocate utilities. The utility companies were given accurate information as to the scope and depth of this project and the notice to proceed meant to Selge Construction that all utility lines had been cleared from interfering with this project. *After the initial year allowed for relocation of utilities, NIPSCO recently relocated the struck gas main to get it farther out of the way.*
2. In addition to using the information provided by the operators, that all the utilities were out of the way, Selge Construction's excavation plan to avoid damages included calling in locate tickets no less than 4 times at this location. Initially there were no markings at this location 2 days after the first locates were due. (due 3-27-13, no paint down on 3-29-13 as shown in the photos) Selge Construction does not have photos of every time the paint was required by locate tickets. There was no residual paint on the ground along the line of this gas main on the date of this strike. Again, the closest paint on the ground was +/- 80 feet away as shown by the damage indicators in the photos. Selge Construction was cooperative with the heavy work load of the locate contractor by directing that contractor to the specific sites on location where Selge Construction would be working at the time. In other words, at times the locate contractor had trouble refreshing all the locates on site as requested.

I submit that the operator failed to mark this utility per Indiana Code 8-1-26.

Attached please find the completed form requested from the IURC website. Also please find, a map of the area in question, the active locate ticket, and photos from the site.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Dickie  
Manager of Safety and Resources  
Selge Construction Co. Inc.  
Bdickie@selgeconstruction.com



## INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (R / 3-13)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

**Case Number:** 4658

**Date of Damage** (*month, day, year*): 04/24/2013

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**Location of Damage:**

Address (*number and street*): Near 17897 Auten Road

City, State and ZIP Code: South Bend, Indiana

Nearest Intersection: Ironwood and Auten Rd's

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**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Selge Construction Co., Inc.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Bruce Dickie

Title (*if any*): Manager of Safety and Resources

Address (*number and street*): 2833 S. 11th St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Niles, MI 49120

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-295-8917

Email Address: Bdickie@selgeconstruction.com

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**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):

Grading

Repair Cost: \$ unknown

Did a leak result from damage:

Yes  No

MINOR LEAK FROM  
CRACKED COUPLING

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

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**Locate Information**

Excavator Request Locate:

Yes  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1303251731, 1304021178, 1304042571, 1304122905

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

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**Incident Information:**

Fire Department Response:

Yes  No

Police Department Response:

Yes  No

Ambulance Response:

Yes  No

**Additional Information / Comments**

This construction project adds a roundabout at the intersection of Ironwood and Auten Rd's. Operator's of utilities at this site were given 1 calendar year to relocate facilities out of the way of construction. A pre-construction meeting was held prior to this 100 day road closure. At that meeting, facility operators were asked if they needed additional time to relocate any facilities still in conflict with this project. All facility operators agreed to proceed with the scheduled April 1, 2013 road closure. The project included removing at least 4 feet of dirt in the area where this strike occurred. In planning for this excavation work, Selge Construction relied on the commitments made by the local utility operators. To further plan this excavation, locate requests were made for the area where this strike occurred on 3-25-13, 04-02-13, 04-04-13, 04-12-13. On 3-29-13, there were no paint marks or flags on the ground at the location of this incident. On the date of the incident, paint markings were visible on a gravel driveway (as shown in the photo's) 60-80 feet east of the "strike". As shown in the attached photo's there were no residual paint markings or flags clearly indicating this gas main at this site at the tie of the strike. A representative from the utility commented, "you should have known the main was there because there were flags in the driveway to an adjacent house." Selge Construction must have paint or flags on

THE GROUND TO PROTECT THE "HAND DIG ZONE" THE LOCATE CONTRACTOR STRUGGLED AT TIMES KEEPING THESE LOCATES CURRENT.

Printed Name: Bruce A. Dickie

Signature: Bruce A. Dickie Date (month, day, year): 5-31-13

*\*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](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)**

**Or mail to:**

**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
Pipeline Safety Division - Case Number 4658  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

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



North

This damage occurred above and to the right where the arrow is pointing

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Imagery Date: 4/28/2011 41°44'43.29" N 86°13'04.92" W elev 781 ft eye alt 3520 ft

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1303251731 Date: 03/25/2013 Time: 15:53 Oper: SWOODFORD Chan:058

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

Address :

Street : AUTEN RD

Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE-- WEST ON AUTEN RD FOR 600 FEET  
FROM THE CENTER LINE OF AUTHEN ROAD THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY--AND 900 FEET TO THE  
EAST FROM THE CENTER LINE OF THE ROAD TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY--

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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8612B 4144B8613D  
Boundary: n 41.746208 s 41.745024 w -86.220556 e -86.212427

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Done for : INDOT

Start date: 03/27/2013 Time: 16:15 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET

City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120

Caller : JAMIE PLUNKETT Phone: (269)684-0842

Contact : JAMIE PLUNKETT - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)292-8970

Fax : (269)684-0846

Email : JPLUNKETT@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

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

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Submitted date: 03/25/2013 Time: 15:53

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1304021178 Date: 04/02/2013 Time: 10:19 Oper: STURNER Chan:055

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

Address :

Street : AUTEN RD  
Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING  
EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD  
TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY

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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8613D  
Boundary: n 41.746180 s 41.745019 w -86.218055 e -86.212832

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Done for : INDOT

Start date: 04/04/2013 Time: 10:30 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET

City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120

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

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Submitted date: 04/02/2013 Time: 10:19

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304042571 Date: 04/04/2013 Time: 15:00 Oper: SWOODFORD Chan:058  
Old Tkt: 1304021178 Date: 04/02/2013 Time: 10:19 Oper: STURNER Rev: 00A

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

Address :

Street : AUTEN RD

Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING  
EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD  
TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY

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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8613D

Boundary: n 41.746180 s 41.745019 w -86.218055 e -86.212832

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Done for : INDOT

Start date: 04/08/2013 Time: 15:15 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET

City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120

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BestTime:

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Email : JPLUNKETT@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
REMARK AS NEEDED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION--THANK YOU.

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

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Submitted date: 04/04/2013 Time: 15:00

Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304122905 Date: 04/12/2013 Time: 15:41 Oper: ALOUIE Chan:032  
Old Tkt: 1304042571 Date: 04/04/2013 Time: 15:00 Oper: SWOODFORD Rev: 00A

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

Address :  
Street : AUTEN RD  
Cross 1 : IRONWOOD RD Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: STARTING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION LOCATE HEADING  
EAST ON THE NORTHSIDE OF AUTEN ROAD FOR 1000 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROAD  
TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY  
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Grids : 4144A8612A 4144A8613D 4144B8612A 4144B8613D  
Boundary: n 41.746180 s 41.745019 w -86.218055 e -86.212832

Work type : ROAD RECONSTRUCTION  
Done for : INDOT  
Start date: 04/16/2013 Time: 16:00 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 4 MONTHS Depth: 12 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT  
Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET  
City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120  
Caller : JAMIE PLUNKETT Phone: (269)684-0842  
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Email : JPLUNKETT@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
REMARK AS NEEDED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND WHEATHER--THANK YOU.  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 04/12/2013 Time: 15:41  
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID4866 ID5610 ID5845 ID7150 NIPSCO SBCIN SM



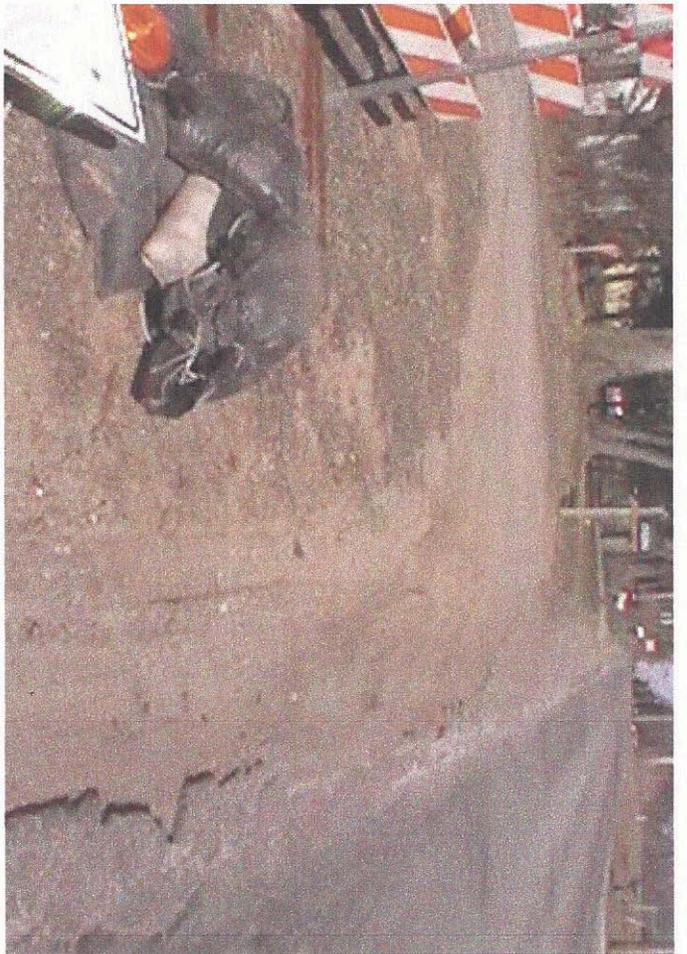
This area  
should have  
had paint  
marks and flags just  
to the right  
from ticket #'s  
1303251731  
1304021178  
1304042571  
1304122905

There were  
no marks  
on 3-29-13  
for the  
Pre Construction  
video  
It was painted after  
the damage in white

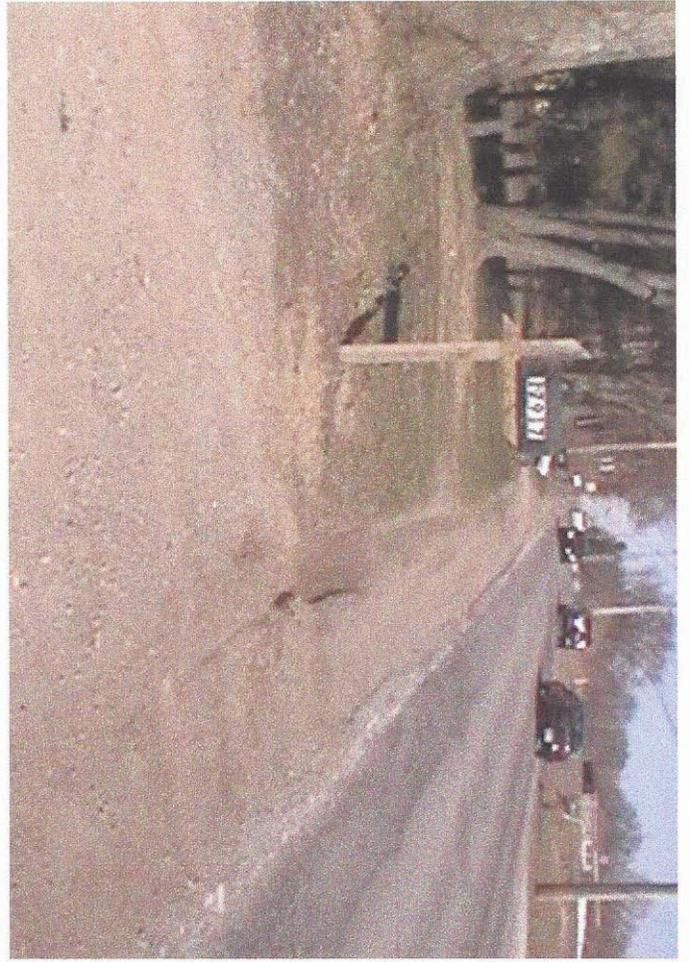
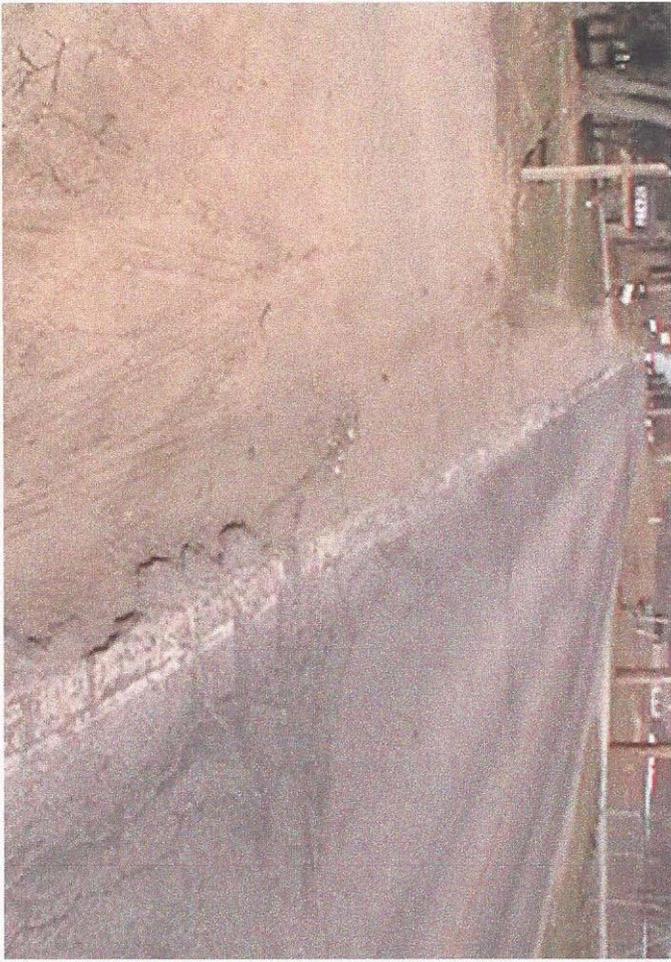
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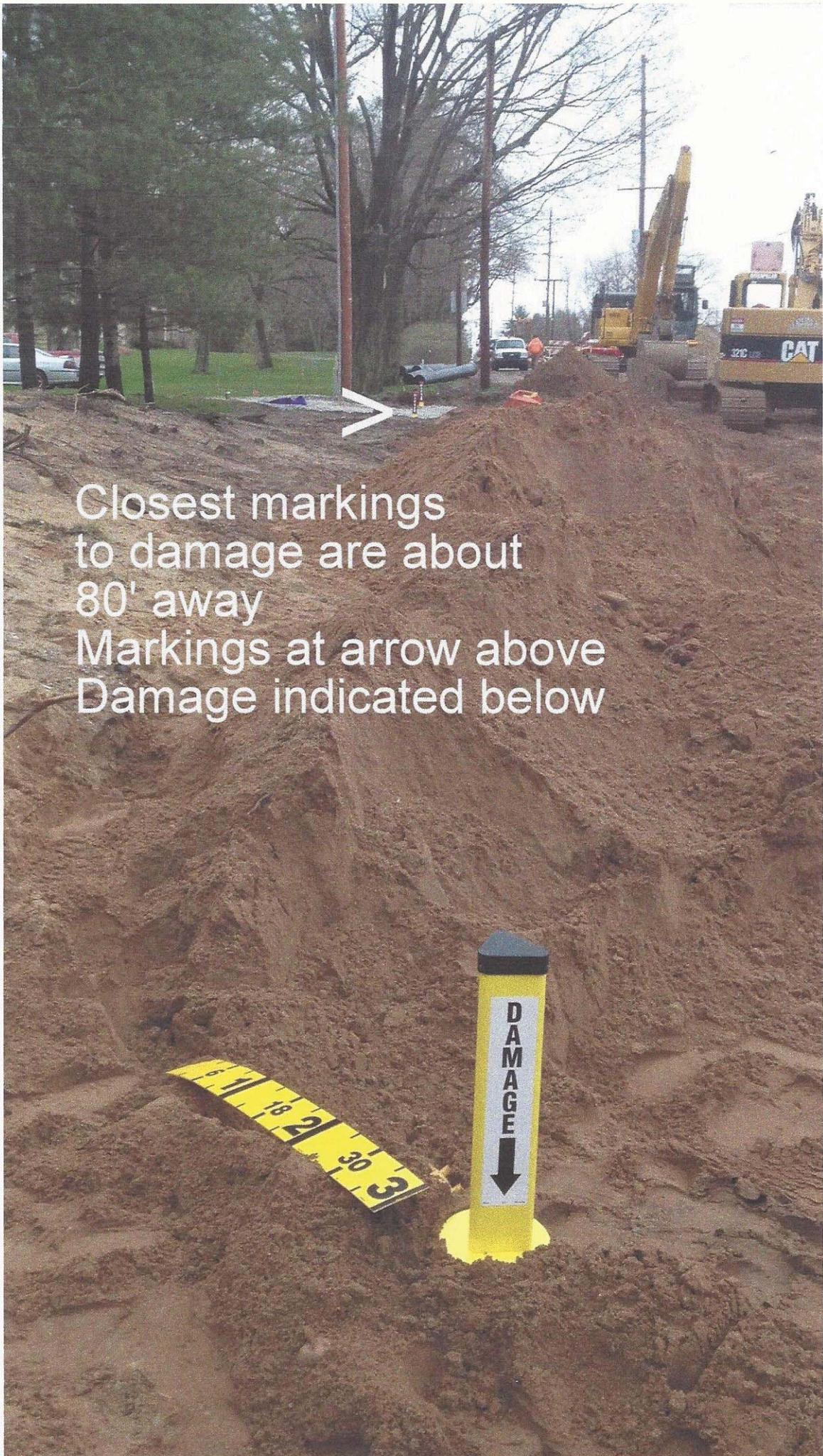
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was clipped  
from a Pre Construction  
video shot 3-29-13  
Video with date stamp is available











Closest markings  
to damage are about  
80' away  
Markings at arrow above  
Damage indicated below

4-24-13 9:35 AM  
WEDNESDAY

17897 AUTEN RD

NIPSCO HAD 1YR  
TO RELOCATE UTILITIES  
OUT OF ROAD GRADE.

THIS FACILITY WAS STRUCK  
80' FROM CLOSEST MARKINGS

UTILITY IS STILL IN CONFLICT WITH THE GRADE



