



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Cisco Brummett

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4672

Report Date: 8/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/29/2013 4:26:53 PM

Damage Address: 0377 N 700 W, Coolspring, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: Cisco Brummett

Address: 0377 N 700 W, La Porte, In 46350

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Unknown/Other

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:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE FROM THE ROAD 5 FEET FROM THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/occupant struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing mailbox post installation work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/10/2013. Excavator/occupant failed to provide notification of excavation prior to starting 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

August 12, 2013

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4672
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4672

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: 4/29/2013
Event Location: 0377 N 700 W
City: Indianapolis
Facility Owner: Nipsco
Excavator: Cisco Brummett
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 4672

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4672	
Date of Event	4/29/2013
Event Location	0377 N 700 W
Event City	Coolspring
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Cisco Brummett
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Cisco Brummett
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	0377 N 700 W
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Laporte, IN 46350
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219 877 8774
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	0377 N 700 W
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Laporte, IN 46350
NEAREST INTERSECTION	I 90
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)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
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	

Trancher	
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
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1304293821
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	No

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N/A
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N/A
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N/A
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	
No notification made to the one-call center	

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130429005
Damage Date 04/29/2013 16:26
Notified By CISCO BRUMMETT ()
Damage Address 0377 N 700 W
LA PORTE, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 04/29/2013
16:30

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 04/29/2013 15:45:00 **To** 04/29/2013 16:10:00

Excavator Involved Homeowner
Type of Excavation Install mailbox

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

Damage Request # 1304293821 **Start Date** 04/29/2013 16:25

Pictures Taken By Jon Novak **Date** 04/29/2013 15:55
Photography Type Digital **Frame #** 1

Investigator Emp. # 131987 **Investigator Name** Jon Novak
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

Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

Homeowner, Cisco Brummett was trying to install a mailbox post and hit a plastic gas service. No previous locates were called in.

Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement

Rob Hayward from Damage Prevention investigated and Nipsco crew on site made a repair to the service.

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

Cisco Brummett thought he would be clear while digging.

Other individuals on site

None

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 plastic gas service

Replacement Footage

Splice repair

Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?

No

What contractor equipment was used?

Post hole digger

Is the facility shown on the utility records?

No

If yes, list record numbers

NIPSCO 01233 IUPPSa 04/29/2013 16:26:57 1304293821-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1304293821 Date: 04/29/2013 Time: 16:19 Oper: SHARRIS Chan:017

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: COOLSPRING
Cityname: LA PORTE Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 0377
Street : N 700 W
Cross 1 : I 90 Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE FROM THE ROAD 5 FEET FROM THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4136A8650C 4136A8650D 4137C8650D 4137D8650C 4137D8650D
Boundary: n 41.620857 s 41.612819 w -86.837946 e -86.836226

Work type : INSTALL MAILBOX POST
Done for : CISCO BRUMMETT
Start date: 04/29/2013 Time: 16:24 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 : CISCO BRUMMETT Type: CONT
Co addr : 0377 N 700 W
City : LA PORTE State: IN Zip: 46350
Caller : CISCO BRUMMETT Phone: (219)877-8774
Contact : NO Phone:
BestTime:
Email : THEKIDD26@COMCAST.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS DAMAGED FROM THE ROAD 3 FEET INTO THE FRONT OF THE
PROPERTY - GAS LINE IS BLOWING - GAS CAN BE HEARD AND SMELLED - YELLOWISH
ORANGE
1 IN PLASTIC LINE - 911 AND NIPSCO HAS BEEN CONTACTED - NO PREVIOUS TICKET
NUMBER
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 04/29/2013 Time: 16:19
Members: COMCN ID5693 ID7053 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

**NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT**

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA LAPORTE MAXIMO WO # MA
 OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rich Elm JOB ORDER # 581836-16
 TRACKING NUMBER 018-2013-0429005 LOCATE REF # MA
 Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 04-29 2013 1516M DATE OF REPORT 04-29-13
 PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 0377 P. 7000 W, LAPORTE

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

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 16" PRESSURE (PSI) 45 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 1516 TIME RESTORED 1700

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: Small

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) CISCO BAUMMETT / CUSTOMER

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 0377 P 7000 W, LP

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

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

FIRE () AGENCY _____ 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**
- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW**
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED- CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW**
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

COMMENTS :

Did not call back. Hit with road
side. Digging

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

George R Watkins

FIELD SUPERVISOR

Rich Elm

FIELD MANAGER

John Fall

- 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: _____



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