



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Steves Hauling & Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4689

Report Date:

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 5/2/2013 3:04:31 PM

Damage Address: 537 E Barrington Pl, Plain, Kosciusko

### The Parties

Excavator: **Steves Hauling & Excavating**

Address: 3428 East Autumn Trail, Warsaw, In 46582

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### 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:

5/6/2013 Locate Instructions: locate the entire north side of the property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/29/2013. Excavator did not call in for utility locates. Excavator admits it is their fault for causing the damage.

**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. 4689  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4689

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: 5/2/2013  
Event Location: 537 E Barrington Pl  
City: Indianapolis  
Facility Owner: Nipsco  
Excavator: Steves Hauling & Excavating  
Other Party: N/A  
Pipeline Division Case No. 4689

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  
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Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4689</b>	
Date of Event	5/2/2013
Event Location	537 E Barrington Pl
Event City	Plain
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Steve's Hauling & Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Steve's Hauling & Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	3428 East Autumn Trail
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Warsaw / IN / 46582
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-527-3215
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	574-835-1406
EMAIL ADDRESS	steveclampitt@yahoo.com
<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	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
<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	morganthompson@usicinc.com
<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	537 E Barrington Place Lot 66
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Warsaw / IN /
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	No

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

Fact Based Investigation Report

**Notification ID** 01820130502013  
**Damage Date** 05/02/2013 15:04  
**Notified By** STEVE CLAMPITT ()  
**Damage Address** 537 E BARRINGTON PL  
WARSAW, IN  
**District** Northern Indiana  
**Notification Date** 05/02/2013 15:10

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**Damaged Customer** NIPSCO

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**Investigation Date From** 05/02/2013 15:40:00 **To** 05/02/2013 16:00:00

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**Excavator Involved** STEVE'S HAULING & EXCAVATING  
**Type of Excavation** sewer

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

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**Damage Request #** 1305023018 **Start Date** 05/02/2013 15:40

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**Pictures Taken By** tom pasko **Date** 05/02/2013 15:55  
**Photography Type** Digital **Frame #**

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**Investigator Emp. #** 121650 **Investigator Name** tom pasko  
**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 Service  
**Locator Name & EMP #** - **Locator Not Known** Yes

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**Investigation Findings**  
No Locate Req. By Contractor  
**Other Notes**

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

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**Investigator Statement/Causal Factors**  
ticket called in after damage  
**Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement**  
no locate  
**Names of Excavator's Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement**  
no locate  
**Other individuals on site**  
na

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**Were any markings visible on the damage site upon arrival?** No  
**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 pl service

**Replacement Footage**

3"

**Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?**

No

**What contractor equipment was used?**

**Is the facility shown on the utility records?**

No

**If yes, list record numbers**

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

NIPSCO 01035 IUPPSa 05/02/2013 15:04:32 1305023018-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1305023018 Date: 05/02/2013 Time: 15:02 Oper: BMORRIS Chan:016

State: IN Cnty: KOSCIUSKO Twp: PLAIN  
Cityname: WARSAW Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision: BARRINGTON HILLS Lot: 66

Address : 537  
Street : E BARRINGTON PL  
Cross 1 : SADDLEBROOK LN Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY  
:  
Grids : 4117C8549A 4117C8549B 4117C8549C 4117D8549A 4117D8549B  
Grids : 4117D8549C  
Boundary: n 41.291458 s 41.284542 w -85.832713 e -85.823537

Work type : SEPTIC INSTALLATION  
Done for : SKYLINE BUILDERS INC  
Start date: 05/02/2013 Time: 15:02 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 3 FEET

Company : STEVES HAULING & EXCAVATING Type: CONT  
Co addr : 3428 EAST AUTUMN TRAIL  
City : WARSAW State: IN Zip: 46582  
Caller : STEVE CLAMPITT Phone: (574)527-3215  
Contact : CHAD LEAP - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)835-1406  
Fax : (574)269-1560  
Email : STEVECLAMPITT@YAHOO.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY - IT IS BLOWING  
SLOWLY - UNKNOWN SIZE/COLOR/MATERIAL - ALREADY CALLED NIPSCO AND HAS BEEN  
ADVISED TO CALL 911 - CREW IS ON SITE - PREVIOUS TICKET - 1305023005  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 05/02/2013 Time: 15:02  
Members: ID2034 ID5098 ID5857 ID7362 ID7634 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA 11 - GOSHEN MAXIMO WO # 745920 / 745898
OPERATING AREA CONTACT JOB ORDER # 546562
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2013 0502 013 LOCATE REF # NO LOCATES
Locate Performed By: NO LOCATES

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 05-02 2013, 1451 P M DATE OF REPORT 05-02-2013
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 537 E. BARRINGTON PL - LOT 66 - WARSAW, IN KOSCIUSKO

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 50 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES X NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1 - RELIT

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 1451 TIME RESTORED 1630

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

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) STEVE'S HAULING, EXCAVATING, & SNOW REMOVAL (STEVE)

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 3428 EAST AUTUMN TRAIL - WARSAW IN 46582

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE STEVE CLAMPITT (574) 527-3215

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS N/A
WITNESS REMARKS N/A

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

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES X NO ( ) TAKEN BY: USIC - TOM PASKO / AARON KNIGHT (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 ( ) EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE ( ) CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
X NO NOTIFICATION ( ) MARKS DISTURBED ( ) STUB ( ) OTHER

COMMENTS: No LOCATES - HIT 5/8" PLASTIC SERVICE

PERSON PREPARING REPORT DARRELL FARRINGTON

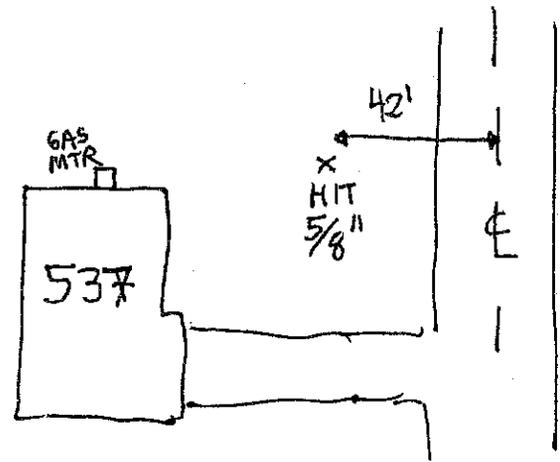
FIELD SUPERVISOR JOE COLE

FIELD MANAGER Randy Dunn

- 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (R / 3-13)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

RECEIVED

JUL 29 2013

Case Number: 4689

Date of Damage (month, day, year): 5/2/2013

INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Location of Damage:**

Address (number and street): 537 E. Barrington

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw, IN 46582

Nearest Intersection: 250 N.

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: Steve's Hauling, Excavating & Snow Removal LLC

Responsible Party Personal Name: Steve Clampitt

Title (if any): Owner

Address (number and street): 3428 E. Autumn Trl

City, State and ZIP Code: Warsaw, In 46582

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 574-527-3215

Email Address: steveclampitt@yahoo.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): Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Repair Cost: \$ 190.00

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

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**Locate Information**

Excavator Request Locate:  Yes  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

NIPSCO ran gas line through marked off leachfield area. Builder told me line was not run through that area. That's what I get for taking someone else's word.  
No locate was called in. My apologies to everyone!

Printed Name: Steve Clampitt

Signature: 

Date (month, day, year): 7/23/13

*\*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)

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