



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: GKB Enterprises

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4711

Report Date: 9/17/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 4/5/2013

Damage Address: 1301 Bears Pass Lot 180, Decatur, Adams

The Parties

Excavator: GKB Enterprises

Address: Po Box 549, Decatur, In 46733

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

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:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/29/2013. Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g) Failure to provide notice of excavation.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Apr 19, 2013

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Avenue

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): (219)962-0422

Fax number (*area code*): (219)962-0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: GKB Enterprises

Business address (*number and street*): PO Box 549

City, State, and ZIP code: Decatur, IN 46733

Telephone number (*area code*): (260)724-9131

Fax number (*area code*): (260)410-8055

E-mail address: cherylgrant@ideal-builders.com

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Apr 5, 2013

County: Adams

City: Decatur

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
1301 Bears Pass Lot 180

Nearest intersection: N/A

Right of way where damage occurred: Unknown/Other

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? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 2

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? 24

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: _____

Was the locate request completed within two working days?

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used:

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request?

Were maps used to complete the locate request?

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? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

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IN RE: WILLIAM BOYD

PROGRAM MANAGER,

ON 4/5/2013, WE WERE INSTALLING A SHALLOW SUMP DRAIN LINE TO STREET FOR BOTH ADDRESS 1301-1307, APPROX. 1:30-2:00 O'CLOCK. I LEFT SITE FOR APPROX. TEN MINUTES TO GET FITTING AT LOCAL HARDWARE. I RETURNED LINE WAS CUT. HITZFIELD EXCAVATING HAS DUG ON THAT SITE BEFORE. THERE WERE SEVERAL FLAGS IN FRONT, AND OBVIOUS TRENCH. I TOLD HIM THAT LINE ONLY NEED BE 1' FT. DEEP, NOT 2 1/2' DEEP. DIG 3' FT. FROM METER. WHEN I RETURNED I ASK HIM WHAT HAD HAPPENED. WHY SO DEEP? HE SAID HE THOUGHT LINE WAS IN BACK. HE OBVIOUS LACK OF ATTENTION. HIS BOSS AGREES WITH THIS. WE MADE MISTAKE. I KNEW LINE WAS THERE. I THOUGHT HE UNDERSTOOD! THIS SUMP LINE

**WAS AN AFTERTHOUGHT. SUMP LINE WAS
STUBBED FROM HOUSE BEFORE GAS METER WAS
SET, AN GAS LINE RAN! ITS UNFORTUNATE
THIS HAPPENED. I HAVE NO PREVIOUS
INCIDENTS, OR G.K.B., OURSELVES.. I CAN'T
SPEAK FOR HITZFIELD EXCAVATING. THEY ARE
SUBS FOR US. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER
FOR 20+ YEARS AND CAN NEVER RECALL EVER
HITTING UTILITIES. I CALLED LOCATES IN G.K.B.
NAME. TICKET EXPIRED #1207091705, I KNEW
LINE WAS THERE, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY HE
DUG SO DEEP! NEED TO TALK..PLEASE CALL!
THIS WONT HAPPEN AGAIN!**

SINCERELY,

TONY JORDAN

SUPT. G.K.B

Tony Jordan
7/25/2013

(260)-341-2592

EXCAVATOR:

HITZFIELD EXC.

ROANOKE, IN. (260)-672-8836

410-7315

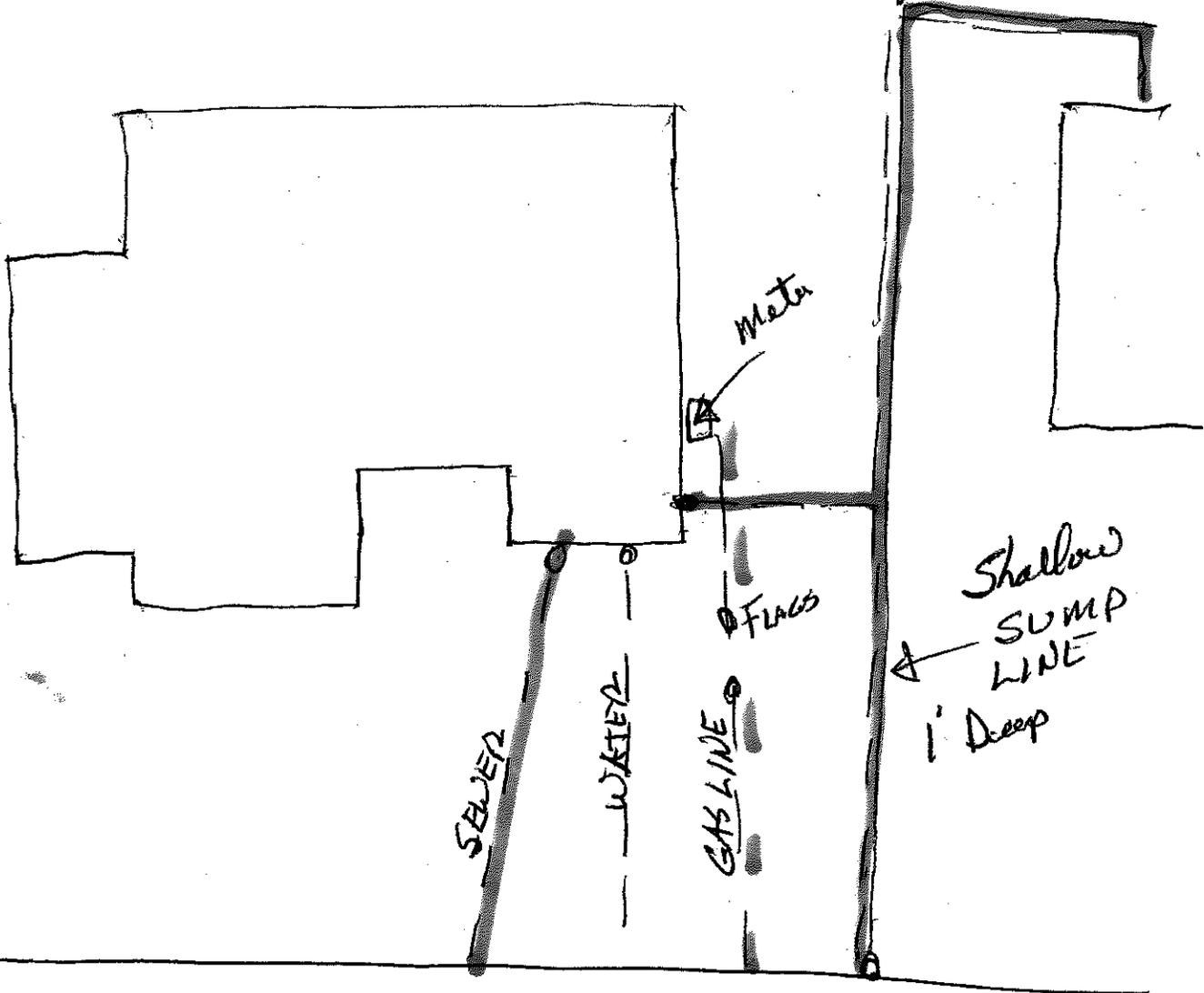
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LOT LINE



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