



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Royko Concrete

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4805

Report Date: 9/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 5/8/2013 5:24:34 PM

Damage Address: 606 E 1100 N, Pine, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Royko Concrete**

Address: 342 E 1300 N, Chesterton, In 46304

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Storm Drain

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--END OF DRIVEWAY NEAR THE ROAD

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing storm drain work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/10/2013. Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation to the association (IN811).

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

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4805
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4805

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: 5/8/2013

Event Location: 606 E 1100 N

City: Indianapolis

Facility Owner: Nipsco

Excavator: Royko Concrete

Other Party: N/A

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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. 4805	
Date of Event	5/8/2013
Event Location	606 E 1100 N
Event City	Pine
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Royko Concrete
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Royko Concrete
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	342 1300 N
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Chesterton, IN 46304
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	(219)406-2845
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	606 E 1100 N
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Westville, IN, 46391
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N 575 E
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	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
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	X
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 1305084132
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
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
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	
<p>No notification made to the one-call center NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket Number: 1305084131</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130508019
Damage Date 05/08/2013 17:24
Notified By FRANK ROYKO ()
Damage Address 606 E 1100 N WESTVILLE, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 05/08/2013 17:30

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 05/08/2013 17:00:00 **To** 05/08/2013 19:00:00

Excavator Involved ROYKO CONCRETE
Type of Excavation NEW DRIVEWAY/CULVERT

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

Damage Request # 1305084132 **Start Date**

Pictures Taken By STEVE KRESMINSKI **Date** 05/08/2013 17:45
Photography Type Digital **Frame #** 1

Investigator Emp. # 117011 **Investigator Name** STEVE KRESMINSKI
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
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

CONTRACTOR INSTALLING NEW DRIVEWAY AND CULVERT PIPE CUT THE 5/8 IN PLASTIC GAS SERVICE GOING TO HOME. DAMAGE HAPPENED NEAR THE ROAD. NO LOCATES HAD BEEN CALLED IN. CONTRACTOR DID CALL IN FOR LOCATES AFTER DAMAGE. NIPSCO ON SITE STATED ELECTRIC SECONDARY, WHICH WAS BURIED WITH THE GAS, COULD BE ALSO DAMAGE AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR AN ELECTRIC LINEMAN TO COME OUT TO CHECK THE LINE. I LOCATED THE ELCTRIC IN RED AND LOCATED THE GAS IN WHITE

Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement

NIPSCO-STEVE SEIBERT, TOM BRUER, DOUG, RYAN

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

NONE

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	HOLE IN GAS SERVICE
Replacement Footage	5'
Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?	No
What contractor equipment was used?	NA
Is the facility shown on the utility records?	No
If yes, list record numbers	NA

Facility: Distribution Lines; Folder: N/A; Assigned To: USIC

NIPSCO 01435 IUPPSa 05/08/2013 17:24:35 1305084132-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1305084132 Date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:19 Oper: BBASTIN Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: PINE
Cityname: WESTVILLE Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 606
Street : E 1100 N
Cross 1 : N 575 E Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE--END OF DRIVEWAY NEAR THE ROAD
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Grids : 4135B8655A 4135B8656A 4135B8656B 4135B8656C 4135B8656D
Grids : 4135B8657B 4135B8657C 4135B8657D 4135C8655A 4135C8656A
Grids : 4135C8656B 4135C8656C 4135C8656D 4135C8657C 4135C8657D
Boundary: n 41.592697 s 41.590733 w -86.958445 e -86.932651

Work type : REPAIRING CULVERT
Done for : BOB GREG
Start date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:20 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 4 FEET

Company : ROYKO CONCRETE Type: CONT
Co addr : 342 E 1300 N
City : CHESTERTON State: IN Zip: 46304
Caller : FRANK ROYKO Phone: (219)406-2845
Contact : FRANK ROYKO -CELL- Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)406-2845

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS HIT AT THE END OF DRIVEWAY--LINE IS 1/2 INCH--COLOR AND
MATERIAL UNKNOWN--GAS LINE IS BLOWING--ADVISED TO CALL 911--NIPSCO HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED--CREW IS ON SITE--NO PREV TICKET NUMBER--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:19
Members: COMCN ID3133 ID8000 LH NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 01431 IUPPSa 05/08/2013 17:23:45 1305084131-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1305084131 Date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:20 Oper: SPEOPLES Chan:036

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: JACKSON
Cityname: WESTVILLE Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 606
Street : E 1100 N
Cross 1 : N 575 E Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4135B8656A 4135B8656B 4135B8657C 4135B8657D 4135C8656A
Grids : 4135C8656B 4135C8657C 4135C8657D
Boundary: n 41.592539 s 41.591157 w -86.957991 e -86.945745

Work type : REPAIRING GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:22 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: CONT
Co addr : 801 E 86TH AVE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : MARY WADDELL Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : TOMMY PARKER - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)252-3093
Fax : (219)647-4764

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER MARY - CREW IS EN ROUTE
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/08/2013 Time: 17:20
Members: COMCN ID3133 ID8000 LH NIPSCO SM

Frank

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Valpo MAXIMO WO # C0703497205080408
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Tommy Parker JOB ORDER # 597384
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2013 0508 018 LOCATE REF # _____
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT May 8, 2013 17:30 M DATE OF REPORT 05/08/13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 606 E 1100N Westville

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 2 1/2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18 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 16:08 TIME RESTORED 2200

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

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS _____ None
HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Royko Concrete

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 342 E 1300N, Chesterton

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE FRANK ROYKO

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS None

WITNESS REMARKS None

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
() 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 () SEWER

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AUGER () HAND TOOLS 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
() NO NOTIFICATION () MARKS DISTURBED () STUB () OTHER

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Contractor hit 5/8" plastic service with backhoe while installing driveway. No locates at site. Contractor called 811 after hitting gas service.

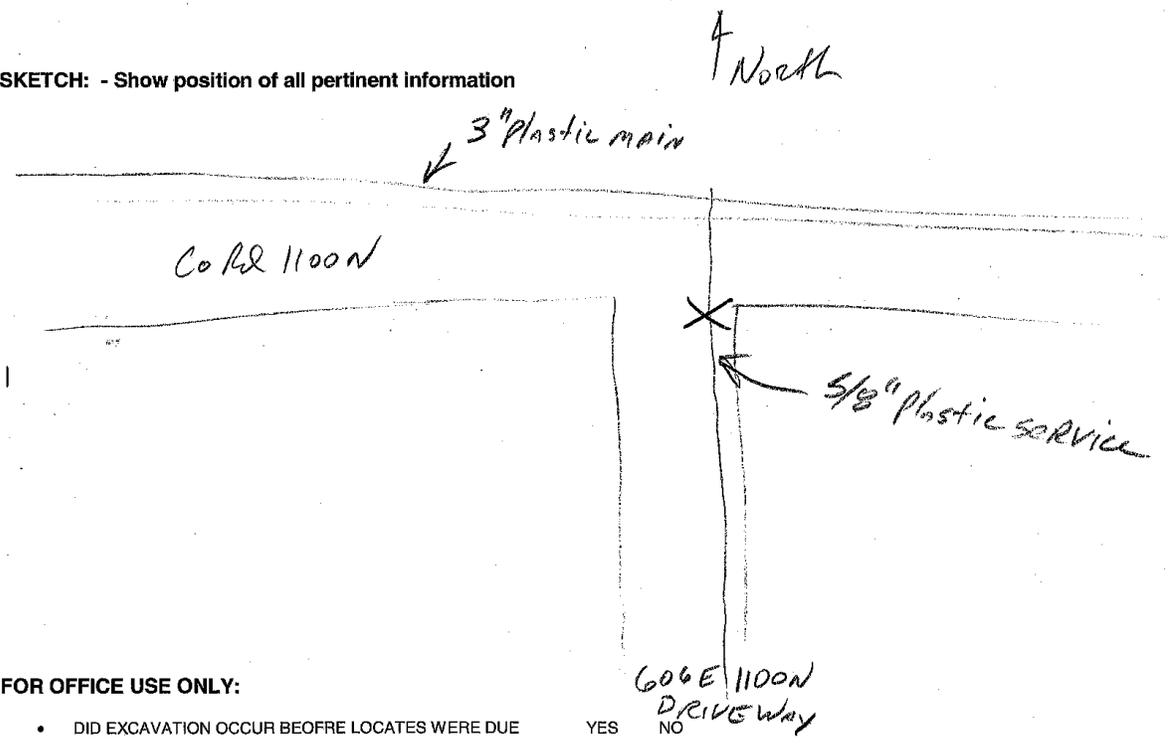
PERSON PREPARING REPORT Ryan Walsh

FIELD SUPERVISOR Tommy Paetoe

FIELD MANAGER John Todd

- 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: _____



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