



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Brain Allen

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4819

Report Date: 9/20/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 5/14/2013 10:46:42 AM

Damage Address: 3103 E Us Rt 12, Michigan, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Brain Allen**

Address: 3103 E Us Rt 12, Michigan City, In 46360

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

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 ALONG E US RT 12 IN FRONT OF THE ADDRESS

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/10/2013. Excavator/occupant 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. 4819
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4819

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: 5/14/2013

Event Location: 3103 E Us Rt 12

City: Indianapolis

Facility Owner: Nipsco

Excavator: Brain Allen

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. 4819	
Date of Event	5/14/2013
Event Location	3103 E Us Rt 12
Event City	Michigan
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Brain Allen
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Brian Allen
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	3103 E US RT 12
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Michigan City / IN / 46360
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219-210-1258
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	3103 E Highway 12
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Michigan City / IN / 46360
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
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)	Click here to enter text.
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
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	

Trencher	
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	X
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	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes - 1305141456
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: 1305141633.</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130514002
Damage Date 05/14/2013 10:46
Notified By BRAIN ALLEN ()
Damage Address 3103 E US RT 12
MICHIGAN CITY, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 05/14/2013
10:50

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 05/14/2013 10:10:00 **To** 05/14/2013 10:55:00

Excavator Involved OWNER
Type of Excavation Installing Fence

Orig. Locate Request NONE **Start Date**
Type of Ticket **Locate Req. Info** N/A Yes

Damage Request # 1305141456 **Start Date** 05/14/2013 10:45

Pictures Taken By Chris Deniston **Date** 05/14/2013 10:25
Photography Type Digital **Frame #** 1

Investigator Emp. # 117867 **Investigator Name** Chris Deniston
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
No locate was called in for this address and work being done. Owner did not call in a ticket until after damage was done. Line was repaired and buried prior to our arrival.
Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement
Nipsco crew on site made repairs as needed.
Names of Excavator's Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement
Brian Allen
Other individuals on site
N/A

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 gas service
Replacement Footage	N/A
Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?	No
What contractor equipment was used?	N/A
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 00563 IUPPSa 05/14/2013 11:11:20 1305141633-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY

Ticket : 1305141633 Date: 05/14/2013 Time: 11:08 Oper: SDOERFLEIN Chan:007

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: MICHIGAN
Cityname: MICHIGAN CITY Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 3103
Street : E US RT 12
Cross 1 : N KARWICK RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4143A8651C 4144D8651C 4144D8651D
Boundary: n 41.734615 s 41.733064 w -86.856327 e -86.853691

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 05/14/2013 Time: 11:09 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: MEMB
Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : ANNISA BAILEY Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : STEVE GEORGION - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)363-1033
Fax : (219)647-4764

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CREW EN ROUTE

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/14/2013 Time: 11:08
Members: COMCN ID0148 ID6683 ID9353 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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

NIPSCO 00504 IUPPSa 05/14/2013 10:46:51 1305141456-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARK

Ticket : 1305141456 Date: 05/14/2013 Time: 10:38 Oper: SHARRIS Chan:017

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: MICHIGAN
Cityname: MICHIGAN CITY Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 3103
Street : E US RT 12
Cross 1 : N KARWICK RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ALONG E US RT 12 IN FRONT OF THE ADDRESS
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Grids : 4143A8651C 4144D8651C 4144D8651D
Boundary: n 41.736166 s 41.733002 w -86.856386 e -86.850027

Work type : INSTALL FENCE
Done for : THE TREE HOUSE
Start date: 05/14/2013 Time: 10:46 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 3 FEET

Company : BRAIN ALLEN Type: OTHR
Co addr : 3103 E US RT 12
City : MICHIGAN CITY State: IN Zip: 46360
Caller : BRAIN ALLEN Phone: (219)210-1258
Contact : BRAIN ALLEN - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)210-1258

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED ON THE ALONG E US RT 12 - GAS LINE IS BLOWING
- GAS CAN BE HEARD AND SMELLED - SIZE COLOR AND MATERIAL UNKNOWN - NIPSCO HAS
BEEN NOTIFIED - ADVISED TO CALL 911 - CREW ON SITE - NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
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Submitted date: 05/14/2013 Time: 10:38
Members: COMCN ID0148 ID6683 ID9353 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA LAFORTE MAXIMO WO # 216
OPERATING AREA CONTACT GEORGE (AA) JOB ORDER # 581833-16
TRACKING NUMBER 01820130514002 LOCATE REF # NONE
Locate Performed By: JSIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 5/14/2013 20 9:35 M DATE OF REPORT 5/14/2013
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 3103 E US HWY 12

DAMAGE WAS TO:
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # _____ SIZE NONE YEAR INSTALLED _____ BROKEN YES () NO ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) NONE

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 21" 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 09:35 TIME REPAIRED 10:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: KNICK

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) BRIAN ALLEN NO 219 210 1288

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 3103 E US HWY 12

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE BRIAN ALLEN

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
() 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: Very Small Leak - No Locates

PERSON PREPARING REPORT JM Crow 121326

FIELD SUPERVISOR Steve Gering

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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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: _____