



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Aaron Martin

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4888

Report Date: 8/16/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 6/1/2013 2:20:50 PM

Damage Address: 2825 W In Rt 114, Pleasant, Wabash

### The Parties

Excavator: **Aaron Martin**

Address: 2825 West In Rt 114, North Manchester, In 46962

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: THERE IS A PRIVATE LANE THAT GOES SOUTH FROM IN RT 114 -- THIS IS THE FIRST PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PRIVATE LANE -- LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY AT THE ABOVE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/10/2013. The 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.**



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. 4888  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4888

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: 6/1/2013  
Event Location: 2825 W In Rt 114  
City: Indianapolis  
Facility Owner: Nipsco  
Excavator: Aaron Martin  
Other Party: N/A  
Pipeline Division Case No. 4888

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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<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4888</b>	
Date of Event	6/1/2013
Event Location	2825 W In Rt 114
Event City	Pleasant
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Aaron Martin
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Homeowner Aaron Martin
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2825 West IN RT 114
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	North Manchester, IN 46962
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574 220 3343
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<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	2825 W SR 114
CITY/STATE/ZIP	North Manchester, IN, 46962
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N 300 W
<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)	25
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	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	X
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	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1306010301
<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>	
<p>No notification made to the one-call center  NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket Number: 1306010343</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

**Notification ID** 01820130601002  
**Damage Date** 06/01/2013 14:20  
**Notified By** AARON MARTIN ()  
**Damage Address** 2825 W IN RT 114  
NORTH MANCHESTER, IN  
**District** Northern Indiana  
**Notification Date** 06/01/2013 14:25

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**Damaged Customer** NIPSCO

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**Investigation Date From** 06/01/2013 00:00:00 **To** 06/01/2013 00:00:00

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**Excavator Involved** Homeowner  
**Type of Excavation** Drainage

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

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**Damage Request #** 1306010301 **Start Date**

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**Pictures Taken By** Zack Esslinger **Date** 06/01/2013 00:00  
**Photography Type** Digital **Frame #** NA

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**Investigator Emp. #** 131325 **Investigator Name** Zack Esslinger  
**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**  
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

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**Investigator Statement/Causal Factors**  
No locate was called, Contractor was digging to install a drain tile and hit the gas line.  
**Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement**  
NA  
**Names of Excavator's Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement**  
NA  
**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** severed

<b>Replacement Footage</b>	2
<b>Was contractor assistance required? If yes, who?</b>	No
<b>What contractor equipment was used?</b>	NA
<b>Is the facility shown on the utility records?</b>	No
<b>If yes, list record numbers</b>	

NIPSCO 00101 IUPPSa 06/01/2013 14:20:51 1306010301-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1306010301 Date: 06/01/2013 Time: 14:13 Oper: JELEWITZ Chan:086

State: IN Cnty: WABASH Twp: PLEASANT  
Cityname: NORTH MANCHESTER Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address : 2825  
Street : W IN RT 114  
Cross 1 : N 300 W Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: THERE IS A PRIVATE LANE THAT GOES SOUTH FROM IN RT 114 -- THIS IS  
THE  
FIRST PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PRIVATE LANE -- LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE  
OF  
THE DRIVEWAY AT THE ABOVE PROPERTY

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Grids : 4059A8550A 4059A8550B 4059A8550C 4059A8551D 4100D8550A  
Grids : 4100D8550B 4100D8550C 4100D8551D  
Boundary: n 41.000382 s 40.999210 w -85.851801 e -85.839870

Work type : TRENCHING FOR DRAINAGE  
Done for : AARON MARTIN  
Start date: 06/01/2013 Time: 14:16 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 24 INCHES

Company : AARON MARTIN Type: HOME  
Co addr : 2825 WEST IN RT 114  
City : NORTH MANCHESTER State: IN Zip: 46962  
Caller : AARON MARTIN Phone: (574)220-3343  
Contact : AARON MARTIN - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)220-3343

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS HIT AND IS POSSIBLY CUT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE  
DRIVEWAY  
AT THE ABOVE PROPERTY -- GAS LINE IS BLOWING -- UNSURE OF SIZE COLOR OR  
MATERIAL  
OF THE LINE -- CREW IS ON SITE -- 911 AND UTILITY COMPANY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED  
AND  
FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ONSITE -- NO PREVIOUS DIG TICKET NUMBER -- THANK YOU  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 06/01/2013 Time: 14:13  
Members: ID0002 ID2146 ID4752 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00122 IUPPSa 06/01/2013 15:15:50 1306010343-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1306010343 Date: 06/01/2013 Time: 15:12 Oper: NBOYD Chan:002

State: IN Cnty: WABASH Twp: PLEASANT  
Cityname: NORTH MANCHESTER Inside: Y Near: N  
Subdivision:

Address : 2825  
Street : W IN RT 114  
Cross 1 : N 300 W Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY  
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Grids : 4059A8550A 4059A8550B 4059A8551D 4100D8550A 4100D8550B  
Grids : 4100D8551D  
Boundary: n 41.000323 s 40.999193 w -85.853913 e -85.841778

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE  
Done for : NIPSCO  
Start date: 06/01/2013 Time: 15:13 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 : LAURA SZCZECINA Phone: (800)322-2806  
Contact : DIANA PALMER - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (765)470-1153  
Fax : (219)647-4764

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
CREW IS EN ROUTE  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 06/01/2013 Time: 15:12  
Members: ID0002 ID2146 ID4752 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Peru MAXIMO WO # M774556
OPERATING AREA CONTACT D. Palmer JOB ORDER # 592714-18
TRACKING NUMBER 01820130601004 LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 06/01/13 14:04 20 M DATE OF REPORT 06/01/13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 2825 W S.E. 114 North Manchester

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

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 16" PRESSURE (PSI) 25 Lbs.
RELEASE OF GAS: YES X NO ( ) IGNITION OF GAS: YES ( ) NO ( ) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES ( ) # NO X
INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES X NO ( ) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 14:04 TIME SHUT OFF 14:50 TIME RESTORED 19:34
DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1/2"

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) Aaron Martin

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2825 W S.E. 114 North Manchester IN

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Aaron Martin

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

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

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES ( ) NO X TAKEN BY: (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 ( ) 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

COMMENTS:

No locates requested

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Deryll Tague

FIELD SUPERVISOR

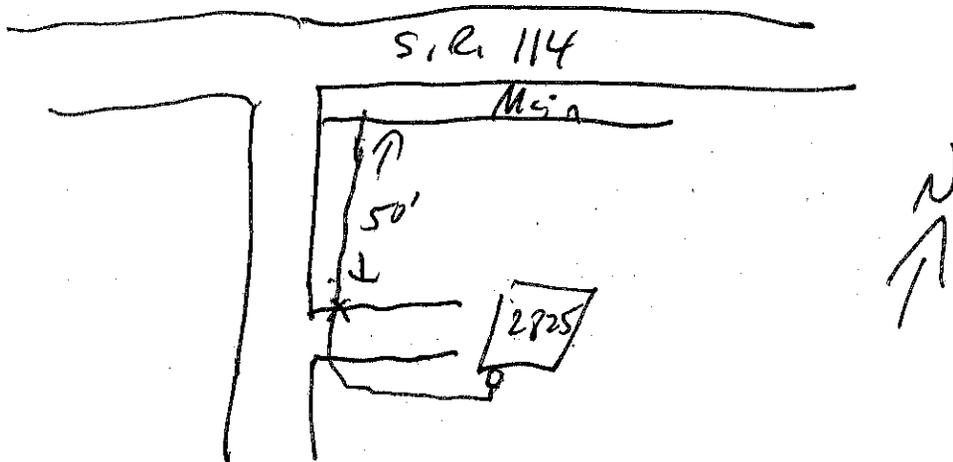
D. Palmer

FIELD MANAGER

R. 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:

Deryll Tague

DATE:

6/1/13



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