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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Skyway Trucking Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4949

Report Date: 9/20/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 6/19/2013 10:25:58 AM

Damage Address: Paramount Way, Hanover, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Skyway Trucking Inc

Address: 4501 West 121st Avenue, Crown Point, In 46307

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Construction

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes
6/11/2013

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1306073026

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE LOT 194

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/10/2013. Excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the backhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment within the tolerance zone.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.



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. 4949
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4949

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: 6/19/2013
Event Location: Paramount Way
City: Indianapolis
Facility Owner: Nipsco
Excavator: Skyway Trucking Inc
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 4949

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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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4949	
Date of Event	6/19/2013
Event Location	Paramount Way
Event City	Hanover
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Skyway Trucking Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	July 12, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Skyway Trucking Inc
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4501 West 121 st Avenue
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Crown Point, IN 46307
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219 662 9841
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	13953 Paramount Way
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Cedar Lake, IN 46303
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Flagstaff St
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.)	1 ¼"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	No
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
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	X
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	
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 1306191349
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1306073026
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Yes
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
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>Failure to use hand tools where required Nipsco emergency repair ticket # 1306191619</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130619004
Damage Date 06/19/2013 10:26
Notified By DANNY ZARLENGO ()
Damage Address PARAMOUNT WAY
CEDAR LAKE, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 06/19/2013
10:30

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 06/19/2013 11:45:00 **To** 06/19/2013 13:00:00

Excavator Involved SKYWAY TRUCKING

Type of Excavation Foundation installation

Orig. Locate Request 1306073026 **Start Date** 06/10/2013 17:30
Type of Ticket Routine **Locate Req. Info** N/A

Damage Request # 1306191349 **Start Date** 06/19/2013 17:30

Pictures Taken By Cody Black **Date** 06/19/2013 11:45

Photography Type Digital **Frame #**

Investigator Emp. # 134728 **Investigator Name** Cody Black

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 # Black Cody - 134729 **Locator Not Known**

Investigation Findings

Other

Other Notes

Not marked

Investigation Methods

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors

The stubbed service was damaged while installing a foundation. The NIPSCO facilities ended at the corner of the lot. There were two stubs coming from the transformer for gas and electric. The contractor dug on the stub. NIPSCO field coordinator Tommy Buher asked the contractor if they knew what the stub was marking. The contractor knew that the stub was for the gas and electric. The contractor dug knowing that facilities were present. The stub was about 10 feet from the transformer it was not marked.

Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement

Tommy Buher NIPSCO field coordinator

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

n/a

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?	Yes
Was the excavation within the tolerance zone of marks?	Yes
Extent of facility damage	knocked cap off end of stub
Replacement Footage	none
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 00957 IUPPSa 06/07/2013 14:53:17 1306073026-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1306073026 Date: 06/07/2013 Time: 14:46 Oper: CALEVI Chan:031

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: HANOVER
Cityname: CEDAR LAKE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: CENTENIAL Lot: 194

Address :

Street : PARAMOUNT WAY
Cross 1 : FLAGSTAFF ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE LOT 194

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Grids : 4121A8726A 4121A8727C 4121A8727D 4121B8726A 4121B8727C
Grids : 4121B8727D
Boundary: n 41.365852 s 41.362149 w -87.454335 e -87.449901

Work type : EXCAVATION FOR A NEW FOUNDATION

Done for : ALTOFF HOMES

Start date: 06/11/2013 Time: 15:00 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 30 DAYS Depth: 7 FEET

Company : SKYWAY TRUCKING INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 4501 WEST 121ST AVENUE

City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307

Caller : REBECCA VITTORI Phone: (219)662-9841

Contact : REBECCA VITTORI OFFICE Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)662-9841

Fax : (219)662-9845

Email : REBECCA@SKYWAYEXCAVATING.COM

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

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 06/07/2013 Time: 14:46

Members: COMCN IB ID7478 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00578 IUPPSa 06/19/2013 10:57:39 1306191619-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY

Ticket : 1306191619 Date: 06/19/2013 Time: 10:44 Oper: EBAYENS Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: HANOVER

Cityname: CEDAR LAKE Inside: Y Near: N

Subdivision: CENTENNIAL PLACE - PHASE 3 Lot: 194

Address : 13953

Street : PARAMOUNT WAY

Cross 1 : FLAGSTAFF ST Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: ADDT CROSS STREET PICKETT WAY - HERITAGE- 141ST STREET AND PARRISH
AVE LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY

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Grids : 4121A8726A 4121A8727C 4121A8727D 4121B8726A 4121B8727C

Grids : 4121B8727D

Boundary: n 41.365852 s 41.362149 w -87.454335 e -87.449901

Work type : REPAIR GAS LEAK

Done for : NIPSCO

Start date: 06/19/2013 Time: 10:45 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : DAY Depth: 6FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB

Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE

City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410

Caller : JOEL DEJESUS Phone: (800)322-2806

Contact : MARK SCHIESSLE CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)746-8237

Fax : (219)647-4764

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

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 06/19/2013 Time: 10:44

Members: COMCN IB ID7478 NIPSCO SM

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

NIPSCO 00445 IUPPSa 06/19/2013 10:26:03 1306191349-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1306191349 Date: 06/19/2013 Time: 10:21 Oper: SLUCAS Chan:060

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: HANOVER
Cityname: CEDAR LAKE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: CENTENIAL Lot: 194

Address :

Street : PARAMOUNT WAY
Cross 1 : FLAGSTAFF ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE LOT 194

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Grids : 4121A8726A 4121A8727C 4121A8727D 4121B8726A 4121B8727C
Grids : 4121B8727D
Boundary: n 41.365852 s 41.362149 w -87.454335 e -87.449901

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Mobile : (219)662-9841
Fax : (219)662-9845
Email : REBECCA@SKYWAYEXCAVATING.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN HIT ON THE CORNER OF THE PROPERTY - CREW IS ON SITE -
GAS COULD BE HEARD AND GAS CAN BE SMELLED - LINE SIZE AND MATERIAL ARE UNKNOWN
BY THE CALLER - LINE IS YELLOW IN COLOR - CALLER HAS NOT CALLED THE UTILITY OR
911 BUT WAS ADVISED TO DO SO - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER IS 1306073026 - THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/19/2013 Time: 10:21
Members: COMCN IB ID7478 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Crown Point MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT M. Schiessl JOB ORDER # 583999
TRACKING NUMBER 018-2013-0619-004 LOCATE REF # 1306073026
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 6-19-13 9:34 AM M DATE OF REPORT 6-19-13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 13953 Paramount Way

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 1 1/4 MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUDY
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 1 1/2 feet PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: NONE - Under construction

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 0934 TIME SHUT OFF 10:00 TIME RESTORED 10:30

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1 1/8"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Skyway Trucking

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 219-662-9841

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Skyway Trucking

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS Shawn Dawson

WITNESS REMARKS locate happened after damage. see reverse note

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

FIRE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

OTHER () _____

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO TAKEN BY: _____ Any Injuries? () YES # _____ () NO
MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- AGRICULTURE/FARMING
- BLDG CONSTRUCTION
- DRIVEWAY
- FENCING
- LANDSCAPING
- POLE/SIGN POST
- CABLE TV
- CURB/SIDEWALK
- DEMOLITION
- ELECTRIC
- GRADING
- PIPELINE
- ROAD WORK
- DRAINAGE
- SURVEYING
- IRRIGATION
- MILLING
- SEWER
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- WATER
- DRAINS/CULVERTS
- MOWING
- OTHER _____

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- AUGER
- MILLING EQUIPMENT
- EXPLOSIVES
- VACUUM EQUIPMENT
- HAND TOOLS
- PROBING DEVICE
- TRENCHER
- GRADER
- BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
- BORING / DRILLING
- FARM EQUIPMENT
- OTHER _____

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT
- NO NOTIFICATION
- EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE
- MARKS DISTURBED
- CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
- STUB
- OTHER _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: Locates were done after the hit.

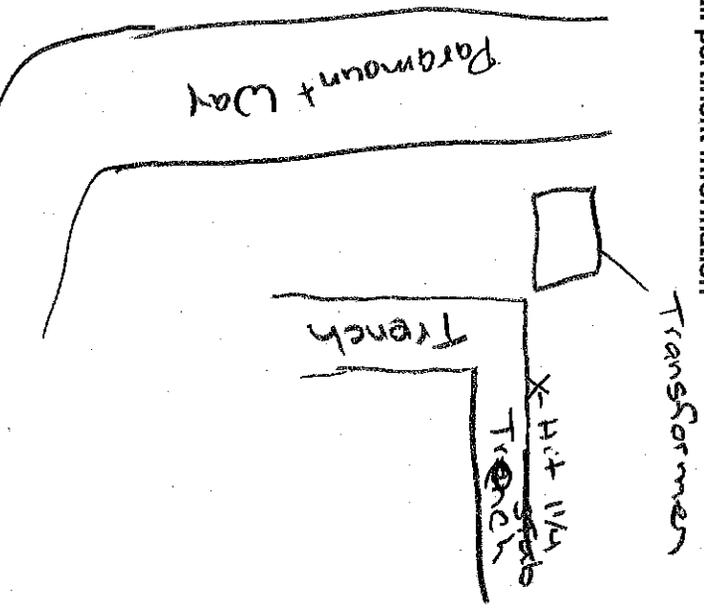
However "Slyway" operator knew yellow markers was an indication that a live gas stub was there and dug anyway (to) Shawn Daneshmand

FIELD SUPERVISOR Mark Schussel

FIELD MANAGER _____

- 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



↑ North

① Primary rehydrate Slyway -
② Secondary req. US 12

Pre Damage prevention
Tom Beuker

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: _____



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