



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Miller Contracting Group**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 512

Investigator: Mike Enlow

Report Date: 02/09/2012

Damage Date: 06/23/2011 2:30:02 PM

Damage Address: Fruehauf Dr

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Miller Contracting Group**

Contact: Lorie Grothouse

Address: Po Box 162, Ottoville, Oh 45876

Telephone: (419) 453-3825

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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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 Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1105251212

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas main from a road saw in conjunction with a sewer installation project.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator responded to initial notice on 10/19/2011. Excavator was working off of expired locate tickets; they provided three, all called in on 05/25/2011, 29 days prior to damage date.

Conclusion: Locate tickets had expired, therefore, there was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

Miller Contracting Group currently has 5 reports of damages in the record, between 06/23/2011 2:30:02 PM and 10/31/2011 9:48:23 AM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

November 14, 2011

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 512
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 512

To Whom It May Concern:

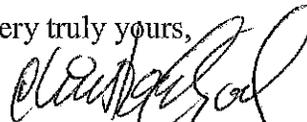
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/23/2011
Event Location: Fruehauf Drive, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Miller Contracting Group
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.

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. 512**

512

Date of Event

6/23/11

Event Location

Fruehauf Drive, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Miller Contracting Group

Date of IURC Information Request

9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

STREET

Fruehauf Dr

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, In.

COUNTY

Allen

TOWNSHIP

Wayne

PROPERTY OWNER

USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

TENANT'S NAME

IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED

IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

EXCAVATOR:

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME

BUSINESS NAME

Miller Contracting Group

ADDRESS

PO Box 162

STREET

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Ottoville, OH. 45876

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

419-453-3825

SECONDARY TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

LG@MILLERCONTRACTING.COM**FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:**

BUSINESS NAME

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE

LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
260/439-1290

LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

5/25/11
5/26/11
6/23/11
1105251212
1106232292
Unknown at damage date - Yes at time of original locate
No
Unknown
Marked with paint and flags on original notice
No

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED
DEPARTMENT NAME
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

Large sewer project with many locates from a month earlier - found one that may or may not cover scope due to damage location being so vague on damage ticket.

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 512

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

The Parties:

Excavator Information:

Business Name: *Miller Contracting Group Inc*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address: *17359 SR.66*

City, State Zip: *Ottoville Oh 45876*

Preferred Telephone: *419-453-3825*

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address: *I-to@millercontractinggroup.com*

Facility Information:

Business Name: *NIPSCO*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:

Personal Contact: *Chad Bryar*
Business/Organization Name: *Miller Contracting Group*
Title (if any)
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number: *419 303-0873*
Email Address:

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address:
City, State Zip: *Fort Wayne In IN*
Nearest Intersection: *Fruehauf + Pontiac*

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas
Liquid Pipeline
Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution
Gathering
Service/Drop
Transmission
Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 2"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes / No Number of Customers Affected: _____

Evacuation: Yes / No If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ _____

Cause of Damage Information:

Type of Equipment (circle one):

- Auger
- Backhoe/Trackhoe
- Boring /Drilling
- Directional Drilling
- Explosives
- Farm Equipment
- Grader/Scraper
- Hand Tools
- Milling Equipment
- Probing Device
- Trencher
- Vacuum Equipment
- Unknown/Other Road Saw

Type of Work Performed (circle 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
- Street Light
- Telecommunications
- Traffic Signal
- Traffic Sign
- Water
- Waterway Improvement
- Unknown/Other

Release of Product: Yes / No
Ignition and/or Fire: Yes / No
Excavator Notify 811: Yes / No

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate: Yes / No
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1105251196, 1105251202, 1105251212, ~~1105251212~~
Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No *All other marks were visible. This line was never marked!*
Locate Marks Correct: Yes / No
Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No
Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No
Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: Yes / No
Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: Yes / No

Incident Impact Information:

Number of Outpatient Treated: 0
Number of Inpatient Treated: 0
Number of Fatalities: 0
Fire Department Response: Yes / No
Police Department Response: Yes / No
Ambulance Response: Yes / No

Additional Information/Comments: Had locates called in which expired
on the 14th. All marks were highly visible. Entire work zone
had been located. This line was never marked in the two previous
requests. Operator was pre-sawing roadway which was approximately
1' thick - to 16" ~~deep~~ line was right underneath solid surface
+ line was cut w/ SAW.