



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Ed Graber

UPPAC Database Record ID: 5292

Report Date: 10/21/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/16/2013 11:40:34 AM

Damage Address: 5076 S Strawtown Pike, Washington, Miami

The Parties

Excavator: **Ed Graber**

Address: 4463 South Graber Drive, Peru, In 46970

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Landscaping

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: 4/30/2013

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE FRONT YARD OF THE PROPERTY AND ALONG THE ROAD

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable): LOCATE THE BACK OF PROPERTY ALONG THE CREEK

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/6/2013. The 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

October 11, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 5292
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 5292

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: 8/16/2013
Event Location: 5076 S Strawtown Pike
City: Washington
Facility Owner: Nipsco
Excavator: Ed Graber
Other Party: N/A
Pipeline Division Case No. 5292

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. 5292	
Date of Event	8/16/2013
Event Location	5076 S Strawtown Pike
Event City	Washington
Facility Owner	Nipsco
Excavator	Ed Graber
Date of IURC Information Request	May 1, 2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Ed Graber
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4463 S Graber Drive
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Peru / IN /
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	765-475-4306
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	5076 S Strawton Pike
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Peru / IN /
NEAREST INTERSECTION	E 500 S
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)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
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	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	X
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y – 1308161465
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	N

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Y
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
No notification made to the one-call center.	

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Peru MAXIMO WO # M847949
OPERATING AREA CONTACT D. Palmer JOB ORDER # JO 584944-18
TRACKING NUMBER 018 2013 0816 006 LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 8/16/2013, 11:30am DATE OF REPORT 8/16/13
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 5076 S. Strawtown Pike, Peru

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

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

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30 PRESSURE (PSI) 50 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES (X) NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 11:30am TIME SHUT OFF 12:05 pm TIME RESTORED 4:23 pm

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: cut in half

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) Ed Graber PH # 765-475-4306

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 4463 S. Graber Dr, Peru

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Ed Graber

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

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

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
(X) LANDSCAPING () PIPELINE () MILLING () OTHER
() POLE/SIGN POST () ROAD WORK () SEWER

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AUGER (X) 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
(X) AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT () EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE () CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
(X) NO NOTIFICATION () MARKS DISTURBED () STUB () OTHER

COMMENTS:

putting in post - service cut in half by
contractors - never called in Locates

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

S. McCullum

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:

[Signature]

DATE:

8/16/13

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

NIPSCO 00454 IUPPSa 08/16/2013 11:40:35 1308161465-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1308161465 Date: 08/16/2013 Time: 11:33 Oper: SMCCLURE Chan:049

State: IN Cnty: MIAMI Twp: WASHINGTON

Cityname: PERU Inside: N Near: Y

Subdivision:

Address : 5076

Street : S STRAWTOWN PIKE

Cross 1 : E 500 S Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE THE FRONT YARD OF THE PROPERTY AND ALONG THE ROAD

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Grids : 4041B8603A 4041B8603B 4041C8603A 4041C8603B

Boundary: n 40.693451 s 40.687992 w -86.065362 e -86.059413

Work type : INSTALL FENCE

Done for : DAVE BETZNER

Start date: 08/16/2013 Time: 11:35 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 3 MONTH Depth: 1 FOOT

Company : ED GRABER Type: CONT

Co addr : 4463 SOUTH GRABER DRIVE

City : PERU State: IN Zip: 46970

Caller : BRANDON WILLAIMS Phone: (765)475-4306

Contact : ED GRABER CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (765)475-4306

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

PER ED GRABER - A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS DAMAGED APPROX 12 FEET OFF THE ROAD - GAS

CAN BE HEARD AND SMELLED - LINE IS COPPER AND 1/2 INCH IN DIAMETER - NIPSCO AND

911 HAVE BEEN CALLED - CREW ON SITE - UNKNOW IF THERE WAS A PREVIOUS TICKET -

THANK YOU

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

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Submitted date: 08/16/2013 Time: 11:33

Members: ID3651 ID3652 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

Notification ID 01820130816006
Damage Date 08/16/2013 11:42
Notified By BRANDON WILLAIMS ()
Damage Address 5076 S STRAWTOWN PIKE
PERU, IN
District Northern Indiana
Notification Date 08/16/2013 11:45

Damaged Customer NIPSCO

Investigation Date From 08/16/2013 12:25:00 **To** 08/16/2013 13:35:00

Excavator Involved ed graber
Type of Excavation fence installation

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

Damage Request # 1308161465 **Start Date** 08/16/2013 11:35

Pictures Taken By Andrew Kendall **Date** 08/16/2013 13:25
Photography Type Digital **Frame #**

Investigator Emp. # 128296 **Investigator Name** Sean Travis
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 # Kendall Andrew - 134727 **Locator Not Known**

Investigation Findings
No Locate Req. By Contractor
Other Notes

Investigation Methods
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

Investigator Statement/Causal Factors
Facility was not marked - there was no ticket called in.
Names of Utility Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement
n/a
Names of Excavator's Representatives Contacted or on Site and Statement
Ed Graber - stated he did not call in a ticket.
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 damaged 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

nipsco



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