



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: At&t

UPPAC Database Record ID: 617

Investigator: William Boyd

Report Date: 06/04/2012

Damage Date: 07/29/2009 11:05:28 AM

Damage Address: Tyler Ct

City: Merrillville

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **At&t**

Contact:

Address: 600 N Indiana Avenue, Crown Point, In 46307

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Investigation regarding: At&t

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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: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 0907221848

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for cable installation.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator has not responded to initial notice that was mailed on 12/06/2011 . There is little information for this report, other than a gas service was damaged and required repair. Based on available documentation, excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas main with the trencher.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

At&t currently has 2 reports of damages in the record, between 07/29/2009 11:05:28 AM and 05/27/2010 12:17:52 PM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 2, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 617
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 617

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: 7/29/2009
Event Location: Tyler Ct, Merrillville
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: AT&T
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
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal
Phone: 317-684-4904
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 617****617**

Date of Event 7/29/2009
Event Location 7656 Tyler Ct, Merrillville
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator AT&T
Date of IURC Information Request 1/12/2012

THE PARTIES**EXCAVATOR:**

BUSINESS NAME AT&T
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME Jason Randall
TITLE (IF ANY)
ADDRESS 600 N Indiana Ave.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Crown Point, IN. 46307
PREFERRED TELEPHONE 219-662-4484
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE 219-776-7840
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 One Vision
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME John Cook
TITLE (IF ANY) President
ADDRESS 975 Cobb Place Suite 308
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Kennesaw, GA. 30144

PREFERRED TELEPHONE	678-391-4014
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	770-877-0326
EMAIL ADDRESS	jcook@onevisionusa.com
OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION	
PERSONAL CONTACT	Unknown
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	Unknown
TITLE (IF ANY)	Unknown
ADDRESS	Unknown
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Unknown
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	Unknown
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Unknown
EMAIL ADDRESS	Unknown
UTILITY LINE IMPACT	
LOCATION OF DAMAGE	
ADDRESS	7656 Tyler Ct
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Merrillville, In.
NEAREST INTERSECTION	W. 77th Ave
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" Plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	35
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	

REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)

\$200 estimate

CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)

- Auger
- Backhoe/Trackhoe
- Boring/Drilling
- Directional Drilling
- Explosives
- Farm Equipment
- Grader/Scraper
- Hand Tools
- Milling Equipment
- Probing Device

Trencher

X

- 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
- 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	X
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
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	0907221948
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Unknown
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Unknown
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Unknown
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Unknown
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Unknown
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Unknown
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	Little to no info available on damage - When request was made to OneVision for their Damage Report, request was denied by One Vision.

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 0907291188 Date: 07/29/2009 Time: 11:01 Oper: TTHOMPSON Chan:000

#617

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: MADISON MEADOWS Lot: 91

Address :

Street : TYLER CT
Cross 1 : W 77TH AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE REAR EASEMENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS GOING SOUTH TO LOT 97 TYLER CT

Grids : 4128B8720C 4128A8720C 4128B8720B 4128A8720B 4128B8720A
Grids : 4128A8720A

Work type : PLACING NEW PHONE CABLE
Done for : AT&T
Start date: 07/29/2009 Time: 11:01 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : AT&T Type: MEMB
Co addr : 600 N INDIANA AVE
City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307
Caller : TOM TOGNARELLI Phone: (219)662-4484
Contact : TOM TOGNARELLI- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)776-7840

Remarks : PER JASON RANDALL---HAS HIT A GAS LINE---COLOR IS YELLOW---LINE IS BLOWING---CAN SMELL IT---COVERED IN DIRT---IN THE REAR OF 7680 TYLER COURT---PREVIOUS TICKET # 0907221848---CREW IS ON SITE---

Submitted date: 07/29/2009 Time: 11:01
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID2245 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description
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NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 0907221948 Date: 07/22/2009 Time: 14:35 Oper: CODOM Chan:016

#617

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: ROSS
Cityname: MERRILLVILLE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: MADISON MEADOWS Lot: 91

Address :

Street : TYLER CT
Cross 1 : W 77TH AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE REAR EASEMENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS GOING SOUTH TO LOT 97 TYLER CT

Grids : 4128B8720C 4128A8720C 4128B8720B 4128A8720B 4128B8720A
Grids : 4128A8720A

Work type : PLACING NEW PHONE CABLE

Done for : AT&T

Start date: 07/24/2009 Time: 14:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : AT&T Type: MEMB

Co addr : 600 N INDIANA AVE

City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307

Caller : TOM TOGNARELLI Phone: (219)662-4484

Contact : TOM TOGNARELLI- CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)776-7840

Submitted date: 07/22/2009 Time: 14:35

Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID2245 ID6784 NIPSCO SM

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NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED