STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Abe's Free Flow

UPPAC Database Record ID: 909

Investigator: William Boyd

Report Date06/04/2012

Damage Date: 04/16/2010 3:56:34 PM

Damage Address: 2114 N Byrkit St

City: Mishawaka

County: St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Abe's Free Flow**

Contact: Krista Mishler

Address: 226 South Elder Street, Mishawaka, In 46544

Telephone: (574) 259-4534

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: Abe's Free Flow

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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: 1004121606

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for water and sewer line installations.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial notice on 12/08/2011 but has not responded. According to available documentation, excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service.

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.

Abe's Free Flow currently has 5reports of damages in the record, between 03/13/2010 1:58:32 PM and 03/06/2012 2:25:37 PM.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

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101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

March 2, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 909
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 909

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: 4/16/2010

Event Location: 2114 N Byrkit St, Mishawaka

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Abe's Free Flow

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. Earle

Christopher C. (Kit") Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No.	**909**
Date of Event	4/16/2010
Event Location	2114 N Byrkit St, Mishawaka
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Abe's Free Flow
Date of IURC Information Request	1/12/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Abe's Plumbing
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	226 S. Elder
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Mishawaka, IN 46545
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-259-4534
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	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	2114 N Byrkit St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Mishawaka, In.
NEAREST INTERSECTION	E Jefferson Blvd
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 service
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	30
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1

EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) ($)	$150 est.
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scrapper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	
Trancher	
Vaccuum 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 (Santitary/Storm)	X
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	X
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	1004121606
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)	Yes
OPERATOR EMPLLOYEES 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	Accurately located NIPSCO gas service struck and damage during excavation for sewer. Excavator failed to utilize hand excavation.

NIPSCO 00474 IUPPSa 04/16/2010 15:56:39 1004162365-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

#909

Ticket : 1004162365 Date: 04/16/2010 Time: 15:54 Oper: KLEWIS Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PENN
Cityname: MISHAWAKA Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 2114
Street : N BYRKIT ST
Cross 1 : E JEFFERSON BLVD Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY --- PLEASE PAINT AND FLAG
:
Grids : 4140C8609C 4140B8609C 4140A8609C 4140C8609B 4140B8609B
Grids : 4140A8609B

Work type : INSTALL WATER AND SEWER LINES
Done for : GLADYS GRAHAM
Start date: 04/16/2010 Time: 15:54 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 3 TO 6 DAY Depth: 6 TO 10 FEET

Company : ABE`S FREE FLOW Type: CONT
Co addr : 226 SOUTH ELDER STREET
City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46544
Caller : CONNIE HORVATH Phone: (574)259-4534
Contact : OFFICE Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)259-4534
Fax : (574)257-0992

Remarks : PER CONNIE: HIT A GAS SERVICE LINE TO HOUSE. IT IS CONTAINED - CREW ISON SITE. BOB (574)317-4690 - WILL CALL NIPSCO - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1004121606.
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Submitted date: 04/16/2010 Time: 15:54
Members: COMCN ID1639 ID1640 NIPSCO SBCIN SM ID0106

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description

NIPSCO 00241 IUPPSa 04/12/2010 11:15:06 1004121606-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

#909

Ticket : 1004121606 Date: 04/12/2010 Time: 11:01 Oper: MMOELLER Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: PENN
Cityname: MISHAWAKA Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 2114
Street : N BYRKIT ST
Cross 1 : E JEFFERSON BLVD Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY --- PLEASE PAINT AND FLAG
:
Grids : 4140C8609C 4140B8609C 4140A8609C 4140C8609B 4140B8609B
Grids : 4140A8609B

Work type : INSTALL WATER AND SEWER LINES
Done for : GLADYS GRAHAM
Start date: 04/14/2010 Time: 11:15 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 3 TO 6 DAY Depth: 6 TO 10 FEET

Company : ABE`S FREE FLOW Type: CONT
Co addr : 226 SOUTH ELDER STREET
City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46544
Caller : CONNIE HORVATH Phone: (574)259-4534
Contact : OFFICE Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)259-4534

Submitted date: 04/12/2010 Time: 11:01
Members: COMCN ID1639 ID1640 NIPSCO SBCIN SM ID0106

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description

NO

EXCAVATOR

RESPONSE

PROVIDED