



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **John Huber**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 976

Investigator: John McLaughlin

Report Date: 02/13/2012

Damage Date: 05/26/2010 11:42:41 AM

Damage Address: 5934 W In Rt 10

City: De Motte

County: Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **John Huber**

Contact: John Huber, Homeowner

Address: 9226 N 950 W, Demotte, In 46310

Telephone: (219) 964-1179

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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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: 1004301206

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Electric

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during trenching operation for electric service.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice received on 11/28/2011. Damage occurred after the expiration date of the locate request.

Conclusion: An expired locate request equates to a failure to provide notice.

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

John Huber currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

December 15, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 976
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 976

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: 5/26/2010

Event Location: 5934 W IN Route 10, De Motte

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: John Huber

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. 976**

Date of Event	5/26/2010
Event Location	5934 W IN Route 10, De Motte
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	John Huber
Date of IURC Information Request	11/15/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	5934
STREET	W In Rt 10
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	DeMotte, In.
COUNTY	Jasper
TOWNSHIP	Wheatfield
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	John Huber
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	9926
STREET	N 950 W
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Demotte, In. 46310
PREFERRED TELPHONE	(219)964-1179
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	

FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:

BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE	LUKE SELKING
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	4/30/10
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	5/3/10
DATE OF EVENT	5/26/10
LOCATE NUMBER	1004301206
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1005261452
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	Not in area of damage
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	No
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	Unknown
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	Yes Paint and Flags
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	No

INJURIES:

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT	0
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES	0
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE	Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

Excavation was outside the original scope of the locate- Original locate asked for area between house and pole barn for planting trees - Where damage occurred was out in front of both structures about 30 ft from road edge while they were trenching in an electric line to outpole.

Record indicates REMC - Wheatfield was contractor involved yet 811 lists home owner.

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NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1004301206 Date: 04/30/2010 Time: 10:50 Oper: JREED Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: WHEATFIELD
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 5934
Street : W IN RT 10
Cross 1 : US RT 231 Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND EXISTING POLE BARN--
:
Grids : 4111C8709B 4111C8709A 4111C8710D 4111C8710C 4111C8710B
Grids : 4111D8709B 4111D8709A 4111D8710D 4111D8710C 4111D8710B

Work type : PLANT TREES
Done for : JOHN HUBER
Start date: 05/04/2010 Time: 11:00 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 4 HOURS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : JOHN HUBER Type: HOME
Co addr : 9226 N 950 W
City : DEMOTTE State: IN Zip: 46310
Caller : JOHN HUBER Phone: (219)964-1179
Contact : JOHN HUBER-CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)964-1179

Submitted date: 04/30/2010 Time: 10:50
Members: COMCN ID0448 ID2009 ID2189 ID3831 ID4601 SM SM

Notice History:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description

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DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1005261452 Date: 05/26/2010 Time: 11:41 Oper: STURNER Chan:055

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: WHEATFIELD
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 5934
Street : W IN RT 10
Cross 1 : US RT 231 Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND EXISTING POLE BARN--
:
Grids : 4111C8709B 4111C8709A 4111C8710D 4111C8710C 4111C8710B
Grids : 4111D8709B 4111D8709A 4111D8710D 4111D8710C 4111D8710B

Work type : PLANT TREES
Done for : JOHN HUBER
Start date: 05/26/2010 Time: 11:41 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 4 HOURS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : JOHN HUBER Type: HOME
Co addr : 9226 N 950 W
City : DEMOTTE State: IN Zip: 46310
Caller : JOHN HUBER Phone: (219)964-1179
Contact : JOHN HUBER-CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)964-1179

Remarks : PER CRAIG HILL: NIPSCO A GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT AND BLOWING AT 5934 W
IN RT 10 BETWEEN THE HOME AND BARN -- CREW IS ONSITE -- PREVIOUS TICEKT NO
1004301206-- HAS CALLED NIPSCO
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Submitted date: 05/26/2010 Time: 11:41
Members: COMCN ID0448 ID2009 ID2189 ID3831 ID4601 SM SM

Notice History:

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Information Request

**Pipeline Safety Division
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

Case No. # 976

RECEIVED

NOV 28 2011

INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

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: SELF
Responsible Party Personal Name: JON HUBERS
Title (if any): OWNER
Address: 9226 N 950W
City, State Zip: DE MOTTE, IN. 46310
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number: 219-964-1179
Email Address:

Facility Information:

Business Name: RES. / RENTAL
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): I DONT REMEMBER
Address:
City, State Zip:
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number:
Email Address:

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

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

NONE

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address:

City, State Zip:

Nearest Intersection:

5934 W ST. RD. 10
DEMOTTE, IN. 46310
600 W & RT. 10

Product Type (circle one):

- Natural Gas
- Liquid Pipeline
- Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

- Distribution
- Gathering
- Service/Drop
- Transmission
- Unknown/Other

BUT NO LIVE THERE AT THAT TIME

Size (Diameter/etc.): 1/2" THE SMALL RES. LINE NOT MAIN

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): ?

Interruption in Service: Yes/ No Number of Customers Affected: 0

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

RENTED BY MYSELF

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

TRENCHING TO PUT IN UNDER GROUND ELECTRIC

Release of Product: Yes / No **PINCHED OFF LINE & CALLED NIPSCO**
Ignition and/or Fire: Yes No
Excavator Notify 811: Yes / No

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate Yes / No
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: OVER 1 1/2 YEARS AGO
Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No
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 **SELF**

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:

I HAD PURCHASED THE PROPERTY & WAS REMODELING THE HOUSE FOR MY SON & WIFE. I HAD CALLED FOR A LOCATE, BUT IT WAS OFF BY ABOUT 2 FEET NIPSCO SAW THE PROBLEM. THE GAS LEAK WAS VERY LITTLE & NO ONE WAS HURT OR PUT OUT OF SERVICE. IT WAS MY FAULT & I'M VERY SORRY.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. # 976

YOUR FULL NAME: Jon Hubers

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): _____

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): _____

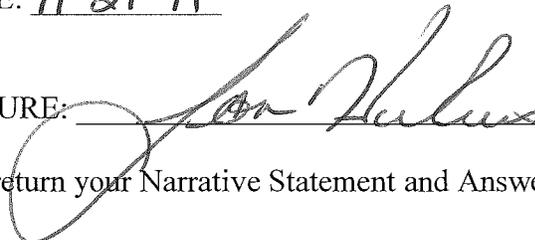
ADDRESS: 9226N 950W

CITY: DE MOTTE STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46310

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (219) 964-1179 SECOND NO. (219) 987-2455

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TODAY'S DATE: 11-21-11

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any) _____

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. # 976
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov