



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Fisher Land Surveying Services, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1020

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: 317-232-2717

Report Date: 01/19/2012

Damage Date: 06/17/2010

Damage Address: 122 Strathmoor Ave

City: Mishawaka

County: St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Fisher Land Surveying Services, Inc.**

Contact: Edward Fisher

Address: 303 E 3rd St, Mishawaka, In 46544

Telephone: (574) 255-8377

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function:

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption:

Number of Customers Affected:

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Engineering/Surveying

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during surveying activities.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/20/2011 but has not responded. Excavator failed to request underground facilities marked before commencing work.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Fisher Land Surveying Services, Inc. currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

October 17, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.govPipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1020
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1020

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 16, 2011, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (“NIPSCO”) received a request from the Pipeline Safety Division for information pertaining to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/17/2010

Event Location: 122 Strathmoor Ave., Mishawaka

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Fisher Land Surveying Services, Inc.

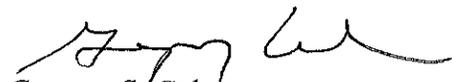
Other Party: N/A

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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. NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the investigation report prepared by NIPSCO’s locate contractor.

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,



Gregory S. Colton

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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST

Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1020

Date of Event	6/17/2010
Event Location	122 Strathmoor Ave., Mishawaka
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Fisher Land Surveying Services, Inc.
Date of IURC Information Request	9/16/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	122
STREET	STRATHMOOR AVE.
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	MISHAWAKA, IN
COUNTY	
TOWNSHIP	
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	FISHER LAND SURVEYING
ADDRESS	303
STREET	E. THIRD STREET
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	MISHAWAKA, IN
PREFERRED TELPHONE	
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	NO LOCATE REQUESTED
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	NA
DATE OF EVENT	06/17/10
LOCATE NUMBER	NA
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	UNKNOWN
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	NO LOCATE REQUESTED
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	UNKNOWN
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	NO LOCATE REQUESTED
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	NO LOCATE REQUESTED
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

NIPSCO GAS SERVICE STRUCK AND DAMAGED DURING SURVEYING BY FISHER LAND SURVEYING. EXCAVATOR FAILED TO REQUEST LOCATES PRIOR TO ONSET OF OPERATIONS. Damage Ticket was called in. One Vision Responded to Ticket and completed locate.

Sequence of Events listed below.

1. No locate requested for the work being performed.
2. Damage occurred 6-17-2010
3. 811 contacted to report damage on 6-17-2010
4. Damage ticket created and investigation performed after 811 was called on 6-17-2010
5. Locates marked were performed from the 811 damage ticket on 6-17-2010 to enable the surveyor to finish the job.

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XXXXXX 006171481-00 NIPSCO Area 2010/06/17 11:19:09 00283

NIPSCO 00253 IUPPSa 06/17/2010 12:08:51 1006171481-00A EMER DAMG STRT

~~DAMAGE DAMAGE~~

Ticket : 1006171481 Date: 06/17/2010 Time: 12:03 Oper: LWORTON Chan:059

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

Address : 122
Street : STRATHMOOR AVE
Cross 1 : LINCOLN WAY W Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE NEXT TO THE PAVEMENT IN THE ALLEY---THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE LOT
:
Grids : 4139C8612A 4139B8612A

Work type : SURVEY STAKES
Done for : KRONWITTER
Start date: 06/17/2010 Time: 12:05 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : FISHER LAND SURVEYING SERVICES, INC. Type: CONT
Co addr : P O BOX 23
City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46544
Caller : EDWARD FISHER Phone: (574)255-8377
Contact : EDWARD FISHER- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)340-3396

Remarks : PER EDWARD: HAS HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE IN THE ALLEY---LINE IS HISSING---HAS CALLED 911 AND WILL CALL NIPSCO---CREW IS ON SITE---NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
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Submitted date: 06/17/2010 Time: 12:03
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID1639 ID1640 ID2708 ID5610 ID5693 ID6590 ID8240 ID9556 NIPSCO SBCIN SM ID0106

Comments:

Date/Time	Notice ID	Description
2010/06/17 11:18:49AM	IUPPS2010061700432	Assigned to NIPSCO Area for NIPSCO by TBUher

Ticket	Member	Response	Locator	Time	Subcode	Memo
1006171481	NIPSCO	201	Scott Walton	6/17/2010 1:41:00 PM		
1006171481	NIPSCO	0	Scott Walton	6/17/2010 1:40:09 PM		camera not working.

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED