



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Hollenbaugh Well Drilling Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1176

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 232-2717

Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 08/26/2010

Damage Address: 6405 S Washington Rd

City: Columbia City

County: Whitley

The Parties

Excavator: Hollenbaugh Well Drilling Inc

Commercial Business

Contact: Terry Hollenbaugh, President

Address: 7990 S 200 E, Columbia City, In 46725

Telephone: (260) 396-2151

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking, Leader Integrity Management & Pipeline Safety

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known):

Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Nature of Excavation: Water

Synopsis: Natural gas service damaged during excavation to provide water service.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/23/2011. Excavator failed to expose facility by hand excavation. Excavator, in his sketch, replied that main and service were marked, but markings indicated a curve in the piping. From the sketch, it appears that the service (plastic?) was struck very close to the main (steel?), where laterals are normally at a right angle from the main. Utility responded that the excavator failed "...to respect the marks as provided", yet neither party provided a valid locate ticket.

Conclusion: Failure by the excavator to expose the facility with hand excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Hollenbaugh Well Drilling Inc has no other damage reports in the record.

Ticket ID: Version: 00 Notice ID: IUPPS2010082600817
Taken Time: 08/26/2010 09:59
NoticeType: Emergency

Case ID 1176

EMERGENCY REMARK

Ticket : 1008260806 Date: 08/26/2010 Time: 09:59 Oper: PSTELDEN Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: WHITLEY Twp: WASHINGTON
Cityname: COLUMBIA CITY Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

Address : 6405
Street : S WASHINGTON RD
Cross 1 : IN RT 14 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE RIGHT CORNER FRONT OF PROPERTY

Grids : 4103A8530C 4104D8530C 4104C8530C 4104B8530C 4103A8530B
Grids : 4104D8530B 4104C8530B 4104B8530B 4103B8530C 4103B8530B

Work type : NEW WELL
Done for : PAT
Start date: 08/26/2010 Time: 09:59 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 5FT

Company : HOLLENBAUGH WELL DRILLING INC Type: CONT
Co addr : 7990 S 200 E
City : COLUMBIA CITY State: IN Zip: 46725
Caller : PAT TRABERT Phone: (260)396-2151
Contact : PAT-HOME Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)244-4517

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PAT CELL 260-609-4518--
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 08/26/2010 Time: 09:59
Members: ID2034 ID6111 NIPSCO ID5857

Service Area: ID2034 (CENTURYLINK)
Contact:
Ph: Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: ID6111 (NORTHEASTERN REMC)
Contact: CURTIS L. IRVEN
Ph: (260)244-6111 x409 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph:

Service Area: NIPSCO (NIPSCO)
Contact: DAVE SCHAAFSMA
Ph: (866)732-6243 Emerg Ph: Alt Ph: (219)962-0448

October 20, 2011

*Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov*Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1176
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1176

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: 8/26/2010

Event Location: 6405 S. Washington Rd., Columbia City

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Hollenbaugh Well drilling, Inc.

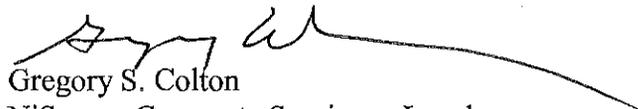
Other Party: N/A

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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.

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
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal
Phone: 317-684-4923
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: gscolton@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1176**

Date of Event	08/26/10
Event Location	6405 S. Washington Rd., Columbia City
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hollenbaugh Well Drilling, Inc
Date of IURC Information Request	09/20/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	6405
STREET	S. WASHINGTON ROAD
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	COLUMBIA CITY, 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	HOLLENBAUGH WELL DRILLING, INC
ADDRESS	7990
STREET	S. 200 E.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
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
CITY/STATE/ZIP
PREFERRED TELEPHONE
SECONDARY TELEPHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
260/439-1290

LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM

LOCATE MARKS:

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED
DATE OF EVENT
LOCATE NUMBER
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
08/26/10
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
YES
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
NO

INJURIES:

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

0
0
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO GAS SERVICE STRUCK AND DAMAGED DURING EXCAVATION BY HOLLENGAUGH WELL DRILLING. FACILITY STRUCK DUE TO A FAILURE TO UTILIZE HAND EXCAVATION AND A FAILURE TO RESPECT THE MARKS AS PROVIDED.

The following comments were in CIS: HOLLENBAUGH WELL DRILLING HIT GAS LINE HAS PINCHED IT OFF LOCATE WAS DONE CROSS ST ST RD 14 MA: 7990 S 200 E COLUMBIA

RECEIVED

OCT 24 2011

INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Information Request
Pipeline Safety Division
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: *Hollenbaugh Well Drilling Inc.*
Responsible Party Personal Name: *Terry Hollenbaugh*
Title (if any): *President*
Address: *79905-200E*
City, State Zip: *Columbia City IN 46725*
Preferred Telephone: *260-396-2151*
Cell Phone Number: *260-248-6346*
Email Address: *hollenbaughwd@live.com*

Facility Information:

Business Name:
Responsible Party Personal Name:
Title (if any):
City, State, Zip
Address:
Preferred Telephone:
Cell Phone Number:
Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name:
Responsible Party Personal Name:
Title (if any):
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:

Utility Line Impact:

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 3/4"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes/No

Number of Customers Affected: 1

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

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

Release of Product: Yes No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes No

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1008260806

Locate Marks Visible: Yes No

Locate Marks Correct: Yes No

Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No *Blue Flag where well was drilled*

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes No

