



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Chris Bowman

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1204

Investigator: Dan Novak
Telephone: (317) 232-2781
Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 09/04/2010
Damage Address: 228 W 166 S
City: Valparaiso
County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: Chris Bowman
Homeowner/Tenant
Contact: Chris Bowman
Address: 228 W 166 S, Valparaiso, In 46385
Telephone: (219) 741-0671

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): \$661

Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Trencher

Nature of Excavation: Electric

Synopsis: 1 1/4" steel low pressure natural gas service damaged by backhoe during the removal of a section of sidewalk.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/27/2011. From documents submitted, it seems that the service was directly under the sidewalk, however, excavator failed to request locates prior to beginning work.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Chris Bowman has no other damage reports in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



December 2, 2011

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1204
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1204

To Whom It May Concern:

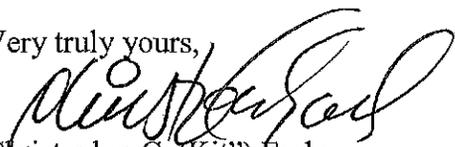
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 9/4/2010
Event Location: 288 W 166 S, Valparaiso
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Chris Bowman
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

NIPSCO CLAIM # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 10-2335
NIPSCO JOB ORDER # (INTERNAL USE ONLY) 459368
FIELD SUPERVISOR Rick Smith

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Date of Event 9/4/2010
Event Location 288 W. 166 S., Valparaiso
Facility Owner Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator Chris Bowman
Date of IURC Information Request 9/2/2011

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS 228
STREET W. 166 S.
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE Valparaiso
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 Diane and Chris Bowman
BUSINESS NAME
ADDRESS 228
STREET W. 166 S.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP Valparaiso, IN 46383
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	No locate requested
DATE OF EVENT	09/04/10
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1009040046
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	No locate requested
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	No locate requested
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	Homeowner was digging on property without the benefit of locates. They struck and damaged a NIPSCO service line.

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Pipeline Safety Division
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 1204

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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:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

SELF

Facility Information:

Business Name:

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):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

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

Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name: BOONE GROVE Fire Dept.

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address: 228 W. 166 S.

City, State Zip: Valparaiso IN 46385

Nearest Intersection: 166 S & 200 W

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): _____

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): \$ 661⁰⁰

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: _____

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

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 was running electric to a small outside building & hit the gas line since it was only 18 inches under ground. We just built this house within the year & we had called 811 then I knew where all lines were. I just wasn't expecting the gas line to be 18" under instead of 36".

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 1204
YOUR FULL NAME: Christopher Dean Bowman
FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): N/A
YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): N/A
ADDRESS: 228 W. 166 S.
CITY: Valparaiso STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46385
YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (219) 465 1765 SECOND NO. 219 741 0671
YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: cbowman228@yahoo.com

TODAY'S DATE: 11-1-11

YOUR SIGNATURE: Christopher D Bowman TITLE (if any) _____

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

**Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1204
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov