



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Buschkoetter'S Nursery-Lawn & Garden Center

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1613

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 232-2717

Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 10/19/2010

Damage Address: 7886 E State Road 164

City: Jasper

County: Dubois

The Parties

Excavator: Buschkoetter'S Nursery-Lawn & Garden Center
Commercial Business

Contact: Scott Bushkoetter, Owner

Address: 1638 N 350 W Highway 56, Jasper, In 47546

Telephone: (812) 482-5577

Facility Owner: Jasper Municipal Gas

Contact: Ernest Hinkle, Gas Distribution Foreman

Address: 825 E Second Avenue, Jasper, IN 47547-0750

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): \$606

Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Unknown/Other

Nature of Excavation: Landscaping

Synopsis: 1" plastic natural gas service damaged during tree planting activities.

Findings: Reported by utility; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/23/2011. Excavator was working off of expired locates that had been called in by the property owner.

Conclusion: Failure by the excavator to request location of underground facilities.

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

Buschkoetter'S Nursery-Lawn & Garden Center has no other damage reports in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

**INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act

Indiana Code 8-1-26

Pipeline Division Case No. 1613

Event location: 1896 East State Road 164, Jasper

The Parties: **Person doing the excavation/demolition**

Business Name: Buschkoetter's Nursery-Lawn & Garden Center, Inc. 1638N
350W Hwy 56, Jasper IN 47546 812-482-5577

Person that was digging: Unknown

Facility Information/Owner

Jasper Municipal Gas Utility, 825 Second Ave., P.O. Box 750, Jasper, IN 47546,
(812) 482-5252

Responsible Person: Ernest Hinkle, Distribution Foreman

Locator

Jasper Municipal Gas Utility, 825 Second Ave., P.O. Box 750, Jasper, IN 47546,
(812) 482-5252

Responsible Person: Brad Thomas, Locate/Easement Coordinator

Other Witness

Celestine Fire Dept.

Utility Line Impact: Facility type: Natural Gas Service Line
Material type: Plastic Pipe
Size: 1"
Pressure: 30 P.S.I.
Utility Line Function: Service Line for Natural Gas to Customer
Interruption in Service: Yes
Number of Customers Affected: 1
Evacuation: No
Repair Costs: \$606.01

Cause of Damage Information: Type of Equipment: Mobile Tree Transplanter
Type of Work Performed: Planting trees
Release of Product: Yes
Ignition and/or Fire: No
Excavator Notify 811: No Who Did?: Unknown

Locate Information: Excavator request Locate: No Request Ticket Number: N/A
Locate Marks Visible: N/A
Excavator "White Lined": N/A
Maps used to Mark Utilities: N/A
Operator on Scene when Incident Happened: No
Operator Provide Positive Response: Yes, 5 Minutes

Incident Impact Information: Number of Outpatient Treated: None

Number of Inpatient Treated: None

Fatalities: None

Fire Department Response: Celestine Fire Dept.

Police Department Response: None

Ambulance Response: None

Other Response: None

Narrative Statement: On Oct. 19th, 2010 at 11:39 hrs. Celestine Fire Department was paged to respond to a ruptured underground natural gas service line at 1886 E. St. Rd. 164. Mike Dorsam (Assistant Foreman of the Jasper Gas Dept.) monitored this call and immediately went in route and also dispatched a crew to the scene. He informed Ernest Hinkle (Foreman of the Jasper Gas Dept.) who also responded. Upon arrival the Celestine Fire Dept. had St. Rd. 164 closed to traffic and was monitoring the leak. The Jasper Gas Dept was on the scene at 11:46 hrs. and upon determining the service line was cut to 1896 E. St. Rd. 164 began digging up the line by hand and squeezed off the service line. The line was squeezed off and the leak was stopped at 12:25 hrs. East St. Rd. 164 was re-opened and repairs on the service line commenced. This line was cut by Buschkoetter's Nursery-lawn & Garden Center, 1638 N. 350 W. Hwy 56, Jasper IN. 47546 (812-482-5577) in the process of transplanting trees. An I.U.P.P.S. locate had been called in on Sept. 15th, 2010, (ticket # 1009150143) by the home owner, Dorothy Boeckman who lives at 1886 E. St. Rd. 164 and owns both properties. It is our understanding that this locate had expired on Oct. 5th and Buschkoetter's Nursery had never called in for the original locate or had called in to get an extension. Dorothy Boeckman told us that the area where the damage had occurred had been reseeded and strawed approximately 2 weeks earlier. Any markings that had been there were gone. It also needs to be stated, that there was a "Warning, Natural Gas Main" marker post approximately 2 feet away from where the damaged was done. Also, the operator was planning on planting more trees on said property. He had to be informed that he would need to call I.U.P.P.S. to continue work on this project.

Enclosed:

Copy of "Lines Hit by Excavation" form

Copy of "Work Sheet" pertaining to the work done

Copy of "Invoice" sent to Buschkoetter's Nursery-Lawn & Garden Center

SOLD TO: Buschkoeller's Nursery

1638 N 350 W

Jasper, IN 47546

DATE: 10/26/2010 INVOICE No. 10-0730

JASPER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

610 Main Street - P.O. Box 750

Jasper, IN 47547-0750

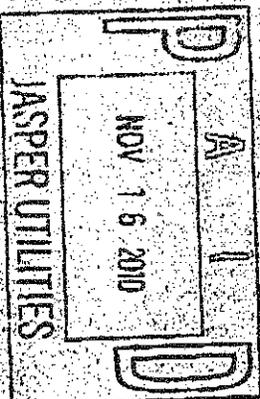
(812) 482-9131

DEPT: Gas Terms: Net, Upon Receipt

w/o #58130

08-80-1420-042

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	NUC/CODE	PER UNIT	AMOUNT
1	Labor	- repair cut gas service - 1896 E St Rd 164		389.4900	389.49
1	Hr	Truck #39		15.0000	15.00
1	Hr	Trencher		30.0000	30.00
1	Hr	Trailer		15.0000	15.00
1	Hr	Truck #20		15.0000	15.00
1	Hr	Truck #40		15.0000	15.00
1	Hr	Truck #10		15.0000	15.00
7	Ft	1" plastic gas pipe		0.4071	2.85
2	Ea	Electro fusion couplings		7.6450	15.29
1	Ea	1" X 6" SS clamp		18.7000	18.70
1		8,128 cubic feet of lost gas		69.7800	69.79
1		Sales Tax on lost gas		4.8900	4.89



TOTAL DUE 606.01

GAS DEPARTMENT WORK ORDER

W/O NO. _____

Job Description: REPAIR CUT 1" GAS SERVICE

DATE: 10/19/10

Person to Bill BUSCHKOETTER'S NURSERY
(IF NOT TO BE BILLED-MARK AS "IN HOUSE")

Address: 1638 N. 350W, Hwy 56 Jspr

Job Location 1896 E ST RD 164 Jspr
(IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

LABOR CHARGES

NAME	HOURS WORKED	RATE PER HOUR (ONLY IF BILLED)	
<u>MIKE C</u>	<u>3 1/2</u>	_____	_____
<u>STEVE</u>	<u>3 1/2</u>	_____	_____
<u>KEITH</u>	<u>2-Jan</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EQUIPMENT CHARGES

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED	HOURS USED	RATE CHARGED (ONLY IF BILLED)	TOTAL
<u>TK#39</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	_____
<u>TRENCHER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	_____
<u>TRAILER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

MATERIAL CHARGES

NO. USED	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM USED	PART NO.	COST EACH (OR FT., GAL)	TOTAL COST
<u>6 1/2-FT</u>	<u>1" PLASTIC GAS PIPE</u>	_____	<u>\$0.37</u>	_____
<u>2</u>	<u>ELECTRO FUSION COUPLINGS</u>	_____	<u>\$6.95</u>	_____
<u>1</u>	<u>1"X6" SS-CLAMP</u>	<u>06-13127 CLMP</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>8128</u>	<u>CUBIC-FT LOST</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	<u>FUSION PREFORMED BY</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	<u>MIKE CRAVENER AND</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	<u>STEVE WAMPLER</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mike Cravener
Steve Wampler

COMPLETED BY: _____ AUTHORIZED BY: _____

LINES HIT BY EXCAVATION

PHONE #: 482-5577

DATE: 10-19-10	LOCATION: 1886 E. ST. ROAD 164 Dottie Beckman	LEAKING: YES
TIME REPORTED: 11:39 AM	REPORTED BY: Buschkoetter's Worker	RESPONSE TIME: 5-MIN
RECEIVED BY: Ruth Meyer	ISSUED TO: Mike Dorsam	
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Hit Gas Line		
SIZE OF LINE: 1"	SERVICE OR MAIN:	LINE LOCATED: NO
CORRECTLY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
REPAIRS EFFECTED: Replaced 7-Ft 1" Plastic gas pipe		
REPAIRED BY: Mike C., Steve W., Keith W.		
DATE: 10-19-10	TIME TO REPAIR: 3 1/2 HRS	SOIL CONDITION: Sand
ODOR DETECTED: YES-100%	5 MINUTE INDEX TEST: N/A	PIPE CONDITION: Good

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: *Buschkoetters Nursery*
Responsible Party Personal Name: *Scott Buschkoetter*
Title (if any): *Owner*
Address: *1638 N 350 W Jasper IN 47546*
City, State Zip:
Preferred Telephone: *812-482-5577*
Cell Phone Number: *812-639-2413*
Email Address:

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Facility Information:

Business Name: *Jasper Municipal Gas*
Responsible Party Personal Name:
Title (if any):
City, State, Zip: *Jasper IN 47546*
Address: *825 Second Ave.*
Preferred Telephone: *482-5252*
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:

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not sure who make these lines

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

Personal Contact: ?

Business/Organization Name: J.F.D.

Title (if any)

Address: 309 E 6th

City, State, Zip Jasper In 47546

Preferred Telephone: 812-482-2255

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: None

Evacuation: Yes / No

If yes, How Many Evacuated? —

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 800⁰⁰ material & labor

Cause of Damage Information:

Type of Equipment (circle one):

Auger Vanner Spade

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 *Home Owner did!*

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: ? Home Owner has

Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No *But not marked even close to where we cut*

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: None

Number of Inpatient Treated: None

Number of Fatalities: None

Fire Department Response: Yes / No

Police Department Response: Yes / No

Ambulance Response: Yes / No

Additional Information/Comments: _____

To whom it may concern, Holly Molly 811 was called by the Homeowner to mark utilities on her property prior to us planting trees. However, we, Homeowner & I marked off where she wanted trees to be planted after the utilities were all located at this address - However, there was another gas line located on this property that fed the neighboring house that was not marked. We weren't even close to the lines that were marked when we cut this line. I understand the danger & affects this could have caused, but I feel like this line should have been located also if it is present on the property that was called to be located. Sorry it happened & glad that nothing major was caused and no one was hurt. Thank you

Scott

8/2-639-2413

