



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lan-Con Electrical

UPPAC Database Record ID: 1716

Investigator: Rich Medcalf
Telephone: (317) 232-2598
Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 01/14/2011
Damage Address: 5412 Illinois Rd
City: Fort Wayne
County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Lan-Con Electrical
Commercial Business
Contact: Misty Westafer
Address: 102 East Collins Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46825
Telephone: (260) 492-0288

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: 1012220646

Excavation Equipment: Trencher

Nature of Excavation: Electric

Synopsis: 1 1/8" natural gas service damaged during work to install electric supply for sign and lights.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/26/2011. Excavator was working on a ticket 23 days old, failed to request a ticket extension, failed to verify the markings before beginning trenching operation.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation, failed to verify location of facility by pot-holing.

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

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

Lan-Con Electrical has no other damage reports in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

November 15, 2011

101 West Ohio Street
Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 1716
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 1716

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: 1/14/2011

Event Location: 5412 Illinois Rd., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Lan-Con Electrical

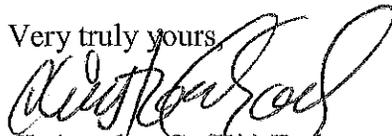
Other Party: N/A

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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,



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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 1716**

1716

Date of Event

1/14/11

Event Location

5412 Illinois Rd., Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Lan-Con Electrical

Date of IURC Information Request

9/23/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

5412

STREET

Illinois Rd

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, Indiana

COUNTY

Allen

TOWNSHIP

Wayne

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

Lan-Con Electric

ADDRESS

102

STREET

Collins Dr.

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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

12-22-2010
12-27-2010
1-14-2011
1012220646
1101140404
Yes at time of locate
No
Unknown
Yes - Paint and Flags
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
Yes per 811 Damage Notification
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

Nipsco records indicate that the Contractor hit and damaged a 1-1/8" gas service to Advanced Auto Parts. Ticket 23 days old and marks had been destroyed at time of damage per USIC.

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

Personal Contact: FW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business/Organization Name:

Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:

Address: 5412 ILLINOIS ROAD

City, State Zip: FT. WAYNE, IN 46804

Nearest Intersection: ANGLE DRIVE

Product Type (circle one):

- Natural Gas
- Liquid Pipeline
- Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one):

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

Size (Diameter/etc.): UNKNOWN

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): UNKNOWN

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected: UNKNOWN

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: 1012220646

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: Called in Underground Locates.
Locates were marked. Scheduled trenching for
underground electric to pole sign + site light poles.
The night before trenching - snow fell covering
ground. Did not delay trenching and went on
speculation that the path of trenching was clear
of all utilities. Upon trenching job foreman
(Jeremy) noticed a hit gas line. Immediately had
call the office to notify NIPSCO of cut line - issue
was called in - damage report # 1101140404. NIPSCO
showed up to repair the line

- Jobie Connelly -