



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Billy Joe Bebout

UPPAC Database Record ID: 27

Investigator: William Boyd

Telephone: (317) 232-2718

Report Date: 11/28/2011

Damage Date: 06/03/2010

Damage Address: W Grant Street

City: Mount Vernon

County: Posey

The Parties

Excavator: Billy Joe Bebout

Other

Contact: Billy Joe Bebout

Address: 8700 S Ford Road, Mount Vernon, In 47620

Telephone: (812) 455-6831

Facility Owner: Vectren

Contact: Darlene Kulhanek, Manager, Facilities Damages

Address: 1 N Main Street, Evansville, IN 47702

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): \$1857

Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Nature of Excavation: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Synopsis: Damage to a 3/4" steel natural gas service during work to break the top of a septic tank.

Findings: Reported by operator. Excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/19/2011; responded to request for information on 10/14/2011. Excavator was working to break the top of a septic tank that had collapsed in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church. The damaged service intersected with the tank, and was broken as a result.

Conclusion: Work performed without notice of excavation.

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

Billy Joe Bebout has no other damage reports in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED

STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
101 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 1500E
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-3407

<http://www.in.gov/iurc>
Office: (317) 232-2701
Facsimile: (317) 232-6758

September 16, 2011

Ms. Darlene Kulhanek
Vectren
1 N Main Street
Evansville, IN 47702

RECEIVED

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Subject: Investigation Request for Information

Date of Event: 6/3/2010

Event Location: W Grant Street, Mount Vernon

Facility Owner: Vectren

Excavator: Bill Bebout Excavating

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 27

Dear Ms. Kulhanek:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-26, the *Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act*, the Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Pipeline Division") is required to investigate reported incidents of alleged statutory violations involving underground pipeline safety. The purpose of this statute is to promote excavation and pipeline safety and to reduce the imminent danger to life, health, property, or loss of service associated with unsafe digging practices. Please note that the investigation does not entail determining criminal liability or a civil determination of fault or damages; however, it does determine whether any statutory violations were committed regarding public safety.

The Pipeline Division received information regarding potential statutory violations regarding the date and location referenced above. You were identified as a person or entity that might have information that would assist the Pipeline Division in its investigation. Therefore, we have contacted you in order to receive the full account of information in order to make a fair determination related to the circumstances of this incident.

We have asked all involved parties, entities and witnesses to provide *written* information within *30 days* in order to meet legal deadlines to conclude our investigation. **Please consider this letter as a formal request to receive any and all information and evidence (including a narrative, documentation, maps, photographs or any other written information) you can access regarding anything you may know about the incident referenced above.**

Please promptly provide your information to: Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 27, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, 101 West Washington Street, # 1500E, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Also, please include the Investigation Number referenced above on your materials. In the alternative, if you would prefer to scan the materials and send them electronically, please send the documents to: PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov.

Although you are not a formal party in this investigation, please treat this request for information seriously, because the potential civil penalties for violations include: a potential civil fine up to \$10,000.00; mandatory education and training for employees regarding pipeline safety; a required development plan to avoid future violations; or a warning letter for certain homeowner/tenants who are first time offenders. Consequently, your input will assist the Pipeline Division with its determination and may have a substantial impact on the case.

After the investigation is completed, the Pipeline Division will prepare an Investigation Report with findings and forward it to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”). This is a statutory committee, comprised of excavators, facility operators, investor and municipal utilities, the 811 Association and facility locate marking companies, whose role is to evaluate the Pipeline Division’s findings and make a recommendation for a civil penalty. In the event there is disagreement regarding the Advisory Committee’s recommendation to the Commission, parties are entitled to request a hearing before the full Commission. If there is a violation, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) will impose the penalty. Any fines imposed are statutorily required to be spent funding the Commission’s training and educational programming to promote excavation and pipeline safety.

Thank you for your *prompt* assistance in providing written information to the Pipeline Division regarding the previously referenced incident. Any information received after the deadlines will not be considered in the investigation, will be unavailable to the Advisory Committee and will result in a lack of full information being made available; hence, your participation is vital to serving the interests of justice and enhancing the public’s safety. In an effort to assist you, please find an enclosure entitled “Information Request.” Should you have procedural or legal questions regarding the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee or the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, please contact David L. Welch, Assistant General Counsel, at (317) 234-4715. Should you have questions regarding the pipeline damage identified above, or our investigation, please contact me at (317) 232-2718. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



William Boyd
Director, Pipeline Safety Division

Enclosure: Information Request

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: **Bill Bebout Excavating**

Responsible Party Personal Name: **Bill Bebout**

Title (if any): **Owner**

Address: **8700 Ford Rd S., Mt. Vernon, IN 47620**

City, State Zip: Preferred Telephone: **812-985-5182**

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Facility Information:

Business Name: **Vectren Energy**

Responsible Party Personal Name: **Darlene Kulhanek**

Title (if any): **Manager Facilities Damages**

City, State, Zip **Evansville, IN 47711**

Address: **1 Main Street**

Preferred Telephone: **812-491-4227**

Cell Phone Number: **812-568-5235**

Email Address: **Dkulhanek@vectren.com**

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: **USIC Inc.**

Responsible Party Personal Name: **Tim Sanders**

Title (if any): **Southern Indiana District Manager**

Address: **3818 E Morgan Avenue**

City, State Zip: **Evansville, IN 47715**

Preferred Telephone: **812-479-9236**

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address: **timsanders@usicinc.com**

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Othea-) Information: **Fire Department, no info**

Personal Contact: Business/Organization Name: N/A

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): 50 PSIG

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation: Yes / No If yes, How Many Evacuated? 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 1857.67

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/Stoml)
- 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

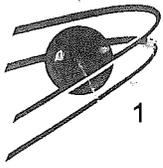
Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: ___

Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No

Locate Marks Correct: Yes / No

Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No



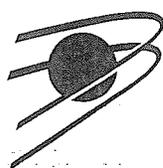
1 VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - SOUTH

NOW DUE
FINAL
\$1,857.67

BEBOUT, BILL
8700 FORD RD S,
MOUNT VERNON, IN 47620

Type: GAS
Invoice: FDS0012442
BillToID: 28784
Billing Date: 8/13/2010
Date of Loss: 6/3/2010
5855 103.0510

Please return this portion with your remittance.



Mail Payment To: VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - SOUTH
Vectren Utilities Holding Group, Inc.
1239 Reliable Parkway
Chicago, IL 60686-0012
Inquiries: 1-877-902-2934, Mon.-Fri., 8-5
Risk Management/Claims Department

NOW DUE
FINAL
\$1,857.67

BEBOUT, BILL
8700 FORD RD S,
MOUNT VERNON, IN 47620

Type: GAS
Invoice: FDS0012442
BillToID: 28784
Billing Date: 8/13/2010
Date of Loss: 6/3/2010

Invoice For Costs to Repair and Reconstruct Damaged Property

Address: 1205 N MAIN STREET, MT VERNON

Paid 8928.83 8/17/10

3/4" STEEL SERVICE SEVERED BY BACKHOE. DID NOT REQUEST LOCATES.

Material:	\$63.44
Company Labor:	\$1,579.18
Contract Labor:	\$0.00
Transportation/Equipment:	\$204.08
Misc:	\$0.00
Gas Loss:	\$10.97
Adjustments:	\$0.00
Payments:	\$0.00
Total:	\$1,857.67

*8696.62 Account
232.21 2026 Account
8928.83
8928.84 write off
81857.67*

5855 103.0510

Remember, call two (2) working days before digging. Contact I.U.P.P.S. at 1-800-382-5544.

FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT GAS

Vectren Corporation
Form 3112 (Rev. 10/04)

- Indiana Gas
- Sigeco
- Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio

Task No.: 103.0510

Capital O&M (circle one)

FDS

0012442

TIME: 4:05 AM/PM

DATE OF DAMAGE: 6/3/10

Cost Center No.: 5855

DAMAGE SITE ADDRESS: 1205 N. MAIN ST.

LOT #: _____ CITY: MT. VERNON IN 47620

FACILITIES DAMAGED

- MAIN
- SERVICE
- REGULATOR STATION
- FARM TAP
- RESIDENTIAL METER
- METER INDUSTRIAL/COMMERICAL
- OTHER

- SIZE(S)
- 0.50 INCH
 - 0.75 INCH
 - 1.00 INCH
 - 2.00 INCH
 - 4.00 INCH
 - 6.00 INCH
 - OTHER

TYPE OF MATERIAL

- PLASTIC
- STEEL
- CAST IRON
- OTHER

DAMAGE TYPE

- SEVERED
- NOT CUT
- PUNCTURE
- SIZE _____ X _____

PRESSURE

- 25 PSIG
- 40 PSIG
- 50 PSIG
- 60 PSIG
- 6 WC
- OTHER

PROTECTION IN PLACE

- RAIL
- POST
- NONE
- N/A

LEAK REPORT

C27Kdol

- ONE-WAY FEED
- TWO-WAY FEED

DURATION OF ESCAPING GAS

MINUTES 15
EFV ACTIVATED YES NO

DAMAGED BY

- CONTRACTOR
- MUNICIPALITY/UTILITY
- VEHICULAR ACCIDENT
- COMPANY CREW
- UNKNOWN
- PROPERTY OWNER/TENANT
- OTHER

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

- SEWER/DRAIN
- WATER
- ELECTRIC
- TELEPHONE
- CEMENT/PAVING
- TV CABLE
- FENCING
- FOOTERS
- OTHER

WORKING FOR

- CITY
- STATE
- PROPERTY OWNER
- OTHER

NAME FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT

- BACKHOE
- TRACKHOE
- PLOW
- TRENCHER
- BULLDOZER
- POSTHOLE DIGGERS
- BORE
- AUGER
- STAKE/SHOVEL
- OTHER

DAMAGING PARTY

- DID NOT REQUEST LOCATES
- DID NOT HAND DIG
- USED EXPIRED LOCATES
- OTHER

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED: _____

TOTAL HOURS SERVICE WAS OFF: 5

INVOICE: YES NO

DAMAGING PARTY

NAME: BILLY REBOUT EXCAVATING

ADDRESS: 8700 S. FORD RD

CITY/STATE/ZIP: MT. VERNON IN

PREPARED BY: Mark Cox DATE: 6-3-10

985-5182

NO LOCATES

INCLUDE ANY OBSERVATIONS ON BACK OF FORM

VISUAL OBSERVATION AT DAMAGE SITE

- LOCATE NOT APPLICABLE (Above Ground Damage Only)
- FACILITIES PROPERLY MARKED
- MARKING METHODS: CONVENTIONAL OFFSET
- FLAGS PAINT STAKES WHISKERS
- LOCATE MARKINGS FADED: YES NO
- WRONG ADDRESS REQUESTED
- FACILITIES IMPROPERLY LOCATED
- QUALIFIED LOCATOR COULD NOT HAVE ACCURATELY LOCATED
- INACCURATE MAPS/CARDS
- BROKEN OR NO TRACER WIRE (PLASTIC)
- INSULATION PREVENTING ACCURATE LOCATE
- LOCATOR ERROR
- QUALIFIED LOCATOR COULD HAVE ACCURATELY LOCATED
- INCOMPLETE LOCATE
- MARKINGS OFF BY _____ (FEET/INCHES)
- INAPPROPRIATE SITE MARKINGS
- NO LOCATE PERFORMED
- FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY
- WRONG ADDRESS LOCATED

OBSERVATION BY: _____
NAME OF LOCATOR: _____

- COPY OF MARKOUT REQUEST PROVIDED WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS

NOTIFICATION AND OTHER DETAILS OF LOCATE

- LOCATE TICKET #: _____
- DATE: _____ TIME: _____ AM/PM
- REGULAR REQUEST EMERGENCY REQUEST
- LOCATE COMPANY NOTIFIED
- CONTACT NAME: _____
- TIME CALLED: _____ AM/PM
- TIME LOCATOR ARRIVED AT SITE: _____ AM/PM
- COMPANY NOTIFIED OF LOCATE NEAR CRITICAL FACILITIES: YES NO

CONTRACTOR REPAIRS

- CONTRACTOR WORKING FOR VECTREN MADE REPAIRS AT OWN EXPENSE
- CONTRACTOR REPAIRED DAMAGE

NAME OF CONTRACTOR: _____
OF REGULAR HOURS _____
OF OVERTIME HOURS _____
CREW TYPE _____

MATERIALS OR ROAD WORK

- METER WAS REPLACED _____ (STORES CODE)
- REGULATOR WAS REPLACED _____ (STORES CODE)
- TEMPORARY ASPHALT REPAIR _____ (SQ. FT.)
- PERMANENT ASPHALT REPAIR _____ (SQ. FT.)

PARTY TO INVOICE

NAME: SAME
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

REVIEWED BY FIELD SUPERVISOR _____ DATE _____

JUN 17 2010

VECTREN JOB BRIEFING

DATE: 6.3.10

PROJECT NUMBER: FDS

JOB LOCATION (In Case of Emergency): FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MAIN & GRANT

SPECIFIC WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON THIS JOB: REPAIR CUT 3/4 STREET LINE

Check Applicable Safety Items Below

Check box next to the six topic headings to verify the topic was considered even if there were no hazards associated with the job activity.

HAZARD ASSOCIATED W/JOB

- Traffic Control
- Minimum Approach Distance
- Attics/Crawl Spaces
- Electrical - Overhead/Step/Touch
- Struck By
- Pressure on Pipe - Rectified
- Voltage on Circuit/Conductor
- Manual Lifting
- Slip/Trips/Falls
- Animals/Insects/Poisonous Plants
- Chemical Exposure
- Engulfment/Cave-in

WORK PROCEDURES

- Excavations
- Work Zone - Signs, Barricades
- Equipment/Tool Inspection
- Employee Roles & Training
- Confined Space/Atmospheric Check
- Relight/Turn-on
- Elevated Work
- Equipment Stabilized -Outriggers
- Fall Protection
- Appropriate Locates
- Directional Boring Policy
- Welding Precautions

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

- Gas/Atmosphere Monitors
- Rescue - Bell hole, Manhole
- Shoring
- Fire Extinguisher Watch
- Proper Rigging
- Pinch Points
- Asbestos/Lead
- Heat or Cold Stress
- Terrain
- Lifting Equipment - Load Limits
- Working on or Near Water

PPE

- Hardhat
- Safety Glasses
- Flash Suit/FR Clothing
- Respirator/SCBA
- Rubber Gloves/Cover-up
- Harness & Lanyard

PPE (Continued)

- Work Gloves
- Goggles/Face shield
- Hearing Protection - Plugs, Muffs
- Reflective Vest/Bright Approved Shirt
- Grounds - Personal, Truck
- Di-electric Boots

ENERGY SOURCE CONTROLS

- Valve Location/Operation
- Oil Circuit Recloser
- Squeeze-off Tool - Static Guard
- Reclosing Relays
- Tap & Stopper
- LOTO/Disconnect

Underground Facility Locate Number: 10060.33231

ADDITIONAL JOB HAZARD CONSIDERATIONS: FIRE DEPT SQUEEZE OFF LINE

UNDERGROUND SURFACE, TRAFFIC, PPE, VEST, CONUS, CHOCKS,

OLD SEPTIC TANK,

EMPLOYEE completing Job Briefing Form (Signature): [Signature]

CREW MEMBERS (Print employee names & employee initial by name): K. Ray KR

R. SISK DS TONY KIRK TK

MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

(PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ALL CHECKS TO THIS FORM AND
USE PAPER CLIPS/DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS TO FORM)

PROCESS ROUTING FOR ALL VECTREN COMPANIES INCLUDING UTILITIES
AND NON REGULATED SUBSIDIARIES: SEND COMPLETED FORM,
ORIGINAL CHECK AND COPY OF CHECK TO REBECCA MINEAR IN
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING, BRAUN BUILDING, EVANSVILLE. RETAIN COPY
OF CHECK AND FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS. PLEASE INCLUDE PROPER
ACCOUNTING SO RECEIPT MAY BE CREDITED ACCURATELY. PLEASE
INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO THE RECEIPT MAY BE EASILY
RESEARCHED BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING GROUP.

Activity Date: **8/17/2010**
12:00:00 AM

Your Name, not your initials (employee): **Pam Barber**

Your Phone Number (employee): **812-491-4734**

Party Check Received From (Check Payor):

Address of Check Writer (Check Payor):

BATCH1-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Check Number **14549**

Amount of Check **\$696.62**

Utility/Company Name **VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF INDIANA - SOUTH**

Task Number **103.0510**

8232.21 - 2006 Account

Job Number **FDS0012442**

Date Printed: 8/18/2010

Transaction Information G-2746320 CHI-861239 2010/08/17

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Transaction Level Details

Env Num	1	Envelope	G-2746320
Transaction	G-2746320	Lockbox	CHI-861239
Date	2010/08/17	Time	16:00
Batch	1	Batch Item	1
Check	1	Check Amount	\$928.83
ABA/RT	086300012	Account Num	1272804
Check Num	014549		

Envelope and Check Image

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 04/67 14549
1205 N. MAIN ST.
MOUNT VERNON, IN 47620

DATE 8-13-10 71-1863

PAY TO THE ORDER OF VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF TN-SOUTH \$ 928.83
NINE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHTY & 83/100 DOLLARS

OLD NATIONAL BANK
Mt. Vernon, Indiana • oldnational.com

TREASURER Robert R. Hill

FOR JUN H FDS 00112442

⑆0⑆6⑆549⑆ ⑆0863000⑆2⑆ ⑆272804⑆

FIRST BAPTIST
1205 N. MAIN
MT. VERNON, TN 37620

LOUISVILLE KY 402
14 AUG 2010 PM 2-T

NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL

VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF TN-SOUTH
1239 RELIABLE PARKWAY
CHICAGO, IL 60686-0012

606860012

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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:

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Parties:

Excavator Information:

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name: 1st BAPTIST church

Title (if any): Billy Joe Bebout SR.

Address: 8700 S. Row RD

City, State Zip: Mt. Vernon IND. 47620

Preferred Telephone: 812 455-6831

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address: BJBebout@aol.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:

ON SEPARATE LETTER

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): \$ 900.00

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

SEPTIC TANK

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

Case #27

Witnesses From City (Mt.Vernon,Indiana)

Gary Shelton	driver	812-838-4537	(backed packer truck in hole of septic tank)
James Miller		812-205-7648	(Mt.Vernon,In. street Supervisor)
Kent Layer		812-455-3955	(City worker)
Roger Bebout		812-622-0538	(City worker)

Church Deacons

Robert Blackburn		812-838-5352	(was notified first about hole)
Monty Daniels		812-838-5054	
Frank Hardin		812-838-2869	(lives next door to church)

Case #27

To: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
Pipeline Safety Division

To Whom It May Concern,

In reference to gas line cut on June 3,2010 location West Grant Street Mt.Vernon, Indiana in Posey County. I Billy Joe Bebout was contacted by a Church Deacon from Frist Baptist Church, located at West Grant Street Mt.Vernon,Indiana in Posey County on June 3,2010.

The damage was believed to be the results from a heavy utility truck driving on the church parking lot to replace a utility pole cut off as a result of a semi truck accident on Grant st .This also resulted in repacing a second utility pole. The damaged top was not reported and the City Packer Truck (trash truck) came in and to back up behind the church to pick up the trash and was over to far and backed in to the open hole and a set of tires became lodged in the tank.

I will send the names of the city workers involved in the packer truck incident with their telephone numbers.

The Deacons wanted me to bring my Backhoe in and finish breaking in the top and walls of the septic tank to make sure when backfilled no water was blocked to have a soft spot in the parking lot and for safety, to keep anyone else from running into the open hole.

I told them that I was retired and did not have a permit to dig,and if there was any damages the church would be responsible,in the past I have worked with my backhoe at no charge to the church.

When I arrived the top was mostly jagged and caved in,this was not like digging a new hole,when I caved in the rest of the top this was when I cut a very old gas line placed across the top end of the very old septic tank.I called right away to get help,they arrived right away,there was no one hurt,no damage to other property,The police arrived,the city workers,soon Vectren Utility truck.

I in no way would do anything to put a persons life, or property in danger,the hole was already there.I believe this incident was mainly caused by Vectren Utility Co.Note when the utility truck came to the incident one of the church Deacons was very sternly telling the two workers he believed they drove all over the parking lot and did cause the top to cave in.The Deacon lives next to the church.Note the Utility Co used the church parking lot to replace the poles rather than block the street.

One of the Utility workers said he would talk to the utility company and maybe reduce the cost. The repair bill was sent to me and the church.\$1857.67.The church Deacons talked to Vectren Utility Co. and the spokes person said to pay half the cost.The church paid \$900 for the repairs,and paid for the rock to backfill the old tank.

Included are some pictures that may shed some light on how this gas line was cut.

Billy Joe Bebout
phone 1-812-985-5182 cell 1-812-455-6831
8700 s. Ford Road
Mt.Vernon, In.47620

