



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Kevin Sharick Underground**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2948

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 8/11/2012

Damage Date: 5/11/2012 9:03:59 AM

Damage Address: In Rt 14

City: Laud

County: Whitley

The Parties

Excavator: **Kevin Sharick Underground**

Contact: Duane Yoder

Address: 8785 West 750 North, Shipshewana, In 46565

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205040037

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: A 5/8" PE service was cut while installing fiber optic.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed on 6/18/2012. Gas operator reported excavator damaged the service facility having a valid locate and accurately marked facilities.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Kevin Sharick Underground currently has 5 other reports of damages in the record, between 10/3/2011 3:39:44 PM and 7/3/2012 9:45:38 AM.



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 25, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2948
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2948

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Date of Event: 5/11/2012

Event Location: In Rt 14, Laud

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Kevin Sharick Underground

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. To the extent available, NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the Damage Information Report – Pipeline Safety Division previously submitted by NIPSCO to IURC Pipeline Safety as well as additional documentation relating to this Event Location.

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	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2948	
Date of Event	5/11/2012
Event Location	In Rt 14, Laud
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Kevin Sharick Underground
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Kevin Sharick Underground
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	8785 West 750 North
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Shipshewana, IN 46565
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260 768 7986
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260 350 1534
EMAIL ADDRESS	ksharick@embarqmail.com
FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:	
BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	LUKE SELKING
TITLE	
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Morgan Thompson
TITLE (IF ANY)	Claims Coordinator
ADDRESS	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usicinc.com
OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
UTILITY LINE IMPACT	
LOCATION OF DAMAGE	
ADDRESS	4296 E ST RT 14
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Laud, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	S CR 400 E
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select 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	X
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205040032
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Excavator hit accurately marked service</p> <p>Damage ticket #: 1205110523</p>	

NIPSCO 00126 IUPPSa 05/11/2012 09:04:03 1205110523-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1205110523 Date: 05/11/2012 Time: 08:59 Oper: BTHOMPSON Chan:084

State: IN Cnty: WHITLEY Twp: JEFFERSON
Cityname: LAUD Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#2948

Address :

Street : IN RT 14

Cross 1 : S 500 E Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION GO 2500 FEET EAST AND THEN LOCATE GOING EAST ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF IN RT 14 FOR 2500 FEET

***Boring Where = RIGHT OF WAY AND DRIVEWAYS

:

Grids : 4104B8522C 4104B8522B 4104B8522A 4104B8523D

Boundary: n 41.079002 s 41.077660 w -85.385536 e -85.374794

Work type : INSTALL FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Done for : CENTURYLINK

Start date: 05/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 36 INCHES

Company : KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND Type: CONT

Co addr : 8785 WEST 750 NORTH

City : SHIPSHEWANA State: IN Zip: 46565

Caller : DUANE YODER Phone: (260)768-7986

Contact : KEVIN SHARICK CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)350-1534

Fax : (888)691-5007

Email : KSHARICK@EMBARQMAIL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN HIT AND IS BLOWING IN THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY--APPROX
20 FEET OFF OF THE ROAD--IS 1/2 INCH PLASTIC YELLOW LINE--CREW IS ONSITE--GAVE
CALLER THE PHONE NUMBER FOR NIPSCO--ADVISED HIM TO CALL 911--PREVIOUS TICKET
NUMBER 1205040037--THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 05/11/2012 Time: 08:59

Members: AEPIN ID2034 ID6111 NIPSCO ID5857

NIPSCO 00009 IUPPSa 05/04/2012 06:32:37 1205040037-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1205040037 Date: 05/04/2012 Time: 06:20 Oper: DHIGHBAUGH Chan:091

State: IN Cnty: WHITLEY Twp: JEFFERSON
Cityname: LAUD Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#2948

Address :

Street : IN RT 14

Cross 1 : S 500 E Within 1/4 mile: Y

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Boundary: n 41.079002 s 41.077660 w -85.385536 e -85.374794

Work type : INSTALL FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Done for : CENTURYLINK

Start date: 05/08/2012 Time: 07:00 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 36 INCHES

Company : KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND Type: CONT

Co addr : 8785 WEST 750 NORTH

City : SHIPSHEWANA State: IN Zip: 46565

Caller : KEVIN SHARICK Phone: (260)768-7986

Contact : KEVIN SHARICK CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (260)350-1534

Fax : (888)691-5007

Email : KSHARICK@EMBARQMAIL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CENTURYLINK NEED NOT RESPOND---THANK YOU

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 05/04/2012 Time: 06:20

Members: AEPIN ID2034 ID6111 NIPSCO ID5857

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120511002
Northern IN
5/11/2012 8:00:00 AM
5/11/2012 9:31:50 AM
DAWN Facility Owner
4296 E ST R 14 X S CR 400 E
COLUMBIA
ST: IN ZIP:

NOTIFICATION ID:
DISTRICT:
DAMAGE DATE:
NOTIFICATION DATE:
NOTIFIED BY:
DAMAGE ADDRESS:
CITY:

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/11/2012
09:30:00
10:00:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

KEVIN SHARICK UNDERGROUND
Instal Fiber line

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1205040032
5/8/2012 7:00:00 AM
Routine

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:
START DATE/TIME:
TYPE OF TICKET:
LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1205110523
5/11/2012 9:30:00 AM

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:
START DATE/TIME:

Zach Esslinger
5/11/2012 9:30:00 AM
Digital
n/a

PICTURES TAKEN BY:
DATE/TIME:
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:
FRAME #:

112319

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

Richard Ferguson
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120511002
NIPSCO
(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:
SELECT A CUSTOMER:
CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF
service
Esslinger Zack - 131325

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:
FACILITY ID:
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:
Facility Marked Accurately

Other:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:
Contractor exposed steel service, while digging a relieving pit for the bore the contractor cut the plastic service right on the marks.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
Gas service crew-The contractor knows they have to hand dig 2' both sides of the mark, your marks are dead on, not your issue

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
This is BS. What am I supposed to do. How am I to know there was more than one service.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:
n/a-none

Yes	WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?
Yes	WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?
Yes	WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?
5/8 pl service cut in 2	EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE
2'	REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE
No n/a	WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?
none	WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?
No	IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?
n/a	IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

