



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Eric Toth**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2952

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/10/2012

Damage Date: 5/12/2012 12:11:38 PM

Damage Address: 3112 E Morton Rd

City: Rolling Prairie

County: Laporte

### The Parties

Excavator: **Eric Toth**

Contact: Trish Toth

Address: 3112 E Morton Rd, Rolling Prairie, In 46371

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): \$365

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Excavator request locates: No    Indiana 811 ticket Number: NO PREVIOUS TICKET

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Fencing

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a fence post.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 6/18/2012. The excavator/homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

**Eric Toth** currently has no other report of damages in the record.



## DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jun 27, 2012

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### Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCo)

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 962 0422

Fax number (*area code*): 219 962 0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

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### Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Tricia Toth

Business address (*number and street*): 3112 E Morton Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Rolling Prairie, IN

Telephone number (*area code*): 574 220 2868

Fax number (*area code*): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Fencing

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**Date and Location of Damage**

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 12, 2012

County: Laporte

City: Rolling Prairie

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
3112 E Morton Rd Rolling Prairie IN

Nearest intersection: N 300 E

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product?

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 4

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Affected Facility Information**

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 18

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**Notification, Locating, Marking**

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: No locate requested

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: no locates \_\_\_\_\_

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

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### **Description of Cause**

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

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### **Additional Comments**

Damage ticket #: 1205120175

Occupant did report to IN811 after damage occurred.

Case # 2952. MAO 6/29/2012.



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 25, 2012

*Via Electronic Transmission – [PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2952  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2952

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: 5/12/2012

Event Location: 3112 E Morton Rd, Rolling Prairie

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Trish Toth

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 2952

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](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2952</b>	
Date of Event	5/12/2012
Event Location	3112 E Morton Rd, Rolling Prairie
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Trish Toth
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Eric & Trish Toth
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Eric Toth
TITLE (IF ANY)	Property Owner
ADDRESS	3112 E. Morton Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC Locating Service
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9045 North River Road, Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	3112 E. Morton Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	5/8 plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	364.55
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X Mechanized Equipment
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	X
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)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	No

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N/A
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
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)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Excavator failed to notify one-call center  Damage ticket #: 1205120175  Compensation has been received from the excavator.</p>	



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**Date and Location of Damage**Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 12, 2012County: LaporteCity: Rolling PrairieStreet address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):  
3112 E Morton Rd Rolling Prairie INNearest intersection: N 300 ERight of way where damage occurred: Private - Land OwnerWas there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product?

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? NoIf yes, how many evacuated? 0Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? \_\_\_\_\_

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 4Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

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### **Additional Comments**

Damage ticket #: 1205120175

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120512001

Northern IN

5/12/2012 12:10:00 PM

5/12/2012 12:13:42 PM

ADAM DANIELSON Facility Owner

3112 E MORTON RD

ROLLING PRAIRIE

ST: IN ZIP: 00000

NOTIFICATION ID:

DISTRICT:

DAMAGE DATE:

NOTIFICATION DATE:

NOTIFIED BY:

DAMAGE ADDRESS:

CITY:

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NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/12/2012

INVESTIGATION DATE:

13:20:00

FROM:

13:35:00

TO:

Homeowner

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:

Repairing fence

TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

Yes

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1205120175

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

Kevin Fox

PICTURES TAKEN BY:

5/12/2012 1:30:00 PM

DATE/TIME:

Digital

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:

FRAME #:

116375

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:

Joe Hendrickson

INVESTIGATOR NAME:

**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**

No

# Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120512001

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

**NOTIFICATION ID:**

**SELECT A CUSTOMER:**

**CUSTOMER #:**

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Yes

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION:**

**FACILITY ID:**

**LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:**

**LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

No Locate Req. By Contractor

**Other:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):**

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

**INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:**

Homeowner was repairing his fence. He was cleaning out the hole that one of his fenceposts were in not knowing his gas line was just missed when they first installed the post years ago. No ticket had been called in.

**NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

N/A

**NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

N/A

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

N/A

**WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?**

No

**WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?**

No

**WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?**

No

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE**

Cut gas service

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE**

N/A

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?**

No N/A

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?**

Post

**IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?**

No

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

N/A

NIPSCO 00036 IUPPSa 05/12/2012 12:11:54 1205120175-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1205120175 Date: 05/12/2012 Time: 12:07 Oper: LPORTER Chan:046

State: IN Cnty: LAPORTE Twp: GALENA  
Cityname: ROLLING PRAIRIE Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address : 3112  
Street : E MORTON RD  
Cross 1 : N 300 E Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: LOCATE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HOUSE

# 2952

Grids : 4144B8637B 4144B8637A 4144B8638D 4144B8638C 4144B8638B  
Boundary: n 41.745766 s 41.741783 w -86.642197 e -86.625793

Work type : REPAIR FENCE  
Done for : TRISH TOTH  
Start date: 05/12/2012 Time: 12:08 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y  
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 2 FEET

Company : TRISH TOTH Type: HOME  
Co addr : 3112 E MORTON RD  
City : ROLLING PRAIRIE State: IN Zip: 46371  
Caller : TRISH TOTH Phone: (574)220-2868  
Contact : TRISH TOTH - CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)220-2868

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER TRISH TOTH - HIT GAS LINE - GAS IS BLOWING AND SMELL GAS - DIGGING SOUTHEAST  
CORNER OF HOUSE LINE DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN- PROPERTY OWNERS STILL ON SITE - HAS  
CALLED NIPSCO - NO PREVIOUS TICKET AVAILABLE  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 05/12/2012 Time: 12:07  
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID8000 NIPSCO SM

# IURC Damage Information Request

Complete at damage site. Please scan and email completed form to [cludwig@nisource.com](mailto:cludwig@nisource.com) within 10 days of damage.

Date 5/12/2012

City Rolling Prairie

Address 3112 E Morton Rd

Contractor Tricia Toth

Type of Equipment Post hole diggers

Work Type Fence installation

Locate # N/A

Locates (yes/no) No

Accurate Locates (yes/no) No

Paint, flags or both N/A

Release of Gas (yes/no) Yes

Detailed description of Event including equipment used Customer hit service with fence post, had no locates

Depth of line 18"

Were locates performed in 2 working days (yes/no) No

Service or main and size of line 5/8" Plastic

Pressure (PSI) 45 #

Outage (yes/no) No

How many customers lost 0

Time to restore service 4 hrs

Evacuation (yes/no) No

How many evacuated 0

Ignition of product (yes/no) No

Damage or leak Damage

Entered & submitted 6/12/12