



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Rick Kirkland**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2958

Investigator: Mike Orr

Report Date: 9/12/2012

Damage Date: 5/14/2012 3:13:16 PM

Damage Address: 561 N 625 W

City: Hobart

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Rick Kirkland**

Contact: Rick Kirkland

Address: 564 N 625 W, Hobart, In 46342

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: 1204173003

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Bldg. Construction

Synopsis: A 5/8" service was damaged during deck construction as excavator had an expired locate ticket.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 6/18/2012. Gas operator presented evidence that the locate had expired which was for pool construction and this work was outside the scope of the original locate.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to notify IN811 for a locate for the purpose intended.

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

Rick Kirkland currently has no other report of damage in the record.



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 25, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2958
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2958

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: 5/14/2012

Event Location: 561 N 625 W, Hobart

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Rick Kirkland

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle".

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2958	
Date of Event	5/14/2012
Event Location	561 N 625 W, Hobart
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Rick Kirkland
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Rick Kirkland
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Rick Krikland
TITLE (IF ANY)	Property Owner
ADDRESS	561 N. 625 W.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Hobart, IN 46342
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
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 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	
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	561 N. 625 W.
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Hobart, IN 46342
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
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)	45
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
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	X Deck Post
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1205143471
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
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
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 dug outside scope of expired locate request #: 1204173003 Damage ticket # 1205143471 Nipsco emergency locate ticket #: 1205143643</p>	

NIPSCO 01242 IUPPSa 05/14/2012 15:13:19 1205143471-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE

Ticket : 1205143471 Date: 05/14/2012 Time: 15:09 Oper: TFRICKE Chan:028

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: UNION
Cityname: HOBART Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#2958

Address : 561
Street : N 625 W
Cross 1 : IN RT 130 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE FRONT OF PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4131C8711C 4131B8711C 4131A8711C 4132D8711C 4131C8711D
Grids : 4131B8711D 4131A8711D 4132D8711D
Boundary: n 41.536602 s 41.520962 w -87.187866 e -87.186081

Work type : INSTALL POOL
Done for : RICK KIRKLAND
Start date: 05/14/2012 Time: 15:10 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 1 FOOT

Company : RICK KIRKLAND Type: OTHR
Co addr : 564 N 625 W
City : HOBART State: IN Zip: 46342
Caller : RICK KIRKLAND Phone: (219)628-1831
Contact : RICK KIRKLAND Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)628-1831

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER RICK - A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT - DOES NOT KNOW SIZE OR COLOR OF LINE
- LINE IS BLOWING - ADVISED CALLER TO CONTACT 911 - NIPSCO HAS BEEN CALLED -
DIGGING IN FRONT OF PROPERTY - NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? YES
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Submitted date: 05/14/2012 Time: 15:09
Members: BE COMCN ID2227 ID2509 ID2986 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120514014
Northern IN
5/14/2012 3:09:00 PM
5/14/2012 3:15:10 PM
RICK KIRKLAND
561 N 625 W
HOBART
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/14/2012
15:20:00
15:45:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

HOMEOWNER
Installing deck post

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1204173003
4/19/2012 3:30:00 PM
Routine

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

1205143471
5/14/2012 3:10:00 PM

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

Bob Anderson
5/14/2012 3:35:00 PM
Digital
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PICTURES TAKEN BY:
DATE/TIME:
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:
FRAME #:

117382
Bob Anderson

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120514014

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Day Scott - 131986

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Old Request,
Relocate Needed

Other: Old faded marks on property

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

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

The homeowner hit the gas service with a post hole digger next to the front porch. There were old markings in the grass on the side of the house in the yard but the homeowner was not sure when the locate was done or if there was a ticket number called in for this work. They had a pool installed in April so the locates might have been from that. Pool ticket called for east side of house and they had the area marked where the pool was going. this was an expired ticket and didnt cover the scope of the new digging.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Nipsco 680 & crew on site made repair as needed to the plastic service.

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

Homeowner on site claimed he had locates but could not produce a ticket number.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

None

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?

No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

cut into gas service

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

splice kit 2ft

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

post hole digger

No

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)