STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: M & K Concrete C/o John Kelly

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3115

Investigator: Jay Scherer

Report Date: 8/27/2012

Damage Date: 5/29/2012 2:41:09 PM

Damage Address: 7311 E 104th Pl

City: Winfield

County: Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **M & K Concrete C/o John Kelly**

Contact: John Kelly

Address: 319 E. 316 N. Suite B, Valparaiso, In 46383

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: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of work performed: Drainage

Synopsis: The Natural Gas operator reports excavator was installing downspout drainage and damaged a service drop.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed July 13, 2012. Excavator damaged a gas service by excavating without a valid locate.

Conclusion: There was a failure to request a valid locate to excavate.

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

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3115
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3115

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: 5/29/2012

Event Location: 7311 E 104th Pl, Winfield

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: John Kelly

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3115

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3115	
Date of Event	5/29/2012
Event Location	7311 E 104th Pl, Winfield
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	John Kelly
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	John Kelley (M& K Concrete in Valparaiso)
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	319 E 316 N Suite B
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Valparaiso, IN 46383
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
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	7311 E. 104th Pl
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Crown Point, IN 46307 (Winfield)
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)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	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/Scrapper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	X – (Down Spouts)
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 – Damage #1205293395
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)	N/A
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	
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	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
No Locate Requested.	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120529010

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 5/29/2012 2:34:00 PM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 5/29/2012 2:45:11 PM

NOTIFIED BY: GREG MICHAELS

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 7311 E 104TH PL

CITY: WINFIELD

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 05/29/2012

FROM: 13:50:00

TO: 14:20:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: John Kelly Concrete

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Patio & Downspouts

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

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1205293395

START DATE/TIME: 5/29/2012 2:35:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: John Walker

DATE/TIME: 5/29/2012 1:55:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #: 1

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 131788

INVESTIGATOR NAME: John Walker

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120529010

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN: Yes

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,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:
This contractor was ok with the depth of the patio but when he started digging the trench for the downspouts, he hit the plastic gas service. No previous locates were called in for this address.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
Nipsco rep made the necessary repairs and verified that no previous locate was called.

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
John Kelly on site stated no locate request called in.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:
Homeowner

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? No

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

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERENCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut gas service

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 1ft Splice kit

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? N/A

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 01023 IUPPSa 05/29/2012 14:41:11 1205293395-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1205293395 Date: 05/29/2012 Time: 14:34 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: WINFIELD
Cityname: WINFIELD Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES WEST

#3115

Address : 7311
Street : E 104TH PL
Cross 1 : RANDOLPH ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE EASTSIDE OF HOUSE
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Grids : 4125B8714C 4125A8714C 4126D8714C 4125B8714B 4125A8714B
Grids : 4126D8714B 4125B8714A 4125A8714A 4126D8714A
Boundary: n 41.434620 s 41.427086 w -87.247025 e -87.238724

Work type : INSTALL DOWNSPOUTS
Done for : JAMES FEENEY
Start date: 05/29/2012 Time: 14:37 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: UNKNOWN

Company : JOHN KELLY Type: OTHR
Co addr : NONE
City : VALPAIRASO State: IN Zip: 00000
Caller : GREG MICHAELS Phone: (219)405-9783
Contact : JAMES FEENEY--HOME Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)779-9900

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS BLOWING--ADVISED TO CALL 911--NIPSCO HAS BEEN NOTIFIED--LINE WAS CUT APPROX 70FT OFF ROAD NEAR GARAGE--CREW ON SITE--NO PREV TICKET--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/29/2012 Time: 14:34
Members: COMCN IB ID2227 ID2511 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

No Locate Request

No Emergency Request