



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Elkhart Public Utilities

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3160

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 8/16/2012

Damage Date: 6/11/2012 9:01:58 AM

Damage Address: 144 Division St

City: Elkhart

County: Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: **Elkhart Public Utilities**

Contact: Jonathan Brown, Water Distribution Sup.

Address: 1201 South Nappanee Street, Elkhart, In 46516

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: 19

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1206041219

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Water

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a water line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 8/15/2012. The excavator reported the gas service was "looped at the main" and was not located. They also reported the locating company could verify this information. The investigator for the locating company reported the service in fact did "loop at the main" however; they also reported the line was located "right at the tolerance".

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet 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.



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jul 6, 2012

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

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: Elkhart Public Utilities

Business address (*number and street*): 1201 South Nappanee St

City, State, and ZIP code: Elkhart, IN 46516

Telephone number (*area code*): 574 293 2572

Fax number (*area code*): 574 293 7658

E-mail address:

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Municipality

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 11, 2012 _____

County: Elkhart _____

City: Elkhart _____

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
147 Division St Elkhart IN _____

Nearest intersection: East St _____

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0 _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 19 _____

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 8 _____

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0 _____

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0 _____

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

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? 30 _____

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1206041219 _____

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USIC _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

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

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

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

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Excavator hit accurately located facility

Main had to be shut down for repair causes large amount of outages

Damage ticket #: 1206110600

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1206110663

Excavator reported this damage to IN811 in Spreadsheet CF. MAO 7/6/2012.



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3160
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3160

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: 6/11/2012

Event Location: 144 Division St, Elkhart

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Elkhart Public Utilities

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3160

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. 3160	
Date of Event	6/11/2012
Event Location	144 Division St, Elkhart
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Elkhart Public Utilities
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Elkhart Public Utilities
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	147 Division St
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Elkhart, IN
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574 293 2572
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	574 320 3444
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	
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	USIC
TITLE (IF ANY)	Morgan Thompson
ADDRESS	Claims Coordinator
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	Indianapolis, IN 46240
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
EMAIL ADDRESS	Same
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	147 Division St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Elkhart, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	East St
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	19
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	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
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)	X
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 1206110600
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1206041219
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	
Excavator hit accurately marked facility Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1206110663	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120611003

Northern IN

6/11/2012 9:00:00 AM

6/11/2012 9:10:11 AM

TERRY BUNN

144 DIVISION ST

ELKHART

ST: IN ZIP:

NOTIFICATION ID:

DISTRICT:

DAMAGE DATE:

NOTIFICATION DATE:

NOTIFIED BY:

DAMAGE ADDRESS:

CITY:

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

06/11/2012

INVESTIGATION DATE:

09:30:00

FROM:

11:30:00

TO:

CITY OF ELKHART PUBLIC WORKS

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:

Water service repair

TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1206041219

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1206110600

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

Dan Miley

PICTURES TAKEN BY:

6/11/2012 9:30:00 AM

DATE/TIME:

Digital

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:

FRAME #:

113448

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:

Dan Miley

INVESTIGATOR NAME:

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120611003

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

service - 5/8"

Miley Dan - 113448

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,
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

The contractor hit a 5/8" pl service. This was a long side service that tied into the 8" stl main on the north side of Division in front of 144 Division. The service loops to the north side of the main they ties in on the back side. Nipsco had to weld on a shut off about 50' west to isolate the repair. With the shut off in place they narrowed the re-lights to about 11 from the possible 120. Nipsco did not dig up the entire area of damage, only enough to splice the service. The marks are right on the main, and the service, but right at tolerance on the looped part of the service.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Gary Dodge " They failed to hand expose"

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?

Yes

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?

Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

cut in half

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

1"

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

BackHoe-Tap Machine

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00243 IUPPSa 06/11/2012 09:02:04 1206110600-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206110600 Date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: CONCORD
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 144
Street : DIVISION ST
Cross 1 : EAST ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4140A8558D 4141D8558D
Boundary: n 41.683811 s 41.681934 w -85.970413 e -85.966805

Work type : SERVICE REPAIR
Done for : CITY OF ELKHART
Start date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : ONE DAY Depth: SEVEN FEET

Company : ELKHART PUBLIC UTILITIES Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1201 SOUTH NAPPANEE STREET
City : ELKHART State: IN Zip: 46516
Caller : TERRY BUNN Phone: (574)293-2572
Contact : DOUG REESER--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)320-3463
Fax : (574)293-7658

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS BLOWING--911 HAS BEEN CALLED--LINE WAS CUT
IN FRONT OF PROPERTY--NIPSCO EN ROUTE--SIZE/COLOR UNKNOWN--MAY BE SERVICE
LINE--CREW ON SITE--PREV TICKET 1206041219--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID0598 ID5121 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

CASE # 3160

NIPSCO 00354 IUPPSa 06/04/2012 10:20:59 1206041219-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206041219 Date: 06/04/2012 Time: 10:18 Oper: JONATHAN.BROWN Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: CONCORD
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 144
Street : DIVISION ST
Cross 1 : EAST ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4140A8558D 4141D8558D
Boundary: n 41.683811 s 41.681934 w -85.970413 e -85.966805

Work type : SERVICE REPAIR
Done for : CITY OF ELKHART
Start date: 06/06/2012 Time: 10:30 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : ONE DAY Depth: SEVEN FEET

Company : ELKHART PUBLIC UTILITIES Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1201 SOUTH NAPPANEE STREET
City : ELKHART State: IN Zip: 46516
Caller : JONATHAN BROWN Phone: (574)293-2572
Contact : JONATHAN BROWN - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)320-3444
Fax : (574)293-7658

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/04/2012 Time: 10:18
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID0598 ID5121 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

CASE # 3160

IURC Damage Information Request

Date 6-11-12

City Elkhart

Address 147 Division st

Contractor Elkhart City Water Dept.

Type of Equipment Backhoe

Work Type Water/Sewer

Locate #

Locates (yes/no)

Accurate Locates (yes/no)

Paint, flags or both

Release of Gas (yes/no)

Detailed description of Event including equipment used Backhoe severed
5/8" service

Depth of line 30"

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

Service or main and size of line 5/8

Pressure (PSI) 45 PSI

Outage (yes/no)

How many customers lost 19

Time to restore service

Evacuation (yes/no)

How many evacuated 0

Ignition of product (yes/no)

Damage or leak



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

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Excavator Information, if known

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Business address (*number and street*): 1201 South Nappanee St

City, State, and ZIP code: Elkhart, IN 46516

Telephone number (*area code*): 574 293 2572

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E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Municipality

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): Jun 11, 2012

County: Elkhart

City: Elkhart

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
147 Division St Elkhart IN

Nearest intersection: East St

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 19

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 8

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$

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? 30

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? Yes

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1206041219

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

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

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint and Flags

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

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

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

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

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

excavator hit accurately located facility

Main had to be shut down for repair causes large amount of outages

Damage ticket #: 1206110600

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1206110663



05/08/2012



05/07/2012



05/05/2012

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 3160

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: **The City of Elkhart**

Responsible Party Personal Name: **Jonathan Brown**

Title (if any): **Water Distribution Supervisor**

Address: **1201 South Nappanee St.**

City, State Zip: **Elkhart, IN 46516**

Preferred Telephone: **Please contact Utility Staff Attorney, Margaret M. Jones, (574) 293-2572**

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address: **Please contact Utility Staff Attorney: Maggie.jones@coei.org**

Facility Information:

Business Name: **NIPSCO**

Responsible Party Personal Name: Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip: Preferred Telephone: Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: **Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (aka Call Before You Dig)**

Responsible Party Personal Name: Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone: **(800) 382-5544**

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information: Personal Contact:

Business/Organization Name: Title (if any)

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Utility Line Impact: This information is unknown to the Excavator

Location of Damage:

Address: **144 Division St.**

City, State Zip: **Elkhart, IN 46516**

Nearest Intersection: **East St. and Division St.**

Product Type (circle one):

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

Facility Type (circle one): Distribution

Gathering Service/Drop Transmission Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): _____

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes /No Number of Customers Affected: _____

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

Repair Cost (if Known): \$ _____

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

Release of Product: **Yes**

Ignition and/or Fire: **No**

Excavator Notify 811: **Yes**

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate: **Yes**

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: **1206041219**

Locate Marks Visible: **Yes**

Locate Marks Correct: **No, the gas service line looped around from the gas main in the opposite direction of the service address. The locate service can verify this fact. This line was not marked and did not have a locator tracer wire. This gas service line was the line that was hit. The gas main was properly located and was not hit.**

Excavator "White Lined": **No**

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: **No**

Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: **Yes**

Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: **Yes**

Incident Impact Information:

Number of Outpatient Treated: **0**

Number of Inpatient Treated: **0**

Number of Fatalities: **0**

Fire Department Response: **No**

Police Department Response: **No**

Ambulance Response: **No**

Additional Information/Comments:

Please see attached documents. Exhibit 1 is the reference ticket for the facility location request dated 6/4/12. Exhibit 2 is the Damage ticket.

The City of Elkhart's position as to this Notice Violation is as follows:

1. IC 8-1-26-1(g) Failure to provide notice of excavation: The attached Exhibit 1 shows that the City notified Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service of the excavation within 1 week prior to excavating. The City of Elkhart has not violated this statute.
2. IC 8-26-16(h) Failure to perform required white lining: Pursuant to the referenced statute, white lining is only necessary if the excavator is unable to provide the physical location by one of the following means: a) street address; b) legal description; or c) a highway location. The City of Elkhart provided the street address (see Exhibit 1), therefore white lining was not necessary. The City of Elkhart has not violated the statute.
3. IC 8-1-26-20(b) Failure to maintain two feet clearance with mechanized equipment: The unmarked gas service line looped around the gas main. Since the service line was not marked the excavation crew was not able to maintain the two feet clearance. The locate service can verify this fact. The City of Elkhart has not violated the statute.

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO.: 3160

YOUR FULL NAME: Margaret M. Jones

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable): City of Elkhart, Indiana

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable): Utility Staff Attorney

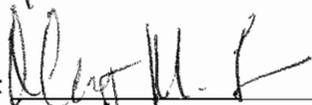
ADDRESS: 1201 South Nappanee St.

CITY: Elkhart STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 46516

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (574) 293-2572 SECOND NO. () _____ - _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: maggie.jones@coei.org

TODAY'S DATE: 8/13/12

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE (if any): Utility Staff Attorney

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

Pipeline Safety Division- Case No.:---:--- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

EXHIBIT 1

"If you have a pencil handy, I have a ticket number to provide to you. If you need to call us back for any reason, your ticket number will assist us in locating this ticket. Are you ready for your number?"

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206041219 Date: 06/04/2012 Time: 10:18 Oper: JONATHAN.BROWN Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: CONCORD
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 144
Street : DIVISION ST
Cross 1 : EAST ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4140A8558D 4141D8558D

Work type : SERVICE REPAIR
Done for : CITY OF ELKHART
Start date: 06/06/2012 Time: 10:30 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : ONE DAY Depth: SEVEN FEET

Company : ELKHART PUBLIC UTILITIES Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1201 SOUTH NAPPANEE STREET
City : ELKHART State: IN Zip: 46516
Caller : JONATHAN BROWN Phone: (574)293-2572
Contact : JONATHAN BROWN - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)320-3444
Fax : (574)293-7658

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

Submitted date: 06/04/2012 Time: 10:18
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID0598 ID5121 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Member Name	Facility Types
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	ELECTRIC
COMCAST NORTH	CABLE TV
BLANTIC TELECOM	FIBER OPTIC
ELKHART PUBLIC UTILITIES	WATER
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE
LIGHTCORE, A CENTURYLINK COMPANY	FIBER OPTIC
NIPSCO	GAS & ELECTRIC
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	FIBER OPTIC

EXHIBIT 2

Locater Requests

From: irth@iupps.org
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 9:02 AM
To: Locater Requests
Subject: IUPPS ID0598 2012/06/11 #00003 1206110600-00A DAMG DAMG

Importance: High

ID0598 00003 IUPPSa 06/11/2012 09:02:04 1206110600-00A EMER DAMG STRT
DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206110600 Date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: CONCORD
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 144
Street : DIVISION ST
Cross 1 : EAST ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4140A8558D 4141D8558D
Boundary: n 41.683811 s 41.681934 w -85.970413 e -85.966805

Work type : SERVICE REPAIR
Done for : CITY OF ELKHART
Start date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : ONE DAY Depth: SEVEN FEET

Company : ELKHART PUBLIC UTILITIES Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1201 SOUTH NAPPANEE STREET
City : ELKHART State: IN Zip: 46516
Caller : TERRY BUNN Phone: (574)293-2572
Contact : DOUG REESER--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)320-3463
Fax : (574)293-7658

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN CUT--LINE IS BLOWING--911 HAS BEEN CALLED--LINE WAS CUT IN FRONT OF PROPERTY--NIPSCO EN ROUTE--SIZE/COLOR UNKNOWN--MAY BE SERVICE LINE--CREW ON SITE--PREV TICKET 1206041219-- THANK YOU Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:00
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID0598 ID5121 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Locater Requests

From: irth@iupps.org
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Locater Requests
Subject: IUPPS ID0598 2012/06/11 #00009 1206110663-00A EMER NEW

Importance: High

ID0598 00009 IUPPSa 06/11/2012 09:10:44 1206110663-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206110663 Date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:05 Oper: CSCOTT Chan:001

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: CONCORD
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 144
Street : DIVISION ST
Cross 1 : EAST ST Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
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Grids : 4140A8558D 4141D8558D
Boundary: n 41.683811 s 41.681934 w -85.970413 e -85.966805

Work type : REPAIRING HIT GAS SERVICE
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:08 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 801 E 86TH AVE
City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410
Caller : KATE WARD-TURNER Phone: (800)322-2806
Contact : RICH WAHLGEN - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)360-9736
Fax : (219)647-4764

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time CREW IS EN ROUTE
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 06/11/2012 Time: 09:05
Members: AEPIN COMCN ID0252 ID0598 ID5121 ID5693 ID8000 NIPSCO SM