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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Precision Utilities Group Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3231

Investigator: Jay Scherer

Report Date: 09/21/2012

Damage Date: 5/30/2012

Damage Address: 3317 E Us Highway 24

City: Monticello

County: White

The Parties

Excavator: **Precision Utilities Group Inc**

Contact: Shane Gann

Address: 5714 Saint Joe Rd, Fort Wayne, In 46835

Telephone: 260 485 8300

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 11

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): $

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205161747

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Synopsis: Excavator damaged a 4 inch natural gas main while installing a telecommunications line.

Findings: Reported by NIPSCO; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/13/2012. Excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate markings; yet, the excavator failed to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

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.

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

August 13, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3231
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3231

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: 5/30/2012

Event Location: 3317 E Us Highway 24, Monticello

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Precision Utilities Group Inc.

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3231

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3231	
Date of Event	5/30/2012
Event Location	3317 E Us Highway 24, Monticello
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Precision Utilities Group Inc.
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Precision Utilities Group
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Shane Gann
TITLE (IF ANY)	Supervisor
ADDRESS	5714 St. Joe Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46835
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260 482-8300
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	260 409-9564
EMAIL ADDRESS	shanegann@precisionug.net
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	3317 E US Highway 24
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Monticello, IN 47960
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	4” plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	50
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	11
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	X
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scrapper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
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)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	X
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)	No
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205161747
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Yes
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Yes
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)	N/A
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Failure to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120530005	**NOTIFICATION ID:**
Northern IN	**DISTRICT:**
5/30/2012 11:45:00 AM	**DAMAGE DATE:**
5/30/2012 11:47:54 AM	**NOTIFICATION DATE:**
LAURA Facility Owner	**NOTIFIED BY:**
3317 E US RT 24 X S 300 E	**DAMAGE ADDRESS:**
MONTICELLO	**CITY:**
ST: IN **ZIP:**	

NIPSCO	**DAMAGED CUSTOMER:**

05/30/2012	**INVESTIGATION DATE:**
11:45:00	**FROM:**
12:05:00	**TO:**

BERRY IT INC	**EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:**
Borring in C-Link cables	**TYPE OF EXCAVATION:**

1205083085	**ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:**
5/11/2012 7:00:00 AM	**START DATE/TIME:**
Routine	**TYPE OF TICKET:**
	LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

1205302082	**DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:**
5/30/2012 12:00:00 PM	**START DATE/TIME:**

Tim Bednarz	**PICTURES TAKEN BY:**
5/30/2012 12:00:00 PM	**DATE/TIME:**
Digital	**PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:**
n/a	**FRAME #:**

112319	**INVESTIGATOR EMP#:**
Richard Ferguson	**INVESTIGATOR NAME:**

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID:
01820120530005

SELECT A CUSTOMER:
NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #:
(optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:
LOWPROF

FACILITY ID:
main - 3"

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:
Bednarz Tim - 116288

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:
Maini cut within 4-6" of the mark

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
Nipsco crew on site verified marks were accurate

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:
Berry-It reps stated they had been marking over top of the yellow and hooking back up and markign the main with orange. They new where the main was and had it exposed several places, they just got to close to it with their bore machine. I can't believe they did not give us a wider easment. Upon further review the contracotr causing damage and making above statements was Precession utilities. Several contracotrs moving facilities for road improvement. Precesions previous locate request was 1205161747.

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:
n/a-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 TOLERENCE ZONE OF MARKS?
Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE
3" pl main bored into

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE
10'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?
No n/a

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?
none

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?
Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

Fieldbrowser

DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Jul 2, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

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: Precision Utilities Group Inc

Business address *(number and street)*: 5714 Saint Joe Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Telephone number *(area code)*: 260 485 8300

Fax number *(area code)*: 260 485 8398

E-mail address: AMYGOODWIN@PRECISIONUG.COM

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Boring

Type of work performed: Telecommunications

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): May 30, 2012

County: White

City: Monticello

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
3317 E US Highway 24 Monticello IN

Nearest intersection: S 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? 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? 11

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 $

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Distribution

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 36

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known:

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"? No

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? No

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: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency ticket#: 1205302082

Date 5-30-12

City Monticello

Address 53317 E US HW 24

Contractor Precision Utilities Group Inc.

Type of Equipment Bore Machine

Work Type boring in fiber conduit

Locate #

Locates (yes/no) no

Accurate Locates (yes/no)

Paint, flags or both

Release of Gas (yes/no) yes

Description of Event - hit 4 in plastic line with bore machine

Depth of line 3 feet

Service or main and size of line - 4 in plastic main

Pressure (PSI) 50lbs

Outage (yes/no) yes

How many customers lost - 11

Time to restore service 4 hours

Evacuation (yes/no) - no

How many evacuated

Ignition of product (yes/no) - no

Damage or leak Damage

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