



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Donald Summar**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3282

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 08/28/2012

Damage Date: 06/26/2012 6:52:48 PM

Damage Address: 614 Elm St Sw

City: De Motte

County: Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **Donald Summar**

Contact: Donald Summar

Address: 614 Elm St Sw, Demotte, In 46310

Telephone: (219) 202-4248

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: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Bldg. Construction

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged during excavation to build a fence.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; homeowner has not responded to initial notice that was mailed out on 07/13/2012. Homeowner did not call to request that underground utilities be located prior to beginning work.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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. 3282
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3282

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: 6/26/2012

Event Location: 614 Elm St SW, DeMotte

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Donald Summar

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,

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 3282	
Date of Event	6/26/2012
Event Location	614 Elm St SW, DeMotte
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Donald Summar
Date of IURC Information Request	7/13/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Donald Summar
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Donald Summar
TITLE (IF ANY)	Property Owner
ADDRESS	614 Elm St SW
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Demotte, IN 46310
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	614 Elm St SW
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Demotte, IN 46310
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)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
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	X (Post Hole Digger)
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	X
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	
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)	Yes - Keener Volunteer
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Yes - Demotte PD
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Homeowner failed to call for locates prior to excavation.	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120626015
Northern IN
6/26/2012 6:51:00 PM
6/26/2012 6:55:08 PM
DONALD SUMMAR
614 ELM ST SW
DE MOTTE
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

06/26/2012
19:35:00
19:55:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

Homeowner
deck

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1204121060
4/16/2012 8:00:00 AM
Routine

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

1206263245
6/26/2012 6:50:00 PM

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

TimBednarz
6/26/2012 7:50:00 PM
Digital

PICTURES TAKEN BY:
DATE/TIME:
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:
FRAME #:

116288

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

TimBednarz
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?

No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120626015

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

service - 5/8"

McNaughton Jason - 113375

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Old Request,
Relocate Needed

Other:

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

Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

Homeowner-said-he-had-locates-back-in-april-but-never-called-for-relocates.I-didn't-see-any-paint-or-flags-on-site.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

NIPSCO-repair

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

Homeowner

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

None

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 TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

cracked-plastic-line

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

1ft-splice

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00994 IUPPSa 06/26/2012 18:52:52 1206263245-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1206263245 Date: 06/26/2012 Time: 18:51 Oper: BBASTIN Chan:045

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: KEENER
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

#3282

Address : 614
Street : ELM ST SW
Cross 1 : 7TH ST SW Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE BACK YARD

:
Grids : 4111B8712C 4111A8712C
Boundary: n 41.197994 s 41.195637 w -87.206314 e -87.204788

Work type : INSTALL DECK
Done for : DONALD SUMMAR
Start date: 06/26/2012 Time: 18:51 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : DONALD SUMMAR Type: HOME
Co addr : 614 ELM ST SW
City : DEMOTTE State: IN Zip: 46310
Caller : DONALD SUMMAR Phone: (219)202-4248
Contact : DONALD SUMMAR - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)202-4248

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO LINE HAS BEEN DAMAGED NEAR THE POOL IN THE BACKYARD OF PROPERTY--GAS
LINE IS BLOWING AND CAN SMELLED--CALLER HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CALL 911--CALLER
CANT DESCRIBE LINE--CREW IS ON SITE--CALLER HAS ALREADY CALLED NIPSCO--PREV
TICKET NUMBER IS 1204121060--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 06/26/2012 Time: 18:51
Members: COMCN ID2009 ID3831 ID5693 NIPSCO SM

Ticket Expired - 74 days old

NIPSCO 00223 IUPPSa 04/12/2012 10:11:11 1204121060-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1204121060 Date: 04/12/2012 Time: 10:02 Oper: CJODOM Chan:056

State: IN Cnty: JASPER Twp: KEENER
Cityname: DE MOTTE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

#3282

Address : 614
Street : ELM ST SW
Cross 1 : 7TH ST SW Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE BACK YARD
:
Grids : 4111B8712C 4111A8712C
Boundary: n 41.197994 s 41.195637 w -87.206314 e -87.204788

Work type : INSTALL DECK
Done for : DONALD SUMMAR
Start date: 04/16/2012 Time: 10:15 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : DONALD SUMMAR Type: HOME
Co addr : 614 ELM ST SW
City : DEMOTTE State: IN Zip: 46310
Caller : DONALD SUMMAR Phone: (219)202-4248
Contact : DONALD SUMMAR - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)202-4248

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 04/12/2012 Time: 10:02
Members: COMCN ID2009 ID3831 ID5693 NIPSCO SM