



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Ed Graber

UPPAC Database Record ID: 481

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 232-2717

Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 06/14/2011

Damage Address: 279 W Broadway

City: Bunker Hill

County: Miami

### The Parties

Excavator: Ed Graber

Other

Contact: Ed Graber

Address: 5241 N 500 W, Kokomo, In 46901

Telephone: (765) 475-4306

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking, Leader Integrity Management & Pipeline Safety

Address: 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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## Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known):

## Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Nature of Excavation: Water

**Synopsis:** Plastic natural gas service damaged.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/26/2011. Excavator volunteered to assist the church but failed to request locates and damaged the service.

**Conclusion:** Failure by the excavator to request location of underground facilities.

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

Ed Graber has no other damage reports in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



November 14, 2011

101 West Ohio Street  
Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 481  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 481

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/14/2011

Event Location: 279 W Broadway, Bunker Hill

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Ed Graber

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.

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. 481**

481

Date of Event

6/14/11

Event Location

279 W Broadway, Bunker Hill

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Ed Graber

Date of IURC Information Request

9/23/11

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS

279

STREET

W. Broadway

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Bunker Hill, IN

COUNTY

Miami

TOWNSHIP

Pipe Creek

PROPERTY OWNER

USE - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

TENANT'S NAME

IF COMMERCIAL USE, TENANT OR OWNER OCCUPIED

IF TENANT OCCUPIED, TENANT'S FULL NAME

**EXCAVATOR:**

NON BUSINESS FULL PERSONAL NAME

Ed Graber

BUSINESS NAME

ADDRESS

4543

STREET

S. Graber

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Peru, IN 46970

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

SECONDARY TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

**FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:**

BUSINESS NAME

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PERSON NAME AND TITLE

LUKE SELKING

ADDRESS  
CITY/STATE/ZIP  
PREFERRED TELEPHONE  
SECONDARY TELEPHONE  
EMAIL ADDRESS

1501 HALE AVENUE  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802  
260/439-1290

[LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM](mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM)

**LOCATE MARKS:**

DATE LOCATE REQUESTED  
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED  
DATE OF EVENT  
LOCATE NUMBER  
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER  
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE  
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE  
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY  
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW  
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT

No locate requested  
No locate requested  
06/14/11  
No locate requested  
1106141580  
No locate requested  
Unknown  
No locate requested  
No locate requested  
No

**INJURIES:**

NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT  
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES  
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED  
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME  
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION  
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED  
DEPARTMENT NAME  
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION  
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE

0  
0  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown  
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

NIPSCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation by Ed Graber.  
Facilities struck and damaged due to a failure to request locates.

**Information Request**

**Pipeline Safety Division  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria:

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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

**The Parties:**

**Excavator Information:**

Business Name: *Ed Graber*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address: *5241 N 500W Kokomo, IN 46901*

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone: *765-475-4306*

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: *Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: *None*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

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:**

**Location of Damage:**

Address:

City, State Zip:

Nearest Intersection:

*Free Will Baptist Church  
Bunker Hill IN*

**Product Type (circle one):**

Natural Gas

Liquid Pipeline

Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (circle one):**

Distribution

Gathering

Service/Drop

Transmission

Unknown/Other

Size (Diameter/etc.): 1/2

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Interruption in Service: Yes / No

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Evacuation: Yes (No) If yes, How Many Evacuated? \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Cost (if known): \$ -0-

**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

Waterway Improvement

Unknown/Other

Release of Product:  Yes /  No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes / No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes / No

Locate Information:

Excavator Request Locate: Yes  /  No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Locate Marks Visible: Yes / No

Locate Marks Correct: Yes/No

Excavator "White Lined": Yes / No

Maps Used to Mark Facilities: Yes / No

Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days: Yes / No

Operator Employees On-site during Excavation: Yes / No

Incident Impact Information:

Number of Outpatient Treated: 0

Number of Inpatient Treated: 0

Number of Fatalities: 0

Fire Department Response: Yes  /  No

Police Department Response: Yes  /  No

Ambulance Response: Yes  /  No

Additional Information/Comments: This job was donated to  
the church. I was volunteering myself and  
backhoe to church; church was supply help to  
do job. The gas meter was due to be  
re-done, so it was fixed at same time.  
I crimped line to save gas from being lost.  
line was fixed and meter replaced at same time  
so there was very little damage done  
Free Will Baptist Church of Bunker Hill  
Ed Graber - I donated my time