



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Holland Engineering

UPPAC Database Record ID: 490

Investigator: John McLaughlin

Telephone: (317) 232-3040

Report Date: 01/17/2012

Damage Date: 06/16/2011

Damage Address: S Otis Rd

City: Westville

County: Laporte

### The Parties

Excavator: Holland Engineering  
Commercial Business

Contact: Dan Chesner

Address: 220 Hoover Blvd Suite 2, Holland, Mi 49423

Telephone: (616) 392-5938

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: No

Number of Customers Affected: NA

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$155

### Excavator Activities

Indiana 811 Locate Request Number: NA

Excavation Equipment: Probing Device

Nature of Excavation: Engineering/Surveying

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

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator signed for initial mailing on 09/26/2011. Excavator damaged line with a probe while attempting to determine its location after failing to request locates.

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

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

Holland Engineering 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. 490  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 490

To Whom It May Concern:

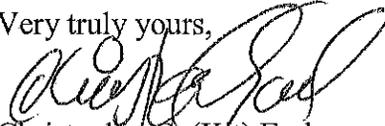
Attached please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") written information relating to the following event:

Date of Event: 6/16/2011  
Event Location: S Otis Rd, Westville  
Facility Owner: NIPSCO  
Excavator: Holland Engineering  
Other Party: N/A  
Pipeline Division Case No. 490

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  
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal  
Phone: 317-684-4904  
Fax: 317-684-4918  
Email: [cearle@nisource.com](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

**IURC INFORMATION REQUEST****Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 490**

490

Date of Event

6/16/11

Event Location

S Otis Rd, Westville

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Holland Engineering

Date of IURC Information Request

9/23/11

**EVENT LOCATION:**

ADDRESS

STREET

S Otis Rd

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Westville, In.

COUNTY

Laporte

TOWNSHIP

Coolspring

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

BUSINESS NAME

Holland Engineering

ADDRESS

220

STREET

Hoover Blvd

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Holland , MI. 49423

PREFERRED TELEPHONE

616-392-5938

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



**Information Request**

**Pipeline Safety Division  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

Case No. 490

RECEIVED  
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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION

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:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Facility Information:**

Business Name:

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: *Holland Engineering, Inc.*

Responsible Party Personal Name: *Jeff Schepers*

Title (if any): *Surveyor*

Address: *220 Hoover Blvd.*

City, State Zip: *Holland, MI 49423*

Preferred Telephone: *616-392-5938*

Cell Phone Number: *616-322-1724*

Email Address: *jschepers@hollandengineering.com*

**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: 11033 W. Division Road, Westville, IN.

City, State Zip:

Nearest Intersection:

**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"

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): 10

Interruption in Service:  Yes /  No      Number of Customers Affected: 1

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

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 154.63

**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



**HOLLAND ENGINEERING, INC. INCIDENT REPORT**

Date of Incident: 06/16/2011

Location of the incident: S. Ottis Road, Laporte County, IN  
Approx Lat and Long of Incident N 41.606984, W 86.904457

Employee(s) Involved: Jeff Schepers and Brandon Dieterman

Witnesses (if applicable): Bill Quinn

Incident Description: We were performing a line sweep to check for unmarked utilities in the designated sweep area. I (Jeff Schepers) observed a line marker and what appeared to be a possible scar in a nearby field leading up to the line marker. There were no markings go to or coming from the permanent line marker. I used a Radio Detection device to attempt to locate the line. There were several false readings in the area. I then attempted to use a probe to locate what was assumed to be a steel line. In the process of probing I punctured a 1-1.5" plastic gas line at approximately 1800 (Central Time) and immediately notified Bill Quinn (Inspector) who contacted the appropriate people/agencies to address the damaged utility. NIPSCO arrived at approximately 1833 to temporarily repair the damaged utility. A USIC truck arrived on site at approximately 1852 and the USIC representative took statements from me, Brandon Dieterman, and Bill Quinn. At 1920 Bill Quinn excused us from the site.

Recommendations for Prevention: If physical evidence of utility is observable, check and verify one call ticket has been placed before proceeding with further investigation.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Signature

10/13/2011  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Health & Safety Administrator

10/13/2011  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
6/16/2011	<p>Expense incurred as the result of damage to NIPSCO facilities located in the vicinity of 11033 W. Division Road, Westville, Indiana, by the above organization.</p> <p>LABOR: \$ 135.90</p> <p>MATERIAL: 8.20</p> <p>EQUIPMENT: <u>10.53</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b> \$ <b>154.63</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PAID</u></b> 10-17-11 ✓ # 52379</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you have any questions regarding this bill, please contact Mary Lechowicz, Leader Facility Damages, at 219-647-4033 or 1-800-884-2684</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>811</b> Know what's below. Call before you dig.</p> </div>	

Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
DAMAGE CLAIM BILL

CLAIM NO.: 11 1909

JOB ORDER NO.: 538981

DATE: October 06, 2011

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**NIPSCO**

Facility Damage Recovery  
801 E. 86th Avenue  
Merrillville, IN 46410-6271  
www.nipSCO.com  
(317) 877-4355  
(800) 884-2684

October 06, 2011

Holland Engineering  
220 Hoover Boulevard, Suite 2  
Holland, MI 49423-3766

RE: Our Claim 11 1909

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our Damage Claim Bill in the amount of \$154.63, being the expense this Company incurred as the result of your contact with our facilities located in the vicinity of 11033 W. Division Road, Westville, Indiana. Our reports indicate that our facilities were damaged on June 16, 2011.

If you have insurance to cover this type of damage claim, please forward the enclosed Damage Claim Bill and envelope to your insurance carrier for payment and advise this Department of the company's name and address so that we can follow the matter to a conclusion. In the event you are not insured, your check, draft or money order in the above amount is hereby requested. To insure proper credit to your account, please remit the top portion of the Damage Claim Bill, along with your payment, in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



MARY L. LECHOWICZ  
Leader Facility Damages

MLL:kml

Enclosure

Posting Date: 2011-10-25  
 Sequence #: [REDACTED]  
 Account #: [REDACTED]  
 Routing Transit: [REDACTED]  
 Amount #: \$154.63  
 Check/Serial #: 000000057379  
 Bank #: 21  
 Tran Code: 000000  
 IRD: 0  
 ItemType: P  
 BOFD: 000000000  
 Cost Center: N/A  
 Teller Number: N/A  
 Teller Seq Number: N/A  
 Processing Date: N/A

<b>HOLLAND ENGINEERING INC.</b> 220 HOOVER BLVD. HOLLAND, MI 49423		<b>CHASE</b> JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Dearborn, Michigan 48128 www.Chase.com	09-32 720 232	057379
		DATE	October 17, 2011	
<b>PAY</b> One Hundred Fifty Four and 63/100 Dollars		AMOUNT	154.63	
TO THE ORDER OF	Northern IN Public Svc. Co. Attn: Facility Damage Recovery 801 E. 85th Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410-8271			
		<i>Douglas J. Janney</i> AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		

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