



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Green Landscaping

UPPAC Database Record ID: 526

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: 317-232-2717

Report Date: 12/14/2011

Damage Date: 06/28/2011

Damage Address: 13804 Sandstone

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Green Landscaping

Contact: Michael Green, Jr.

Address: 126 Willow Brook Trail, Bluffton, In 46714

Telephone: (260) 704-7650

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

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: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$110

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of work performed: Landscaping

Synopsis: A 1” plastic natural gas service line was damaged with an auger.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator response received 10/12/2011. Excavator failed to request that underground facilities be located and marked.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

Green Landscaping currently has no other reports of damages 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. 526
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 526

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: 6/28/2011

Event Location: 13804 Sandstone, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Excavator: Green Landscaping

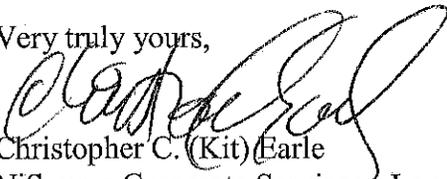
Other Party: N/A

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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,



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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 526**

526

Date of Event

6/28/11

Event Location

13804 Sandstone, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator

Green Landscaping

Date of IURC Information Request

9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS

13804

STREET

Sandstone

CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE

Fort Wayne, In.

COUNTY

Allen

TOWNSHIP

Aboite

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

Green Landscaping

ADDRESS

126

STREET

Willow Brook Trail

CITY/ STATE/ZIP

Bluffton, In. 46714

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

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
6/27/11 although damage was not reported to 811 until the 28th
No Locate Requested
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No Locate Requested
No Locate Requested
No Locate Requested
No Locate Requested
Unknown

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
Yes
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

No locate requested - Did call in a Normal Notice AFTER the damage occurred

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 526

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: *Green's LAWN Service, INC.*
Responsible Party Personal Name: *Michael Green Jr.*
Title (if any): *President*
Address: *126 Willowbrook Tr.*
City, State Zip: *Bluffton, IN 46714*
Preferred Telephone: *260 - 704 - 7650*
Cell Phone Number: *—*
Email Address: *Wmill917@yahoo.com*

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REGULATORY COMMISSION

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: *Laurie Snyder*
Responsible Party Personal Name:
Title (if any): ~~REDACTED~~
Address: ~~REDACTED~~ ~~REDACTED~~
City, State Zip: ~~REDACTED, IN 46011~~
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:

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 inch

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

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

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

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 110.00

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: _____

Number of Inpatient Treated: _____

Number of Fatalities: _____

Fire Department Response: Yes / No

Police Department Response: Yes / No

Ambulance Response: Yes / No

Additional Information/Comments: This was an accident, I didn't think
we were digging that deep and that close to the line. There
was no property damage. It leaked for about 20-30 minutes.
Nipsco was fast ~~to~~ to help out. ~~It~~ Before - Digging
next time I will call 811.