



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Reliable Excavation

UPPAC Database Record ID: 534

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: 317-232-2717

Report Date: 12/21/2011

Damage Date: 06/30/2011

Damage Address: 730 High Rd

City: Bremen

County: Marshall

The Parties

Excavator: Reliable Excavation

Contact: Larry Hochstetler

Address: 8566 W 1050 N, Nappanee, In 46550

Telephone: (574) 646-1063

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): \$850

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Drainage

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during work to excavate for drainage.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator response received 10/06/2011. Excavator called Bremen authorities for locates, but did not realize presence of NIPSCO facilities and failed to call Indiana 811.

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

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

Reliable Excavation 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. 534
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 534

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: 6/30/2011
Event Location: 730 High Road, Bremen
Facility Owner: NIPSCO
Excavator: Reliable Excavation
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 E. (Kit) Earle
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST**Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 534**

Date of Event	6/30/11
Event Location	730 High Road, Bremen
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Reliable Excavation
Date of IURC Information Request	9/27/11

EVENT LOCATION:

ADDRESS	730
STREET	High Road
CITY/TOWN/IN ZIP CODE	Bremen, IN
COUNTY	Marshall
TOWNSHIP	German
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	Reliable Excavation
ADDRESS	8566
STREET	W. 1050 N.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Nappanee, IN 46550
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-646-1063
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	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATE MARKS:	
DATE LOCATE REQUESTED	No locate requested
DATE LOCATE PERFORMED	No locate requested
DATE OF EVENT	06/30/11
LOCATE NUMBER	No locate requested
811 DAMAGE NOTIFICATION NUMBER	1106302190
WERE LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE	No locate requested
DID THE EXCAVATOR WHITE LINE	Unknown
WERE MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITY	No locate requested
WAS THERE A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM OPERATOR/HOW	No locate requested
WAS OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT	No
INJURIES:	
NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENT	0
NUMBER OF IN-PATIENT INJURIES	0
WAS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
WAS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED	Unknown
DEPARTMENT NAME	Unknown
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE DESCRIPTION	Unknown
ANY OTHER RESPONSE - IF SO, WHO AND DESCRIBE	Unknown
DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY	NIPCO gas service struck and damaged during excavation by Reliable Excavation. Facilities struck due to a failure to request locates prior to the onset of operations.

Information Request

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 534

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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: *Reliable Excavation*

Responsible Party Personal Name: *Larry Hochstetler*

Title (if any):

Address: *8566 W 1050 N*

City, State Zip: *Nappanee, In. 46550*

Preferred Telephone: *574-646-1063*

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Facility Information:

Business Name: *Precision Painting*

Responsible Party Personal Name:

Title (if any):

Address: *730 High Rd*

City, State, Zip: *Bremen, In 46506*

Preferred Telephone:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Locator Service Information:

Business Name:

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: 730 High Rd

City, State Zip: Bremen, In 46506

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.): _____

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

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

Evacuation: Yes / No If yes, How Many Evacuated? 1

Repair Cost (if known): \$ 850.00

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: 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: There was a Bremen Number

at the main utilities. So I call Bremen and they said they
would come out and locate utilities. They came out and located
water, sewer, electrical, but didn't say anything about needing
to call 811 or about not marking gas. I thought I
did my part and called 811 immediately after hitting the
line. I always call locates but was my first job in
Bremen. Please consider this. It won't happen again.

