



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Alfred Bowers**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 67

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: 317-232-2717

Report Date: 01/20/2012

Damage Date: 09/30/2010

Damage Address: 33 W Scott Street

City: Medora

County: Jackson

The Parties

Excavator: **Alfred Bowers**

Contact:

Address: 106 W Main Street, Medora, In 47260

Telephone: (812) 966-2198

Facility Owner: Midwest Natural Gas Corporation

Contact: Arthur Campbell

Address: 107 SE Third Street, Washington, IN 47501-0520

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): \$236

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Water

Synopsis: A 1/2" plastic natural gas service, 24" deep, was damaged while excavating for a water line.

Findings: Reported by operator; excavator signed for initial notice on 11/01/2011 but has not responded to information request. Excavator did not call to request that the gas service be located and marked prior to beginning work.

Conclusion: There was a failure to call to request locates.

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

Alfred Bowers currently has no other reports of damages in the record.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



November 2, 2011

Mr. Arthur Campbell
Midwest Natural Gas Corporation
107 SE Third Street
Washington, IN 47501-0520

Subject: Investigation Request for Information

Date of Event: 9/30/2010

Event Location: 33 W Scott Street, Medora

Facility Owner: Midwest Natural Gas Corporation

Excavator: Alfred Bowers

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 67

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-26, the *Indiana Damage to Underground Facilities Act*, the Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Pipeline Division") is required to investigate reported incidents of alleged statutory violations involving underground pipeline safety. The purpose of this statute is to promote excavation and pipeline safety and to reduce the imminent danger to life, health, property, or loss of service associated with unsafe digging practices. Please note that the investigation does not entail determining criminal liability or a civil determination of fault or damages; however, it does determine whether any statutory violations were committed regarding public safety.

The Pipeline Division received information regarding potential statutory violations regarding the date and location referenced above. You were identified as a person or entity that might have information that would assist the Pipeline Division in its investigation. Therefore, we have contacted you in order to receive the full account of information in order to make a fair determination related to the circumstances of this incident.

We have asked all involved parties, entities and witnesses to provide *written* information within *30 days* in order to meet legal deadlines to conclude our investigation. **Please consider this letter as a formal request to receive any and all information and evidence (including a narrative, documentation,**

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 67

YOUR FULL NAME: Terry Shafer

FULL NAME OF BUSINESS/ENTITY (if applicable) Midwest Natural Gas Corp.

YOUR BUSINESS TITLE (if applicable) Regional Area Manager (Scottsburg Dist)

ADDRESS: 1652 W. McClain Ave. P.O. Box 707

CITY: Scottsburg STATE: IN ZIP CODE: 47170

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: (812) 752-2230 SECOND NO. (812) 595-0633

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: tshafer@midnatgas.com

TOSAYS DATE: 11/14/2011

YOUR SIGNATURE:  TITLE: Regional Area Mgr.

Please return your Narrative Statement and Answers to the above questions to:

Pipeline Safety Division-Case No. 67
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, # 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan document(s) and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

INFORMATION REQUEST

Pipeline Safety Division Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Case No. 67

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: Not a business

Responsible Party Personal Name: Alfred Bowers

Title (if any): Homeowner

Address: 106 W. Main St.

City, State, Zip: Medora, IN 47260

Preferred Telephone: (812) 966-2198

Cell Phone Number: N/A

Email Address: N/A

Facility Information:

Business Name: Midwest Natural Gas Corp.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Terry Shafer

Title (if any): Regional Area Manager Scottsburg District

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Email Address: tshafer@midnatgas.com

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Midwest Natural Gas Corp.

Responsible Party Personal Name: No Locates

Title (if any): Service Technician

Address: 1652 W. McClain Ave. P.O. Box 707

City, State, Zip: Scottsburg, IN 47170

Preferred Telephone: (812) 752-2230

Cell Phone Number: (812) 595-0633
Email Address: N/A
Other (Witness, Police, Fire, Other) Information:
Personal Contact: N/A
Business/Organization Name: N/A
Title (if any): N/A
Address: N/A
City, State, Zip: N/A
Preferred Telephone: N/A
Secondary Telephone: N/A
Email Address: N/A

Utility Line Impact:

Location of Damage:
Address: 33 Scott St.
City, State, Zip: Medora, IN 47260
Nearest Intersection: Jackson St.

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" cts
Pressure (PSIG/Inches): 38#
Interruption in Service: Yes No Number of Customers Affected: 1
Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated?
Repair Cost (if know): \$ 235.84 + gas loss

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

YOUR PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION CASE NO. 64

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NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED