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STATE OF INDIANA  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER )  
APPROVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE )  
RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO )  
INDIANA CODE CHAPTER 8-1-26. )

APPROVED: **AUG 28 2013**

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Indiana Code chapter 8-1-26 provides the procedure for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's Pipeline Safety Division ("Division") to find violations of said chapter. Upon review of those findings, the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") reviews those recommendations and recommends civil penalties in the Case.

The Cases received pursuant to Indiana Code chapter 8-1-26 and ripe for Commission action are attached hereto and collectively referred to as the Advisory Committee Recommendations.

Pursuant to statute, the Advisory Committee has submitted their recommendations to the Commission. The Commission hereby UPHOLDS the findings of violations by the Pipeline Safety Division and APPROVES the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as listed on the attached pages. The Assistant General Counsel to the Division is hereby directed to prepare and send notice to the parties advising them of the determination.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

ATTERHOLT, BENNETT, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; LANDIS ABSENT;  
MAYS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THOSE MATTERS INVOLVING VECTREN:

APPROVED: **AUG 28 2013**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

*Brenda A. Howe*

Brenda A. Howe  
Secretary to the Commission

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Hawk Enterprises**  
Case No.: **3178**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **June 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPROVED:**   
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3178

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 6/13/2012 9:25:48 AM

Damage Address: Cedar St, Michigan City, Laporte

### The Parties

Excavator: **Hawk Enterprises**

Address: 1850 East North Street, Crown Point, In 46307

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1205303039

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A 2" plastic natural gas line was damaged during excavation for an electric line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 8/10/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate marks.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate marks.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Shane Retter**  
Other Party: **Ohio Valley Gas Corporation**  
Case No.: **3312**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **July 3, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Shane Retter**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3312

Report Date: 5/29/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/3/2012 4:05:25 PM

Damage Address: 500 S Richmond St, Winchester, Randolph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Shane Retter**

Address: 500 Richmond St, Winchester, In 47394

Facility Owner: **Ohio Valley Gas Corporation**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a bobcat excavator while destruction of a retaining wall.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 7/13/2012. The homeowner's son was in the process of deconstructing a retaining wall and damaged a service line with a bobcat without benefit of a locate.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Merrymen Excavation**  
Other Party: **Citizens Gas**  
Case No.: **3426**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **July 5, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: **Warren abstains**

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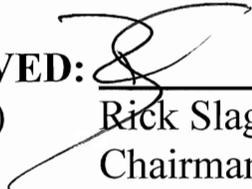
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Merryman Excavation

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3426

Report Date: 5/30/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/5/2012

Damage Address: 3520 W 57th St, Indianapolis, Marion

### The Parties

Excavator: **Merryman Excavation**

Address: 1501 Lamb Road, Woodstock, Illinois, 60098

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 7

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1206181677

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing sewer work.

**Findings:** Reported by Citizens Gas; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/25/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and reports the operator failed to provide locate markings; however, upon further investigation, the excavator used mechanical equipment with the tolerance zone and damaged a 2" saddle on a 2" steel line. There was NO stub.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Whalen Construction Co.**  
Case No.: **3548**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 3, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (Second)  
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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren Energy

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3548

Report Date: 5/1/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/3/2012 2:35:12 PM

Damage Address: S 17th St, Noblesville, Hamilton

### The Parties

Excavator: **Whalen Construction Company**

Address: 880 Richart Lane, Greenwood, In 46142

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$766

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207310073

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/27/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the natural gas service.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide locate markings.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Berry-It, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3552**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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**APPROVED:**   
(initialed) Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3552

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/6/2012 2:52:08 PM

Damage Address: E 100 N, Knox, Starke

### The Parties

Excavator: **Berry-it, Inc.**

Address: 225 West 450 North, Kokomo, In 46901

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$156

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207313571

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a telecommunications line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the operator failed to provide locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide locate markings.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f):** Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Rieth-Riley**  
Case No.: **3558**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 11, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

training (second)

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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Rieth-riley

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3558

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/11/2012 8:10:22 AM

Damage Address: 1075 N. Sr 267, Avon, Hendricks

### The Parties

Excavator: **Rieth-riley**

Address: Po Box 477, Goshen, In 46527

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1514

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207272177

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for drainage.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/11/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the facility.

**Conclusion:** The operator failed to locate the facility.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Berry-It, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3564**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 14, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3564

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/14/2012 8:52:47 AM

Damage Address: E Division Rd, Knox, Starke

### The Parties

Excavator: **Berry-it, Inc.**

Address: 225 West 450 North, Kokomo, In 46901

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$2190

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208072964

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A two (2) inch plastic natural gas main was damaged during excavation for a telecommunications line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Michigan Water Dept.**  
Case No.: **3567**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 15, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3567

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/15/2012 9:56:30 AM

Damage Address: W 4th St, Michigan City, Laporte

### The Parties

Excavator: **Michigan City Water Department**

Address: Po Box 888, Michigan City, In 46360

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207303091

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation to repair a water valve.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator was not able to locate a unknown service stub.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings,

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **The City of Elkhart**  
Case No.: **3577**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 16, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3577

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/16/2012 8:54:56 AM

Damage Address: 1507 W Indiana Ave, Elkhart, Elkhart

### The Parties

Excavator: **The City Of Elkhart**

Address: 1201 South Nappanee Street, Elkhart, In 46516

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208091255

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/11/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the operator failed to locate the natural gas service.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Berry-It, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3578**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 16, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3578

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/16/2012 9:46:22 AM

Damage Address: 8176 / Community Ln, Fort Wayne, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Berry-it, Inc.**

Address: 225 West 450 North, Kokomo, In 46901

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Cable TV

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208030720

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for cable TV.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however; the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings. The operator reported three (3) additional services to the south with incorrect locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Environmental Construction Incorp.**  
Case No.: **3579**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

training (second)  
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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3579

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/13/2012 8:34:14 AM

Damage Address: 301 E Streeter Ave, Muncie, Delaware

### The Parties

Excavator: **Environmental Construction Incorporated**

Address: 13150 West County Road 300 North, Yorktown, In 47396

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$709

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208010350

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/19/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the facility due to bad records.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate marks.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Miller Pipeline**  
Case No.: **3581**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

training (second)  
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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3581

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/13/2012 10:39:30 AM

Damage Address: Main St, Gas City, Grant

### The Parties

Excavator: **Miller Pipeline**

Address: 8850 Crawfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, In 46234

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Transmission

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Natural Gas

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$88

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207300579

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation for a gas line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/12/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request. The operator did not locate a service stub due to the fact they did not have a record of the facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings due to improper records.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Culy Construction & Excavating, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3583**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

training (second)  
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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3583

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/13/2012 3:17:34 PM

Damage Address: S Elm St, Muncie, Delaware

### The Parties

Excavator: **Culy Construction & Excavating, Inc.**

Address: 5 Industrial Park Drive, P.o. Box 29, Winchester, In 47394

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208020417

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/19/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the service stub due to inaccurate records.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate marks.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Precision Utilities Group, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3599**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 17, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*training (second)*

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Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3599

Report Date: 5/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/17/2012 9:49:33 AM

Damage Address: 425 In Rt 930 W, New Haven, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Precision Utilities Group Inc**

Address: 5714 Saint Joe Road, Ft Wayne, In 46835

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$517

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208101490

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a telecommunications line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/27/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Watson's Excavating**  
Case No.: **3601**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 17, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3601

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/17/2012 2:20:35 PM

Damage Address: 2125 Broadway St, Anderson, Madison

### The Parties

Excavator: **Watson's Excavating**

Address: 3179 North County Road 300 West, Anderson, In 46011

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$627

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208151163

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a storm sewer.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/2/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to accurately locate the gas service.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to accurately locate the natural gas service.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Grimmer Construction Company**  
Case No.: **3602**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 17, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Training (second)*

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Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3602

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/17/2012 2:21:26 PM

Damage Address: 316 W Division Rd, De Motte, Jasper

### The Parties

Excavator: **Grimmer Construction Company**

Address: 2619 Main Street, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$293

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1207301140

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/25/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the natural gas service. The facility had been retired and the operator did not have records of the service stub.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to locate the underground facility.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3607**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 22, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Training (second)*

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3607

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/22/2012 10:11:02 AM

Damage Address: N West St, Crown Point, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc.**

Address: 6929 West 109th Avenue, Crown Point, In 46307

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208140972

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/12/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request. The gas operator's field representative reported the locate marks to be off by three (3) feet. The picture provided by the excavator supports the excavators claim that the facility was not marked.

**Conclusion:** The gas operator failed to properly locate the natural gas facility as reported by the gas operator's field representative.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Sun Communications**  
Case No.: **3608**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 22, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*training (second)*

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Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3608

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/22/2012 11:01:41 AM

Damage Address: 4769 S 200 E, Kokomo, Howard

### The Parties

Excavator: **Sun Communications**

Address: 17728 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, In 46074

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$116

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208220114

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a new electric line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/15/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the gas operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Niblock Excavating**  
Case No.: **3610**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 22, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3610

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/22/2012 1:45:06 PM

Damage Address: Fir Rd, Mishawaka, St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Niblock Excavating**

Address: Po Box 211, Bristol, In 46507

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208200859

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A 4" plastic natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/25/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Final Grade Excavating, Incorp.**  
Case No.: **3616**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 23, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (Second)  
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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3616

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/23/2012 2:03:20 PM

Damage Address: 3593 Saddlebrook Ln, Bloomington, Monroe

### The Parties

Excavator: **Final Grade Excavating Incorporated**

Address: 6787 East 171st Street, Noblesville, In 46062

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Construction

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 20

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$2500

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208202490

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing sewer work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator located the wrong address.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide locate markings.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**  
Other Party: **Donald R. Mauder**  
Case No.: **3630**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 23, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3630

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/23/2012

Damage Address: 3490 Us 231, Freedom, Owen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Donald R Mauder**

Address: 1847 S Trout Dr., Spencer, In 47460

Facility Owner: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208152091

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a drain line.

**Findings:** Reported by Community Natural Gas, Inc.; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator/property owner had a valid locate request. The operator reports that the locator located the wrong address and failed to respond to the locate request.

**Conclusion:** The locator for the operator failed to locate the natural gas facility.

**Violation: 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **City of Kokomo**  
Case No.: **3665**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **July 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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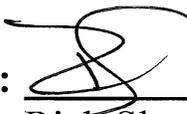
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3665

Report Date: 5/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/6/2012

Damage Address: 103 W Elm St, Kokomo, Howard

### The Parties

Excavator: **City Of Kokomo**

Address: 720 E Boulevard, Kokomo, In 46901

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Unknown/Other

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1206183706

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A steel natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 11/13/2012. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator had a service stub that was not retired at the main. It was not located by the locator since there was no record of it.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to locate the gas facility service stub.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Central Paving, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3667**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 7, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*training (second)*

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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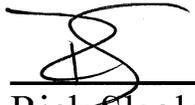
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3667

Report Date: 5/10/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/7/2012

Damage Address: 2611 E Broadway, Logansport, Cass

### The Parties

Excavator: **Central Paving Inc**

Address: 2403 S County Road 150 E, Logansport, In, 46947

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208012327

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for drainage.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/8/2012. The excavator and operator report the gas operator failed to provide accurate locate markings due to inaccurate maps and records.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings due to inaccurate maps and records.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Environmental Construction Incorp.**  
Case No.: **3676**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 24, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3676

Report Date: 5/10/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/24/2012 2:01:23 PM

Damage Address: 1215 N Macedonia Ave, Muncie, Delaware

### The Parties

Excavator: **Environmental Construction Incorporated**

Address: 13150 West County Road 300 North, Yorktown, In 47396

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$137

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208240179

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/19/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate the facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate marks.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **S and L Builders**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3701**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 4, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Training*

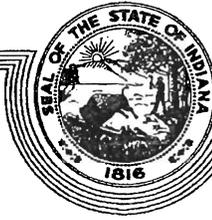
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: S And L Builders

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3701

Report Date: 5/26/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/4/2012 10:21:43 AM

Damage Address: N 1st St, Goshen, Elkhart

### The Parties

Excavator: S And L Builders

Address: 6537 East County Line Road, Millersburg, In 46543

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208161898

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A 2" distribution main was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for water.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator had provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator damaged the main.

**Conclusion:** The excavator was using mechanized equipment within the two (2) exclusion zone.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Kurtz Excavating, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3704**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 4, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Training (Secord)*

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3704

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/4/2012 3:57:47 PM

Damage Address: Maplewood Rd, Fort Wayne, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Kurtz Excavating, Inc.**

Address: 10351 Dawsons Creek Boulevard Suite G, Fort Wayne, In 46825

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$2375

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208172743

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing a water project.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/15/2012. Excavator was performing a backhoe project for water; however, the gas operator failed to perform a locate of the service line.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide a facility locate..

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Hipskind Concrete**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3710**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 5, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)  
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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Hipkind Concrete

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3710

Report Date: 5/27/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/5/2012 2:49:07 PM

Damage Address: Central Dr, Fort Wayne, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Hipkind Concrete**

Address: 5502 Mason Drive, Fort Wayne, In 46809

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208132491

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A distribution main was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for curb/sidewalk.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/14/2012. The excavator had allowed the locate ticket expire creating the condition of never having had a locate when the main was compromised.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **McAllister General Contractors**  
Case No.: **3711**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 5, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*training (second)*

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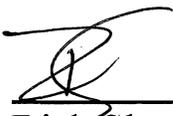
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3711

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/5/2012 3:16:59 PM

Damage Address: Parrish Ave, Cedar Lake, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Mcallister General Contractors**

Address: Po Box 810, Cedar Lake, In 46303

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Construction

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208012787

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation for a loading dock.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 11/19/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to locate a service stub due to inaccurate records.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Johnson County REMC**  
Case No.: **3712**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (Second)  
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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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**APPROVED:**   
(initialed) Dan Meiners  
Vice Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3712

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 8:59:23 AM

Damage Address: 3779 W In Rt 44, Franklin, Johnson

### The Parties

Excavator: **Johnson County R.e.m.c.**

Address: 750 International Drive, Franklin, In 46131

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$550

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208280726

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install an electric line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to accurately locate the natural gas facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Kosciusko REMC**  
Case No.: **3714**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*training (second)*

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3714

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 9:19:58 AM

Damage Address: 8763 W 25 S, Etna Green, Kosciusko

### The Parties

Excavator: **Kosciusko Remc**

Address: 370 South 250 East, Warsaw, In 46582

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208270673

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while trenching for an electric line installation.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/8/2012. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to properly locate the facility resulting in damage.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to properly locate facility.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Fleming Excavating**  
Case No.: **3715**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:  
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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3715

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 12:07:23 PM

Damage Address: Moeller Rd, New Haven, Allen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Fleming Excavating**

Address: 112 East 1000 North, Decatur, In 46733

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Storm Drain

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208280218

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while performing road work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/6/2012. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to provide original service line markings. Gas company notes indicate a lack of locate markings for the service line.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide proper facility locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Environmental Construction Incorp.**  
Case No.: **3716**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)  
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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3716

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 2:32:45 PM

Damage Address: 128 Nw H St, Richmond, Wayne

### The Parties

Excavator: **Environmental Construction Incorporated**

Address: 13150 West County Road 300 North, Yorktown, In 47396

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 4

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$874.00

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208240621

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/19/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the operator failed to locate a facility due to bad records.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate marks.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **Bolinger Contracting**  
Case No.: **3717**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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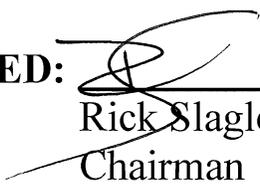
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3717

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012 4:55:56 PM

Damage Address: 2058 E Wilckens Rd, Columbia City, Whitley

### The Parties

Excavator: **Bolinger Contracting**

Address: 3888 North 100 East, Bluffton, In 46714

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$251

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208302743

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing electric work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/4/2013. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the service line for another property crossed the dig location and was unmarked.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide a proper facility locate.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**  
Other Party: **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3721**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 29, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3721

Report Date: 5/22/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/29/2012

Damage Address: 67 Sunnyside Ln, Spencer, Owen

### The Parties

Excavator: **Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.**

Address: 2520 West Industrial Dr., Bloomington, In 47404

Facility Owner: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 120814022

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Community Natural Gas, Inc.; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/5/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request; however, the operator failed to provide locate markings.

**Conclusion:** The operator failed to provide timely locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.





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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Grimmer Construction Company

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3725

Report Date: 5/26/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/4/2012

Damage Address: 709 Daisy St Se, Demotte, Jasper

### The Parties

Excavator: **Grimmer Construction Company**

Address: 2619 Main St, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### 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/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208302038

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 9/7/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator used the backhoe within the exclusion zone.

**Conclusion:** The excavator compromised the service line within the exclusion zone with the backhoe.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **S. Hernandez**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3736**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 8, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: S. Hernandez

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3736

Report Date: 5/26/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/8/2012

Damage Address: 1712 Redwood Ct, Munster, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: S. Hernandez

Address: Po Box 52, Dyer, Indiana

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: No

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while performing work to build a fence.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. The excavator failed to provide notification of excavation thereby damaging the service line.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO**  
Other Party: **QC Communications, Inc.**  
Case No.: **3737**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **August 11, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

**Investigation regarding: NIPSCO**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3737

Report Date: 5/23/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 8/11/2012

Damage Address: Us Hwy 6 & Co Rd 9, Nappanee, Elkhart

**The Parties**

Excavator: **Qc Communications, Inc.**

Address: 7925 West 100 North, Wabash, In 46992

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

**Pipeline Facility**

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

**Damage Impact**

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

**Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:**

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208022736

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A 3 inch natural gas distribution main was damaged while trenching in a telecommunications line.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator reported a failure to accurately locate the facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide an accurate facility locate.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Melvin Howard**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3745**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 9, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Warning letter*

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Melvin Howard

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3745

Report Date: 5/28/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/9/2012

Damage Address: 808 E Bowman St, South Bend, St. Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Melvin Howard**

Address: 808 E Bowman St, South Bend, In

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by hand tools while excavating beyond twelve (12) inches in depth for fencing.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The occupant was installing fencing without calling for locates when the service line was compromised.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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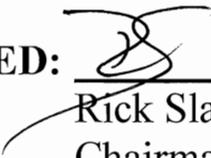
Respondent: **Total Development**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3748**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Total Development

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3748

Report Date: 5/28/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012

Damage Address: 574 Vernon Woods Dr Lot 10, Valparaiso, Porter

### The Parties

Excavator: Total Development

Address: 510 Randle St, Valparaiso, In 46383

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Construction

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208232862

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while installing a building foundation.

**Findings:** Reported by NIPSCO; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator did not use hand tools to dig within the two (2) foot exclusion zone.

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

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Rodney Gunter**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3793**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 9, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Rodney Gunter

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3793

Report Date: 5/28/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/9/2012 5:18:37 PM

Damage Address: 338 W 600 S, Boone Grove, Porter

### The Parties

Excavator: **Rodney Gunter**

Address: 346 W. 600s, Hebron, In 46341

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE WEST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE HOUSE TO THE DRIVEWAY.

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing work on a sewer line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The occupant was excavating for a sewer line without benefit of a locate ticket resulting in damage to the natural gas service line.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **C S U Incorporated**  
Case No.: **3796**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 10, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (Second)  
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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3796

Report Date: 5/23/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/10/2012 5:01:03 PM

Damage Address: W Whiteland Rd, Bargersville, Johnson

### The Parties

Excavator: C S U Incorporated

Address: 3919 Clarks Creek Road, Plainfield, In 46168

Facility Owner: Vectren

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Cable TV

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1653

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209051354

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE FROM IN RT 144 EAST 1800 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF ROAD LOCATE A 20 FOOT RADIUS AROUND EACH POLE PLEASE PAINT AND FLAG

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

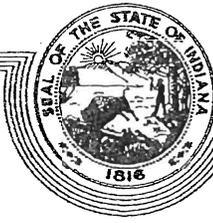
**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for cable TV.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/6/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.





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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Burling Builders Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3797

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 3/7/13

Damage Date: 9/10/2012 5:38:25 PM

Damage Address: 8260 Wicker Ave

City: St John

County: Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Burling Builders Inc**

Contact: Paul Sowa, Project Manager

Address: 44 W 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60621

Telephone: 773-241-6809

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 150 W Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Ron Taylor Land Improvement**  
Case No.: **3809**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 12, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: Slagle abstains

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3809

Report Date: 5/23/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/12/2012 11:44:07 AM

Damage Address: 2315 E Moores Pike, Bloomington, Monroe

### The Parties

Excavator: **Ron Taylor Land Improvement**

Address: 3123 North Pierce Drive, Solsberry, In 47459

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Grading

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$445

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209010057

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: WHEN YOU PULL INTO THE DRIVEWAY LOCATE TO THE RIGHT OF THE DRIVEWAY AT THE END NEAR THE HOUSE ON THE HILLSIDE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to complete grading work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/22/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Michael Wagner**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3820**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 15, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rick Slagle  
Chairman



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Michael Wagner

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3820

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/15/2012 5:16:27 PM

Damage Address: 657 Meridian Rd, Valparaiso, Porter

### The Parties

Excavator: **Michael Wagner**

Address: 657 Meridian Rd, Valparaiso, In 46385

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Farm Equipment

Type of Work Performed: LANDSCAPING

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE BACK PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Occupant was grading property with a tractor damaging the natural gas service facility.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The occupant failed to call for locates prior to grading the property and damaging the natural gas facility.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Tom Fogle**  
Other Party: **Vectren**  
Case No.: **3824**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 17, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: Slagle Abstains  
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### Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

**Investigation regarding: Tom Fogle**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3824

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/17/2012 10:36:48 AM

Damage Address: 3709 N In Rt 9, Anderson, Madison

**The Parties**

Excavator: **Tom Fogle**

Address: 3709 In Rt 9 N, Anderson, In 46012

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

**Pipeline Facility**

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

**Damage Impact**

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$279

**Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:**

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE REAR PARKING LOT

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service facility was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 3/27/2013. The excavator damaged the natural gas service facility without benefit of calling for locates.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Grade Rite**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3840**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 19, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Grade Rite**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3840

Report Date: 5/29/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/19/2012 10:01:51 AM

Damage Address: 18310 Dunn Rd, South Bend, St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Grade Rite**

Address: P.o. Box 837, Granger, In 46530

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Demolition

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing demolition work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 3/27/2013. The excavator was performing demolition and grading work when the natural gas service line was compromised without benefit of having a locate requested.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Northwest Cedar Prodcuts**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3858**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 21, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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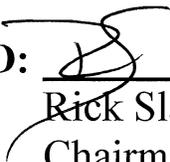
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Northwest Cedar Products

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3858

Report Date: 5/30/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/21/2012 12:54:55 PM

Damage Address: 9443 Oriole Dr, Munster, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: Northwest Cedar Products

Address: 15537 South Weber Road, Romeoville, IL 60446

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209120907

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE REAR AND THE SIDES OF THE PROP

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while augering postholes for fence replacement.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate ticket and the gas operator accurately provided locates; however, the natural gas service was damaged by use of a power auger within the tolerance zone.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **New Growth Landscapes**  
Other Party: **Vectren**  
Case No.: **3864**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 24, 2012**

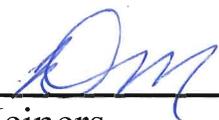
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: New Growth Landscapes

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3864

Report Date: 5/31/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/24/2012 10:56:15 AM

Damage Address: 4478 Huntington Ridge Dr, Newburgh, Warrick

### The Parties

Excavator: **New Growth Landscapes**

Address: 1402 Brimm Street, Boonville, In 47601

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Irrigation

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$199

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209190803

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE--ENTIRE PROPERTY--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing irrigation work.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator damaged the gas service line with a trencher.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure use hand tools within two (2) feet of the facility.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **George McGookin**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3870**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 25, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: George Mcgookin

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3870

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/25/2012 3:29:45 PM

Damage Address: 304 W 9th St, Mishawaka, St Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **George Mcgookin**

Address: 304 W 9th St, Mishawaka, In 46544

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE BACK YARD

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service facility was damaged by hand tools at a depth exceeding twelve (12) inches while installing fence.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The occupant cut a natural gas service while digging fence posts without benefit of calling for locates.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Three Men Crew Incorporated**  
Other Party: **Vectren**  
Case No.: **3873**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 26, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: Slagle abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Three Men Crew Incorporated

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3873

Report Date: 6/2/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/26/2012 11:07:07 AM

Damage Address: Brookhaven Dr, Franklin, Johnson

### The Parties

Excavator: **Three Men Crew Incorporated**

Address: 334 Blackfoot Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60490

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment:

Type of Work Performed: installing fiber

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$358

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209183396

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BROOKHAVEN DR AND CEDARMILL DR LOCATE BOTH SIDES OF BROOKHAVEN DR GOING 700 FEET WEST

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while boring for telecommunications.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate facility markings; however, the excavator failed to expose the facility with hand tools to avoid damage.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to maintain two feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Greenwald Enterprises, Inc.**  
Other Party: **Vectren**  
Case No.: **3876**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 27, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Greenwald Enterprises Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3876

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/27/2012 3:16:02 PM

Damage Address: 800 Andico Rd, Plainfield, Hendricks

### The Parties

Excavator: **Greenwald Enterprises Inc**

Address: 7637 Hayworth Road, Indianapolis, In 46221

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Cable TV

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$581

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209130138

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE A 40 FOOT RADIUS OF THE POWER METER ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING THEN LOCATE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 370 FEET THEN EAST 145 FEET TO POLE NUMBER 59-064 - INCLUDE A 40 FOOT RADIUS OF POLE - PLEASE USE HEAVY PAINT AND FLAGS

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service facility was damaged by a backhoe while performing work for cable TV.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, while performing work for cable TV, a natural gas service facility was damaged by a backhoe.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to use hand tools where required within the exclusion zone.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Phil Winter**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **3958**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 8, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Phil Winter

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3958

Report Date: 5/29/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/8/2012

Damage Address: 7724 W 1000 N, Demotte, Jasper

### The Parties

Excavator: **Phil Winter**

Address: 7724 W 1000 N, Demotte, In, 46310

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed: Driveway

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while using a bobcat for driveway work at a depth of eighteen (18) inches.

**Findings:** Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator/homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2013. The homeowner was working on the driveway with a bobcat deeper than twelve (12) inches without the benefit of a locate resulting in a damage to the natural gas service line.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Fields Environmental Corporated**  
Case No.: **4025**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **October 12, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)  
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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4025

Report Date: 5/24/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/12/2012 12:37:33 PM

Damage Address: 2906 Buick Cadillac Blvd, Bloomington, Monroe

### The Parties

Excavator: **Fields Environmental Incorporated**

Address: 1309 West Vernal Pike, Bloomington, In 47404

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Engineering

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$5744

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210040415

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE 100 FEET IN ALL DIRECTIONS OF THE MAIN AUTO DEALERSHIP BUILDING-IT IS THE BIGGEST BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A two (2) inch steel natural gas main was damaged during soil boring to install test wells.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Sun Communications**  
Case No.: **4068**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **October 29, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4068

Report Date: 5/24/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/29/2012 9:31:34 AM

Damage Address: Pegasus Dr, Noblesville, Hamilton

### The Parties

Excavator: **Sun Communications**

Address: 17728 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, In 46074

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Electric

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1808

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210153043

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE A 300 FOOT RADIUS AROUND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE INTERSECTION -- THIS SHOULD INCLUDE GOING TO TRANSFORMER NUMBER HMI-7201 AT ADDRESS 11399 PEGASUS DRIVE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** An underground natural gas main was damaged while performing backhoe work to install an electric line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/4/2013. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to provide a locate of the facilities.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Vectren**  
Other Party: **Dave O'Mara Contractor**  
Case No.: **4099**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **November 8, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-18(f) - failure to locate or mislocate**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Vectren

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4099

Report Date: 5/24/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/8/2012 10:02:49 AM

Damage Address: 605 Centennial St, Seymour, Jackson

### The Parties

Excavator: **Dave Omara Contractor**

Address: 1100 East O And M Avenue, Po Box 1139, North Vernon, In 47265

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1071

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211012542

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE SOUTH SIDE OF ADDRESS

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas main was damaged during excavation for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/18/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator reports the locate markings to be inaccurate by six (6) feet.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f) Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.**





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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Tiger Plumbing

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4131

Report Date: 5/29/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/6/2012

Damage Address: 2945 Garfield Ave, Highland, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Tiger Plumbing**

Address: 2839 Highway Ave, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209051715

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service line was damaged while performing work with a backhoe for a water line.

**Findings:** Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid Emergency locate to replace a water line and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, a backhoe was used within the two (2) feet exclusion zone.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to use hand tools where required.

**Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.**

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Creek Enterprises**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4141**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Creek Enterprises

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4141

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/13/2012

Damage Address: Spruce & Plymouth Laporte Trail, Plymouth, Marshall

### The Parties

Excavator: **Creek Enterprises**

Address: 1995 E Us Hwy 20, Lagrange, In 46761

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1208012694

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service facility was damaged by a trencher while performing work for telecommunications.

**Findings:** Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator damaged a natural gas facility and had allowed the locate ticket to expire creating the same condition as never having had a locate ticket.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Joseph Piczel**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4139**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 16, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Warning letter*

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Joseph Piczel

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4139

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/16/2012

Damage Address: 23108 Pierce St, Shelby, Lake

### The Parties

Excavator: **Joseph Piczel**

Address: 11100 Broadway, Crown Point, In 46307

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator/occupant struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing fencing work.

**Findings:** Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator/occupant failed to notify the association for locates prior to commencing work and damaging the gas service with hand tools at a depth greater than twelve (12) inches.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Noe Garcia**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4145**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 8, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Noe Garcia

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4145

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/8/2012

Damage Address: 754 S Carlisle St, South Bend, St. Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Noe Garcia**

Address: 754 S Carlisle St, South Bend, In, 46619

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Homeowner/Occupant damaged a natural gas service line while installing a fence.

**Findings:** Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The homeowner/occupant was installing a fence using a posthole digger without benefit of calling for a locate.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Jack L Jones**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4150**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **September 19, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*warning letter*

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: Jack L Jones

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4150

Report Date: 6/3/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/19/2012

Damage Address: 303 Lakeside Dr, Walkerton, St. Joseph

### The Parties

Excavator: **Jack L Jones**

Address: Po Box 429, Rolling Prairie, In

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Probing Device

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work with a probing device.

**Findings:** Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to request a locate ticket prior to using a probing device for sewer work.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **City of Portage Street Dept**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4177**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **July 23, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: City Of Portage Street Dept

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4177

Report Date: 5/27/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 7/23/2012

Damage Address: 5589 Harmony Ave, Portage, Porter

### The Parties

Excavator: City Of Portage Street Dept

Address: 2303 Hamstrom Rd, Portage, In 46368

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A P.E. Service line was damaged while performing drainage work.

**Findings:** Reported by Carrie Ludwig; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. The excavator was performing work that much earlier had locates; however, the locates had expired resulting in a damage.

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

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Hartford City Department of Public Works**  
Other Party: **Vectren**  
Case No.: **4479**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **February 20, 2013**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

*Warning letter*

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Additional Information: **Slagle abstains**

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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

**Investigation regarding:** Hartford City Department of Public Works

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4479

Investigator: Grant Gray

Report Date: 5/3/13

### The Parties

Excavator: Hartford City D.P.W.

Contact: Eli Coulter

Address (City, State): 700 North Walnut, Hartford City, IN 47348

Telephone: 765-348-3363

### Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: Vectren

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service drop was damaged during excavation related to sewer work.

**Findings:** The excavator used hand tools to expose one gas line within 2 feet of the locates. However, the excavator then used the backhoe and hit a second gas service line also within 2 feet of the locates. The first line (hand exposed) was an abandoned line and the excavator assumed there would be no other facilities in the excavation area.

**Conclusion:** The excavator failed to maintain 2 feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to maintain 2 feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **NIPSCO - GAS**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4489**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **February 28, 2013**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 feet clearance**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4489

Investigator: Grant Gray

Report Date: 5/3/13

### The Parties

Excavator: NIPSCO

Contact: Jamila Martin

Address (City, State): 22 S IN Route 49, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Telephone: 219-477-3201

### Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO

**Synopsis:** A 1 1/8" natural gas plastic service line was damaged during excavation related to installation of a new service on a natural gas main.

**Findings:** NIPSCO crew used a backhoe to excavate directly over a 2" steel main. Crew excavated by hand and probed in 6" increments to locate the steel main and found it approximately 28-30" from current elevation. NIPSCO then took a 6" cut with the backhoe and nicked a 1 1/8" service line. The crew was not aware of the 1 1/8" service line and it was not indicated in the work order folder. NIPSCO crew should not have assumed that there was only one line in the excavation area.

**Conclusion:** The excavator failed to maintain 2 feet of clearance with mechanized equipment.

**Violation:** 8-1-26-20(a)(2): Failure to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Triton Services**  
Other Party: **Citizens Gas**  
Case No.: **4498**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **December 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired ticket)**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter  
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Additional Information: Warren abstains  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

**Investigation regarding:** Triton Services

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4498

Investigator: Grant Gray

Report Date: 5/24/13

### The Parties

Excavator: Triton Services

Contact: Bryan Gessner

Address (City, State): 8162 Duke Blvd., Mason, OH 45040

Telephone: 513-679-6800

### Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: Citizens Gas

**Synopsis:** A natural gas distribution line was damaged during excavation related to water service.

**Findings:** Triton services indicated in their reply to the PSD (April 19) that the foreman who was hired for the project is no longer with Triton Services. The foreman indicated he did call in a locate but cannot give the specific locate ticket #. Excavator did confirm 5 locate tickets; the one ticket for the entire project was expired (1209272175). However, 4 of the locates would have been valid for the date of the damage. But, the 4 valid locates are not for the location where the damage occurred. Excavator has not provided any further information or a valid locate for the area where the damage occurred.

**Conclusion:** The excavator did not have a valid locate (3 months expired).

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

# Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

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Respondent: **Brickley Construction**  
Other Party: **NIPSCO**  
Case No.: **4503**  
Date of Advisory Meeting: **June 25, 2013**  
Date of Damage: **November 5, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:  
**IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

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Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: **Brickley Construction**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4503

Report Date: 4/10/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 11/5/2012

Damage Address: 7624 S. Washington Rd., Columbia City, Whitley

### The Parties

Excavator: **Brickley Construction**

Address: 5823 E 150 S, Markle, In 46770

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

### Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Demolition

### Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

### Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

**Synopsis:** A natural gas service drop was damaged during the demolition of a tree stump.

**Findings:** Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 4/29/2013. The excavator did not call for a locate request.

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

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