



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Nipsco

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4006

Report Date: 6/27/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/8/2012 11:15:01 AM

Damage Address: 9450 Hampton Dr, Munster, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Nipsco

Address: 1313 167th Street, Hammond, In 46324

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: 12

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210040976

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE A 50 FOOT RADIUS OF THE RED STAKE IN THE REAR OF THE ADDRESS

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/4/2013. The excavator had a valid locate ; however, due to a lack of accurate or available maps and records, the gas operator failed to provide a true and accurate locate of the gas service damaged by a backhoe.

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

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



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

January 30, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4006
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4006

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Date of Event: 10/8/2012

Event Location: 9450 Hampton Dr

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Nipsco

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4006

NIPSCO has reviewed its recovery and damage prevention files for this matter and has provided answers, when known, to the list of questions set forth in the Information Request. To the extent available, NIPSCO is also providing a copy of the Damage Information Report – Pipeline Safety Division previously submitted by NIPSCO to IURC Pipeline Safety as well as additional documentation relating to this Event Location.

Upon completion of the investigation, NIPSCO requests that it be provided with a copy of the Pipeline Division's Investigation Report with findings that will be forwarded to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee. If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4006	
Date of Event	10/8/2012
Event Location	9450 Hampton Dr
Event City	Munster
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Nipsco
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Nipsco
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	1313 167 th Street
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Hammond, IN 46324
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	219-853-4141
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	219-314-3873
EMAIL ADDRESS	
FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:	
BUSINESS NAME	NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	LUKE SELKING
TITLE	
ADDRESS	1501 HALE AVENUE
CITY/STATE/ZIP	FORT WAYNE, IN 46802
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	260/439-1290
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM
LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION	
BUSINESS NAME	USIC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Morgan Thompson
TITLE (IF ANY)	Claims Coordinator
ADDRESS	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usicinc.com
OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
UTILITY LINE IMPACT	
LOCATION OF DAMAGE	
ADDRESS	9450 Hampton Dr
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Munster, IN 46322
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Hart Rd
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	1 1/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	45
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	12
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	Y
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	12
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	
Electric	X
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	
Liquid Pipeline	
Milling	
Natural Gas	
Pole	
Public Transit Authority	
Railroad Maintenance	
Road Work	
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	Y
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y- 1210081328
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1210040976
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	Y
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	Y
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>USIC failed to locate all utilities in scope due to unusual route. See also ticket 1210081337</p>	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121008007 DISTRICT: Northern IN
DAMAGE DATE: 10/8/2012 10:10:00 AM NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/8/2012 11:23:17 AM
NOTIFIED BY: SHAMELA MARTIN Facility Owner
DAMAGE ADDRESS: 9450 HAMPTON DR. X HART RD
CITY: MUNSTER ST: IN ZIP:

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 10/08/2012
FROM: 13:30:00 TO: 13:45:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: NIPSCO
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Fault repair

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1210040976 START DATE/TIME: 10/4/2012 10:30:00 AM
TYPE OF TICKET: Emergency LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1210081337 START DATE/TIME: 10/8/2012 1:30:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Tony Wesley DATE/TIME: 10/8/2012 1:30:00 PM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 124875 INVESTIGATOR NAME: Tony Wesley

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? Possibly

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820121008007
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO
CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF FACILITY ID: Gas Service
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Parks David - 130726
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Other

Other: not on print

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):

Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation,
Investigator Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

Upon arrival NIPSCO was not sure what line for what building had been damaged. They had to have USIC technician Tony Wesley connect to the broken tracer wire and run the line the meter approximately 570 feet away. NIPSCO crew members

made mention that there would be no way to know that the service line would run where it did. Also there is a google map photo in the damage ticket that shows and gas main 244' away and the main this service ran to was 572'. With no service prints to refer to it would be impossible for any locator would know that service ran where it did.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

N/A

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

N/A

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

N/A

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? Yes

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA? No

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut in line

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 2,

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00577 IUPPSa 10/08/2012 12:15:42 1210040976-01A EMER 2NDR STRT

SECOND NOTICE 2ND NOTICE

Ticket : 1210040976 Date: 10/08/2012 Time: 12:13 Oper: ASCOTT Chan:022
Old Tkt: 1210040976 Date: 10/04/2012 Time: 10:20 Oper: AGRIGGS Rev: 00A

CASE #
4006

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH
Cityname: MUNSTER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 9450
Street : HAMPTON DR
Cross 1 : HART RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 50 FOOT RADIUS OF THE RED STAKE IN THE REAR OF THE ADDRESS
:
Grids : 4132C8728C 4132B8728C
Boundary: n 41.543423 s 41.539925 w -87.473564 e -87.471939

Work type : REPAIR ELECTRICAL FAULT
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 10/04/2012 Time: 10:23 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 5 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1313 167TH STREET
City : HAMMOND State: IN Zip: 46324
Caller : STEVE HERNANDEZ Phone: (219)853-4141
Contact : STEVE HERNANDEZ - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)314-3873
Fax : (219)853-5343

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER STEVE HERNANDEZ--NEEDS GAS--PHONE--CATV--ELECTRIC TO PLEASE RETURN AND
VERIFY MARKINGS--CREW IS ON SITE AND STATES THAT MARKINGS ARE NOT
CORRECT--THANKS
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 10/08/2012 Time: 12:13
Members: BE COMCN IB ID2509 ID5069 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00313 IUPPSa 10/04/2012 10:25:47 1210040976-00A EMER NEW STRT

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

CASE #
4006

Ticket : 1210040976 Date: 10/04/2012 Time: 10:20 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH
Cityname: MUNSTER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 9450
Street : HAMPTON DR
Cross 1 : HART RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 50 FOOT RADIUS OF THE RED STAKE IN THE REAR OF THE ADDRESS
:
Grids : 4132C8728C 4132B8728C
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Contact : STEVE HERNANDEZ - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)314-3873
Fax : (219)853-5343

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
CREW ON SITE
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 10/04/2012 Time: 10:20
Members: BE COMCN IB ID2509 ID5069 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00456 IUPPSa 10/08/2012 11:15:11 1210081328-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

CASE #
4006

Ticket : 1210081328 Date: 10/08/2012 Time: 11:12 Oper: BBASTIN Chan:045

State: IN Cnty: LAKE Twp: NORTH
Cityname: MUNSTER Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 9450
Street : HAMPTON DR
Cross 1 : HART RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE A 50 FOOT RADIUS OF THE RED STAKE IN THE REAR OF THE ADDRESS
:
Grids : 4132C8728C 4132B8728C
Boundary: n 41.543423 s 41.539925 w -87.473564 e -87.471939

Work type : REPAIR ELECTRICAL FAULT
Done for : NIPSCO
Start date: 10/08/2012 Time: 11:12 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 5 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB
Co addr : 1313 167TH STREET
City : HAMMOND State: IN Zip: 46324
Caller : JAMILIA MARTIN Phone: (219)853-4141
Contact : STEVE HERNANDEZ - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)314-3873
Fax : (219)853-5343

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS HIT--GAS LINE IS BLOWING--911 HAS BEEN CALLED--AREA WHERE
HIT IS UNKNOWN--DESCRIPTION OF LINE IS UNKNOWN--NIPSCO IS AWARE OF DAMAGE--CREW
IS ON SITE--PREV TICKET NUMBER IS 1210040976--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 10/08/2012 Time: 11:12
Members: BE COMCN IB ID2509 ID5069 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

1st Party
Damage
CIS# 153605204

** COMPLETE FORM FOR ALL DAMAGES TO NIPSCO FACILITIES **

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Hammond MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Gas Street Super. JOB ORDER # _____
TRACKING NUMBER 018-2012-1008-007 Damage # 1210081328
Locate Performed By: USIC LOCATE REF # _____
Obtained by Line Dept reporting Damage

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 10AM 10-8 2012, _____ M DATE OF REPORT 10-8-12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 9450 Hampton Dr

DAMAGE WAS TO:
ELECTRIC - POLE / TRANSFORMER: # _____ SIZE _____ YEAR INSTALLED _____ BROKEN YES () NO ()

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____
GAS: SERVICE () MAIN () SIZE 1 1/8 MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 45 Lbs.
RELEASE OF GAS: YES NO () IGNITION OF GAS: YES () NO EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES NO ()
INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: Main Buildings Boiler
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 10:06 AM TIME RESTORED 3:20 pm

NipSCO line escorted
#12 NO customers out
Locates on scene for line dept work. SVC. line hit was not located by USIC.

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: complete break (1 1/8")
LOC# 1210081337
LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES NO () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS _____
HOW LOCATED: PAINT FLAGS BOTH () WHITE LINED ()
PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Hammond Line (LOA)

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 1313167 st HAMMOND

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Line foreman
WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS Lineman Crew on scene for u/g Electric Fault
WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____
FIRE AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____
OTHER USIC (311) Any Injuries? () YES # _____ NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES NO () TAKEN BY: Line Sup Steve Hernandez (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACKHOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
- OTHER GAS SVC NOT MARKED

COMMENTS: Linemen were excavating / Paulted line / then
hit gas 1 1/2 SERVICE.

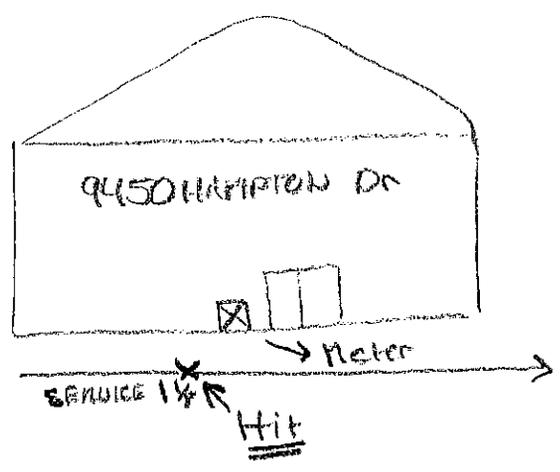
PERSON PREPARING REPORT J. Valdez

FIELD SUPERVISOR Steve Hernandez / Mathew

FIELD MANAGER Karima Hasan Bey

- ORIGINAL REPORT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO FACILITY DAMAGE RECOVERY
- COPY OF REPORT IS TO BE SENT TO DAMAGE PREVENTION

SKETCH: - Show position of all pertinent information



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| • DID EXCAVATION OCCUR BEFORE LOCATES WERE DUE | YES | NO |
| • NO IN 811 LOCATE CALLED IN | YES | NO |
| • DAMAGE CAUSED FROM EXCAVATION WITHIN 24" ZONE | YES | NO |
| • EXPIRED LOCATE | YES | NO |
| • WAS WHITE LINING INDICATED ON LOCATE REQUEST | YES | NO |

COMPLETED BY: _____ DATE: _____

DAMAGE/ ROOT CAUSE ANALAYISS

Department: Hammond Line C&M **Address** 9450 Hampton Dr. Highland

Damage Facility: 1 1/8" Plastic Gas Service **Date/Time of Incident:** 10/08/2012 /10:00 am

Supervisor: Steve Hernandez Cell: 219.314.3873/Matthew Gray (Gas Sup.) Cell 219.314.2967

Description of Incident: Employees were digging to repair an underground electric fault at Hampton Apartments, 9450 Hampton Dr. During the excavation the operator damaged an unmarked toneable 1 1/8" plastic service that fed an adjacent apartment building. Damage was reported to 811 #1210081328. USIC tracking # 018-2012-1008-007. Gas street crew was contacted and made repair.

Root Cause: USIC failed to locate all utilities in the scope of the locate request.

Corrective Actions:

1. The nature of the incident didn't require any correct actions.









150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

February 4, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4006
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Preliminary Determination of Violation
Date of Event: 10/8/12
Event Location: 9450 Hampton Dr, Munster, Lake County
Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator: NIPSCO
Other Party:
Pipeline Division Case No. 4006

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Notice of Preliminary Determination dated November 30, 2012, as detailed above, please refer to Northern Indiana Public Service Company's ("NIPSCO") facility owner response in Case No. 4006. All relevant documents, including both NIPSCO's operator records relevant to the damage as well as information that addresses the potential statutory violation by NIPSCO as an excavator are attached to that response.

Upon completion of the investigation, NIPSCO requests that it be provided with a copy of the Pipeline Division's Investigation Report with findings that will be forwarded to the Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee. If there are any additional questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle".

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