



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4152

Report Date: 7/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/10/2012

Damage Address: Fellows & Clara, South Bend, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **R & R Excavating**

Address: 2010 Went Street, Mishawaka, In 46545

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Road Work

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: 1209062148

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/31/2013. Excavator had a series of valid locate tickets for an ongoing road project; however, the gas operator claimed another locate should have been requested. Documentation provided by the excavator indicates a lack of locate markings even on the undisturbed sod where the damaged main should have been marked.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide locate markings of the live gas main.

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

February 4, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4152
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4152

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: 9/10/2012

Event Location: Fellows & Clara

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: R & R Excavating

Other Party:

Pipeline Division Case No. 4152

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,

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle
NiSource Corporate Services - Legal
Phone: 317-684-4904
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4152	
Date of Event	9/10/2012
Event Location	Fellows & Clara
Event City	South Bend
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	R & R Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	12/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	R & R Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Rick Stoll
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	705 S Beiger St.
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Mishawaka, IN 46545
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-256-2467
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
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	
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usinc.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	Fellows & Clara
CITY/STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46601
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	N
UNKNOWN/OTHER	N
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	Y
GATHERING	N
SERVICE/DROP	N
TRANSMISSION	N
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	2"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	35
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	N
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
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	
Engineering/Surveying	
Fencing	
Grading	
Irrigation	
Landscaping	
Liquid Pipeline	
Milling	
Natural Gas	
Pole	
Public Transit Authority	
Railroad Maintenance	
Road Work	X
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	
Site Development	
Steam	
Storm Drain/Culvert	
Street Light	
Telecommunications	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Sign	
Water	
Waterway Improvement	
Unknown/Other	
RELEASE OF PRODUCT (YES/NO)	
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Y

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1209062148
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	N
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	N
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>ONGOING PROJECT MARKS WERE DESTROYED. RE-LOCATE WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE TO THE EXTENT THAT MARKS HAD BEEN OBSCURED BY ACTIVITY ONSITE.</p>	

NIPSCO 00286 IUPPSa 09/11/2012 10:04:24 1209062148-01A NORM 2NDR GRID

SECOND NOTICE SECOND NOTICE

Case: 4152

Ticket : 1209062148 Date: 09/11/2012 Time: 10:00 Oper: TFRICKE Chan:028
Old Tkt: 1209062148 Date: 09/06/2012 Time: 13:06 Oper: BECKY.BLACKSTON Rev: 00A

State: IN Cnty: ST JOSEPH Twp: CENTRE
Cityname: SOUTH BEND Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : S CARROLL ST

Cross 1 : W JACKSON RD Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE GOING NORTH FOR 1500 FEET THE
ENTIRE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NEW FELLOWS STREET BRIDGE OVER THE BYPASS

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Grids : 4137C8614B 4137C8614A 4137B8614B 4137B8614A

Boundary: n 41.626186 s 41.621429 w -86.247017 e -86.244209

Work type : CLEARING GRUBBING AND PIPE INSTALLATION

Done for : INDOT

Start date: 09/10/2012 Time: 13:15 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: NORM

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N

Duration : 2 YEARS Depth: 15 FEET

Company : R AND R EXCAVATING Type: CONT

Co addr : 2010 WENT AVENUE

City : MISHAWAKA State: IN Zip: 46545

Caller : BECKY BLACKSTON Phone: (574)256-2467

Contact : BRUCE LORD Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)274-9253

Fax : (574)256-2473

Email : RR_EXCAVATING@COMCAST.NET

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

PER BECKY - STILL NEED NIPSCO - ONLY TO RESPOND

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 09/11/2012 Time: 10:00

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120910003 **DISTRICT:** Northern IN
DAMAGE DATE: 9/10/2012 12:35:00 PM **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 9/10/2012 1:47:35 PM
NOTIFIED BY: JARME MARTIN Facility Owner
DAMAGE ADDRESS: CLARA ST X CARROLL
CITY: SOUTH BEND **ST:** IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 09/10/2012
FROM: 14:30:00 **TO:** 15:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: R & R EXCAVATING
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: Excavation

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: **START DATE/TIME:**
TYPE OF TICKET: **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1209102415 **START DATE/TIME:**

PICTURES TAKEN BY: Allen O'Donnell **DATE/TIME:** 9/10/2012 2:55:00 PM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital **FRAME #:**

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 116375 **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** Joe Hendrickson
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120910003
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO
CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** Gas Main
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Waits Travis - 134075
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:
Facility Marked Accurately

Other:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO METHOD OF INVESTIGATION (at least one must be checked):
Visual, Facility Exposed At Time Of Investigation

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

No marks on site due to all the construction. This is an ongoing project and they are reconstructing the roadway. Found post locate photos on the original ticket number which does not match the locate directions since the tickets are stacked. Ticket 1208211117 has the photos. damage repaired and buried upon arrival.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Eric Toth - Stated that he didn't see any marks remaining when he showed up.

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? No

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

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE Cut gas main

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE N/A

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No N/A

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? Backhoe

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? Yes

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) SB

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA 060 MAXIMO WO # _____
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Jim Armstrong JOB ORDER # 575734
TRACKING NUMBER _____ LOCATE REF # _____
Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 9-10-12 20____ M DATE OF REPORT 9-10-12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) Clara Ave & Carrol St (19691 Clara Ave)

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN SIZE 2" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 30" PRESSURE (PSI) 35" Lbs.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES NO () IGNITION OF GAS: YES () NO EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES () # _____ NO

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 0

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 11:45 TIME RESTORED 3:05 PM

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1"x1"

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS _____ NO
HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) R & R Excavating

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 705 S Beiger St, Mishawaka (514-2562467)

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Rick Stoll

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY _____ REPORT # _____

FIRE () AGENCY NO REPORT # _____

OTHER () _____ Any Injuries? () YES # _____ NO

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO TAKEN BY: _____ (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 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 checked="" 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 |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>no locates present</u> |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS :

PERSON PREPARING REPORT Eric T Bth

FIELD SUPERVISOR Gary O. P.

FIELD MANAGER B. H. H.

- 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 INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Nov 8, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Carrie Ludwig

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 East 15th Ave

City, State, and ZIP code: Gary, IN 46403

Telephone number (*area code*): 219 962 0422

Fax number (*area code*): 219 962 0404

E-mail address: cludwig@nisource.com

Excavator Information, if known

Full name: R & R Excavating

Business address (*number and street*): 705 S Berger St

City, State, and ZIP code: Mishawaka, IN 46545

Telephone number (*area code*): (574)256-2467

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Road Work

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): Sep 10, 2012County: St. JosephCity: South BendStreet address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
Fellows & Clara South Bend INNearest intersection: Fellows & ClaraRight of way where damage occurred: Unknown/OtherWas there a release of product? YesIf yes, was there an ignition of product? NoWere evacuations necessary as a result of release? NoIf yes, how many evacuated? 0Was there a customer service interruption? NoIf yes, how many affected? 0Time to restore service (*in hours*): 0Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0Property damage, Estimate \$

Affected Facility InformationWhat type of pipeline was damaged? Natural GasWhat was the affected facility? DistributionWhat was the depth of the facility, in inches? 30

Notification, Locating, MarkingDid excavator request locates prior to commencing work? YesEnter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1209062148

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Yes

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Contract Locator

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: USIC

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? Yes

Were facilities marked correctly? Yes

Type of markings used: Paint

If other, please specify: _____

Was site marked by "White Lining"? No

Were special instructions part of the locate request? No

Were maps used to complete the locate request? Yes

Were pipeline company representatives on site during excavation? No

Did the excavator notify the operator in the event of this damage? Yes

Did the excavator notify Indiana 811 in the event of this damage? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to use hand tools where required

Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1209102415



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Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Road Work

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Sep 10, 2012

County: St. Joseph

City: South Bend

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
Fellows & Clara

Nearest intersection: Fellows & Clara

Right of way where damage occurred: Unknown/Other

Was there a release of product? Yes

If yes, was there an ignition of product? No

Were evacuations necessary as a result of release? No

If yes, how many evacuated? 0

Was there a customer service interruption? No

If yes, how many affected? 0

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 0

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

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If other, please specify: _____

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Additional Comments

Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1209102415

Locates were destroyed from excavation but visible prior to digging

R & R EXCAVATING, INC.
2010 WENT AVENUE
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA 46545
PHONE: 574-256-2467
FAX: 574-256-2473

January 28, 2013

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500E
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3407

Re: Case No. 4152
Fellows & Clara, St. Joseph County

Dear Mr. Boyd:

We have received your paperwork regarding Case No. 4152 and would like to thank you for our extension request.

The location where this damage occurred is on a multi-year project with the State of Indiana contract number IR-30134. Utility locates have been called in numerous times before the gas line was ever discovered. We have included our ticket summary sheet from Indiana 811 for this area only of the project.

When we began excavation after the 48 hours notification there were no active gas lines marked on Clara Avenue which runs east and west. Please refer to the attached pictures of the area. All of these pictures were taken on September 10, 2012 which is the date of the occurrence. Our pictures indicate no markings of any gas lines at this time. Clara Avenue is located about 300 feet north of Jackson Road. Our locates requested that 1500 feet north of Jackson Road to be located so this area is well within the 1500 feet request.

In fact, during our progress meetings we were told by NIPSCO representatives that any gas lines along Clara Avenue were declared not in service anymore.

We sincerely hope this information will help with your investigation into this damage.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number above.

Respectfully,

Frank Wruble
Office Manager
R & R Excavating, Inc.

From: [Boyd, William](#)
To: ["RR_EXCAVATING@comcast.net"](mailto:RR_EXCAVATING@comcast.net)
Subject: RE: Case No. 4152 Request for Extension
Date: Friday, December 21, 2012 10:27:27 PM

Ms. Blackston,

February 1, 2013 is acceptable. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need more information.

Regards,
William Boyd

From: RR_EXCAVATING@comcast.net [mailto:RR_EXCAVATING@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 11:40 AM
To: IURC PipelineDamageCase
Subject: Case No. 4152 Request for Extension

December 18, 2012

Dear Mr. Boyd:

We have received your paperwork regarding Case No. 4152. We are in the process of gathering all the pertinent facts regarding this damage.

At this time we would like to request a 30 day extension to complete this process and get it to you in an organized fashion.

We plan to have this process completed and the information to you no later than Friday, February 1, 2013.

Please let us know if this is acceptable.

Thank you,
Becky Blackston
R & R Excavating, Inc.



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Ticket Summary

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	Ticket Creation Date	Ticket ID	Ticket Version	Street	Township	Ticket Type	Options
	9/11/2012 10:01:15 AM	1209062148	1	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	Copy
	9/6/2012 1:06:28 PM	1209062148	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	8/28/2012 3:13:30 PM	1208282854	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	8/21/2012 9:31:02 AM	1208210890	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	8/7/2012 12:06:02 PM	1208071723	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	7/20/2012 3:52:12 PM	1207202015	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	7/5/2012 11:34:29 AM	1207051325	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	6/22/2012 10:01:42 AM	1206220769	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	6/7/2012 9:41:16 AM	1206071060	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A
	5/21/2012 2:11:39 PM	1205212900	0	CARROLL	CENTRE	Normal Notice	N/A

Address

19691 CLARA AVE.
South BEND, IN.
46614

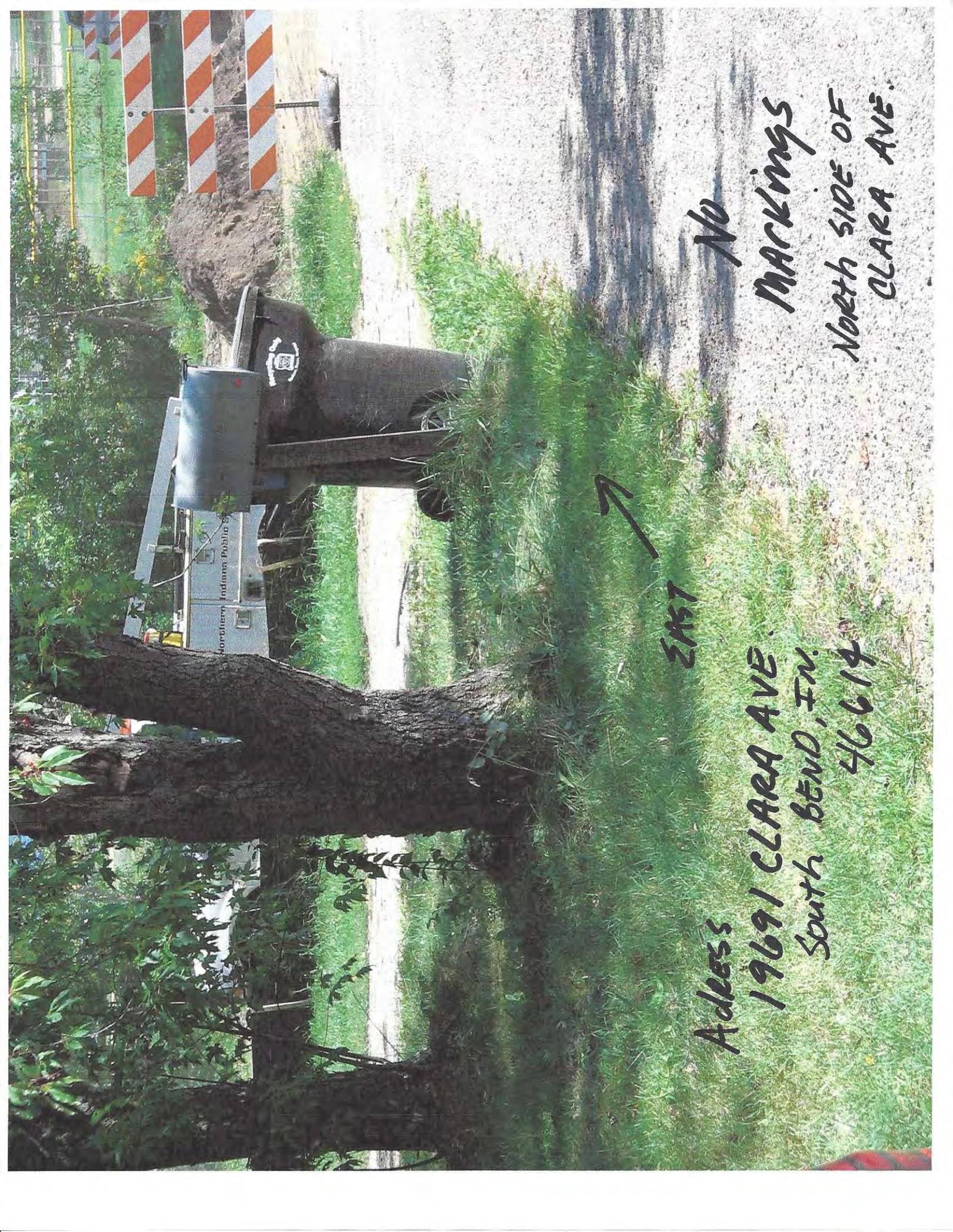
EMST

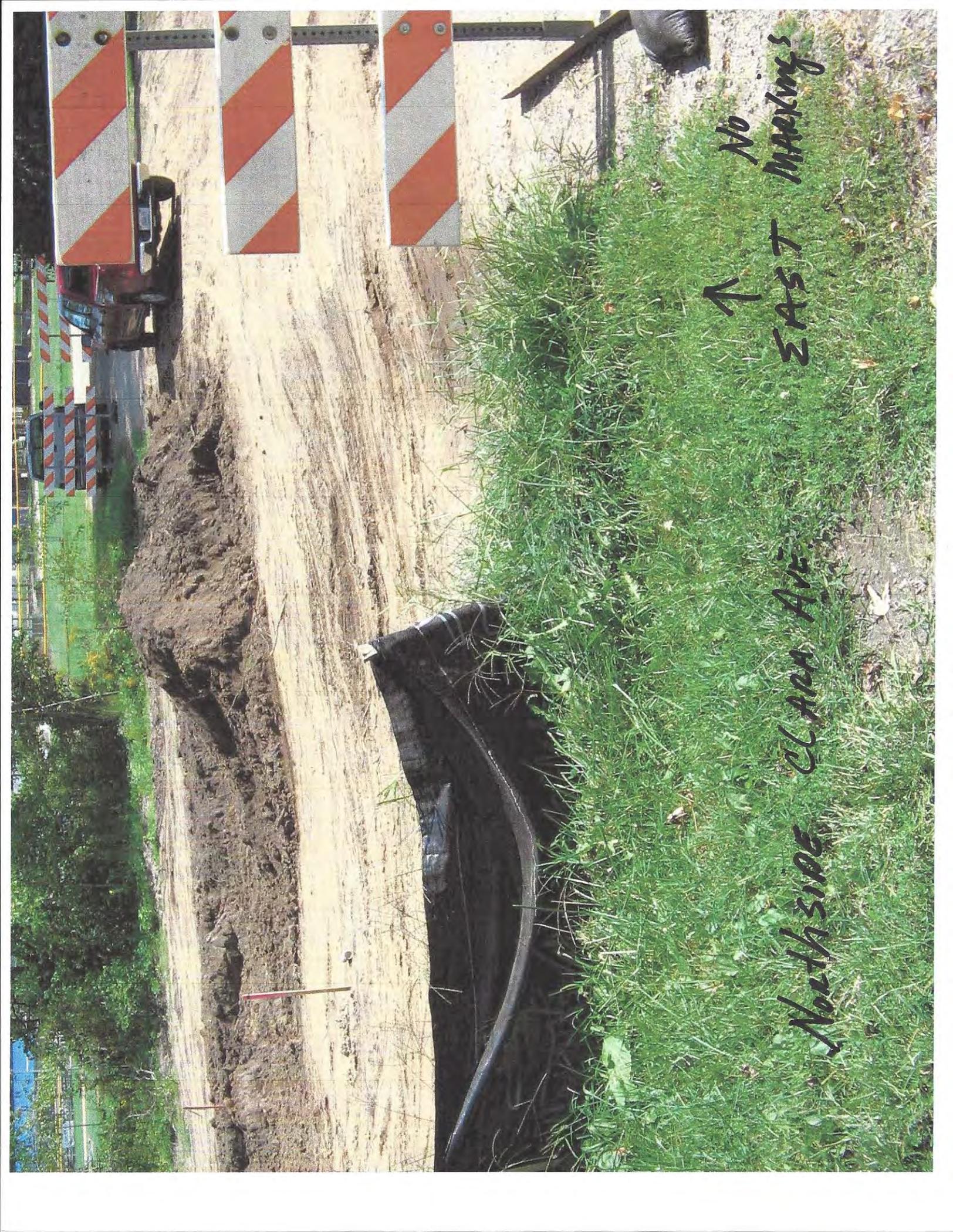


No

MARKINGS

North SIDE OF
CLARA AVE.



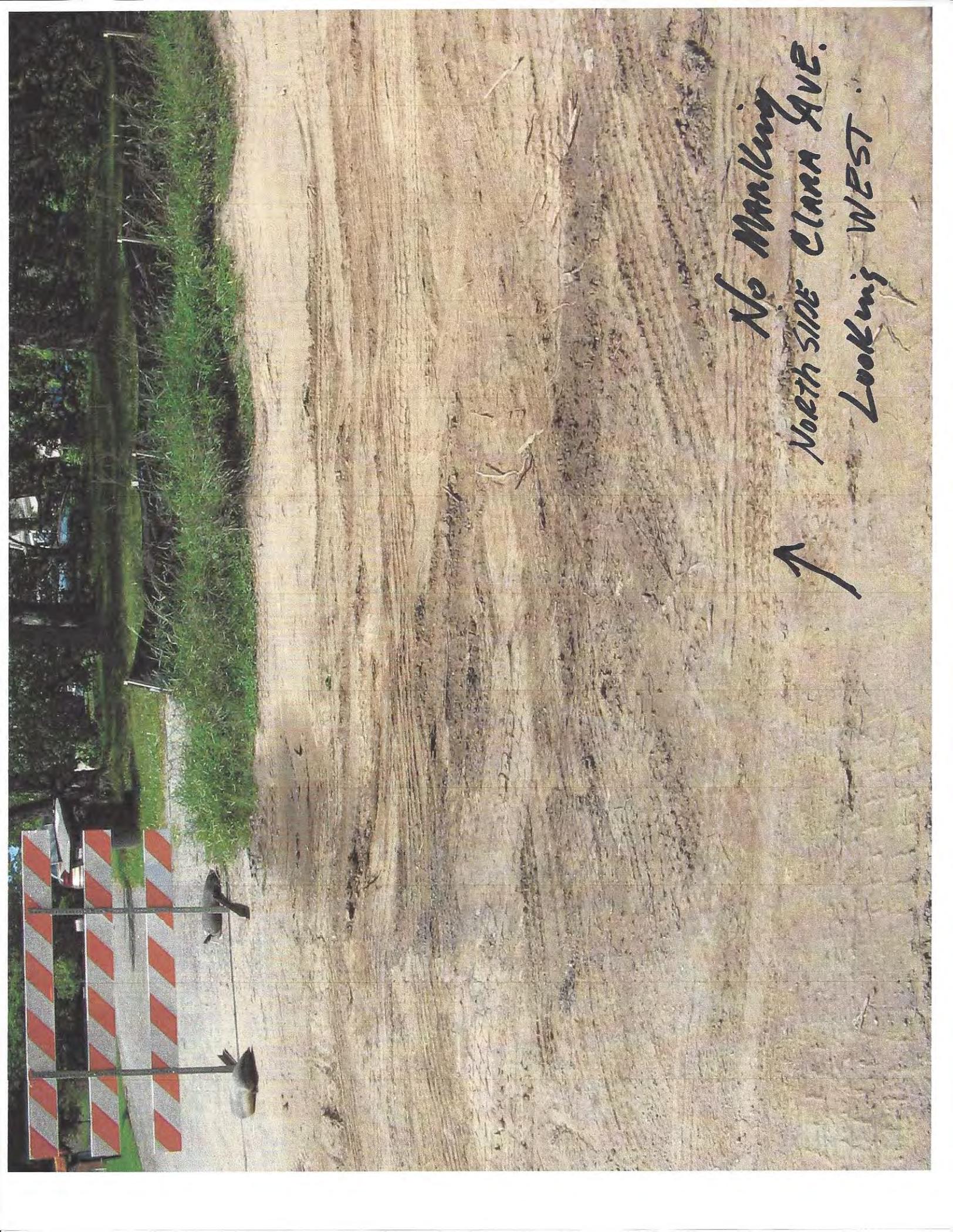


No
↑ EAST MAINTENANCE

NORTH SIDE CLARA AVE.

↑ Northside
CLARA AVE.
EAST.
No Markings





No Marking
North Side Clara Ave.
Looking West.



CLARA AVE.

South side ↑
EAST

No
MARKINGS

