



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Martell Electric Llc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4226

Report Date: 6/27/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/19/2012 10:37:08 AM

Damage Address: Us Rt 20 Bus, South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Martell Electric Llc**

Address: 4601 Cleveland Road, South Bend, In 46628

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: 1211150402

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION - LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF US RT 31 FOR 1500 FEET GOING EAST

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/7/2013. The excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator wishes to use 8-1-26-18(g)(2) as relief since the locate markings were incorrect. Nevertheless, once a new access point was established, the locate took the original route back to the place of damage showing the operator's maps and records are putting the public at risk.

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

March 6, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4226
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 4226

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: 11/19/2012

Event Location: Us Rt 20 Bus

City: South Bend

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Martell Electric Llc

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 4226

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4226	
Date of Event	11/19/2012
Event Location	Us Rt 20 Bus
Event City	South Bend
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Martell Electric Llc
Date of IURC Information Request	2/13/2013
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Martell Electric LLC
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Phil Johnson
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	4601 Cleveland Rd
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN 46628
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574-271-5000
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	574-850-8487
EMAIL ADDRESS	benhudson@martellelectric.com
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	1-317-538-7301
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	US Hwy 20
CITY/STATE/ZIP	South Bend, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	31 Bypass
PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
FACILITY TYPE (Select One)	
DISTRIBUTION	X
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	3"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	NO
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	0
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	NO
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	X
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trencher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (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)	YES
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	NO
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	YES- 1211191450
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	YES

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1211150402
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	NO
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	NO
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	NO
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	YES
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	NO
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	0
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Facility marking or location not sufficient-untoneable main NIPSCO Emergency Repair Ticket# 1211191935</p>	

NIPSCO 00122 IUPPSa 11/15/2012 08:48:14 1211150402-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1211150402 Date: 11/15/2012 Time: 08:30 Oper: MMOELLER Chan:039

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

Address :

Street : US RT 20 BUS

Cross 1 : US RT 31 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF US RT 31 FOR 1500
FEET GOING EAST

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Grids : 4141A8619C 4142D8619C 4141A8619B 4142D8619B 4142D8619A

Grids : 4142C8619A 4142D8620D 4142C8620D 4142C8620C

Boundary: n 41.707325 s 41.699348 w -86.339973 e -86.322792

Work type : INSTALL PIPE AND SIGN POSTS

Done for : REITH RILEY

Start date: 11/19/2012 Time: 08:45 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 5 FEET

Company : MARTELL ELECTRIC LLC Type: CONT

Co addr : 4601 CLEVELAND ROAD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46628

Caller : BEN HUDSON Phone: (574)271-5000

Contact : PHIL JOHNSON CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)850-8487

Fax : (574)271-5400

Email : BENHUDSON@MARTELLELECTRIC.COM

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

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

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Submitted date: 11/15/2012 Time: 08:30

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NIPSCO 00370 IUPPSa 11/19/2012 10:37:28 1211191450-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1211191450 Date: 11/19/2012 Time: 10:35 Oper: JSMITH Chan:088

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

Address :

Street : US RT 20 BUS

Cross 1 : US RT 31 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF US RT 31 FOR 1500
FEET GOING EAST

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Grids : 4141A8619C 4142D8619C 4141A8619B 4142D8619B 4142D8619A

Grids : 4142C8619A 4142D8620D 4142C8620D 4142C8620C

Boundary: n 41.707325 s 41.699348 w -86.339973 e -86.322792

Work type : INSTALL PIPE AND SIGN POSTS

Done for : REITH RILEY

Start date: 11/19/2012 Time: 10:36 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 5 FEET

Company : MARTELL ELECTRIC LLC Type: CONT

Co addr : 4601 CLEVELAND ROAD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46628

Caller : BEN HUDSON Phone: (574)271-5000

Contact : PHIL JOHNSON CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)850-8487

Fax : (574)271-5400

Email : BENHUDSON@MARTELLELECTRIC.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER PHIL JOHNSON--NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS CUT APPROX 1000 FEET EAST OF US RT 31 ON
THE NORTH SIDE OF US RT 20 BUSINESS--GAS LINE IS BLOWING--CALLER HAS BEEN
ADVISED TO PLEASE NOTIFY NIPSCO OF THE DAMAGED LINE--CALLER HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED
911--CREW IS ON SITE--CALLER CANNOT DESCRIBE THE COLOR SIZE AND OR MATERIAL OF
THE DAMAGED LINE--PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER IS 1211150402--THANK YOU!!
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 11/19/2012 Time: 10:35

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NIPSCO 00516 IUPPSa 11/19/2012 11:52:33 1211191935-00A EMER NEW GRID

EMERGENCY SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1211191935 Date: 11/19/2012 Time: 11:39 Oper: KSWANK Chan:063

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

Address :

Street : US RT 20 BUS

Cross 1 : US RT 31 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION TRAVEL EAST FOR 1000 FEET AND FROM THIS
POINT LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD HEADING EAST AND WEST FOR 200 FEET
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Grids : 4142D8619A 4142D8620D 4142C8620D 4142C8620C

Boundary: n 41.706234 s 41.702568 w -86.339867 e -86.331978

Work type : REPAIR GAS LINE

Done for : NIPSCO

Start date: 11/19/2012 Time: 11:41 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 DAY Depth: 6 FEET

Company : NIPSCO Type: MEMB

Co addr : 801 EAST 86TH AVENUE

City : MERRILLVILLE State: IN Zip: 46410

Caller : JAMILA MARTIN Phone: (800)762-0592

Contact : TONY LOPEZ - CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)532-7998

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

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

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Submitted date: 11/19/2012 Time: 11:39

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN NIPSCO SBCIN SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA South Bend MAXIMO WO #
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Gary King JOB ORDER # 575863
TRACKING NUMBER 01820121119004 LOCATE REF #
Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 11/19 2012 10:56AM DATE OF REPORT 11/19/12
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) US Hwy 20 + 31 bypass - South Bend

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN (X) SIZE .3" MATERIAL: PLASTIC (X) STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE)

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 6' (SD) PRESSURE (PSI) 45 Lbs.
R.O.W.

RELEASE OF GAS: YES () NO (X) IGNITION OF GAS: YES () NO (X) EVACUATION REQUIRED: YES (X) # NO (X)
R.O.W.

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 10:56AM TIME RESTORED 12:00:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 3" NOTE: DID NOT CUT IN HALF ONLY TOOK OUT 3" CHAIN
LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES (X) DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 10 FT NO ()
HOW LOCATED: PAINT (X) FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Martell Electric

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 4601 Cleveland Rd, South Bend

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Phil Johnson

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

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

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

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES (X) NO () TAKEN BY: RICHARD WATSON (Btw) (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT) YES
MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO (X)
Email me richard@npsource.com

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AGRICULTURE/FARMING () CABLE TV () CURB/SIDEWALK () TELECOMMUNICATIONS
() BLDG CONSTRUCTION () DEMOLITION () DRAINAGE () WATER
() DRIVEWAY (X) ELECTRIC () SURVEYING () DRAINS/CULVERTS
() FENCING () GRADING () IRRIGATION () MOWING
() LANDSCAPING () PIPELINE () MILLING () OTHER
() POLE/SIGN POST () ROAD WORK () SEWER

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
(X) AUGER () HAND TOOLS () BACKHOE/TRACKHOE
() MILLING EQUIPMENT () PROBING DEVICE () BORING / DRILLING
() EXPLOSIVES () TRENCHER () FARM EQUIPMENT
() VACCUUM EQUIPMENT () GRADER () OTHER

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT () EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE () CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
() NO NOTIFICATION () MARKS DISTURBED () STUB (X) OTHER MARKS MISMARKED BY LOCATE COMPANY

COMMENTS: LOCATES MIS MARKED BY 10 FT. NOTHING
GOOD TO HOOK UP TO. F/WIC STATION WAS ADDED FOR
FUTURE USE.

PERSON PREPARING REPORT MICHAEL COLMS

FIELD SUPERVISOR RICHARD WATHUGAN

FIELD MANAGER RICK GRAY

- 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:

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|---|-----|----|
| • 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: _____

Facility was mismarked due to an abnormal operating condition. Investigator met with two NIPSCO representatives and showed them that the main could not be toned correctly. NIPSCO installed a new access point after the damage, and it still toned the main where we had our marks.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

Robert Hayward & Richard Wahlgren, NIPSCO - Robert arrived on site first and met with Brian Arens of USIC. Brian hooked up to test stand 1000ft east of damage and showed him that the signal traveled exactly down the path that was marked and that the main was untoneable. Investigator Josh Scheibelhut arrived and confirmed the same and shared this information with Richard Wahlgren when he arrived.

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

n/a

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

Brian Arens - USIC

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL? No

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA? Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS? No

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE cut

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 60ft

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) NIPSCO



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/19/2012 11:32:31 AM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/19/2012 11:32:23 AM



Property of United States Infrastructure Corporation
Photo taken on 11/19/2012 11:56:12 AM



150 West Market Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

June 21, 2013

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 4226
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notification of Possible Violations; Pipeline Division Case No. 4226
Date of Event: 11-19-2012
Event Location: US Route 20 (Business), South Bend
Excavator: Martell Electric, LLC
Other Party: N/A

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Division of Pipeline Safety, Notification of Possible Violations for Case No. 4226 (as detailed above) identifying potential violations of Indiana law dated May 22, 2013. NIPSCO has not identified any additional information related to this incident not already provided in its March 6, 2013 response.

NIPSCO contends that the failure to accurately locate the line damaged in this case was a result of circumstances beyond the operator's control and that NIPSCO and its locate contractor (USIC) took every reasonable step to locate the facility within the statutory timeframe. Circumstances can and do occur in the field that adversely impact the performance of locating equipment that cannot always be fully vetted within the prescribed timeframe. NIPSCO encourages that an evaluation be undertaken of the actions taken by the parties at the time to determine whether or not a damage rises to the level of a statutory violation for any party. NIPSCO contends that in some cases damages occur in spite of prudent and appropriate actions by all participants, and that this is such a case.

If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Earle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" and last name "Earle" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher C. (Kit) Earle

NiSource Corporate Services - Legal

Phone: 317-684-4904

Fax: 317-684-4918

Email: cearle@nisource.com

March 6, 2013

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

In response to the Notice of Preliminary Determination of Violation (Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 4226) we have the following to report.

On November 15, 2012 Martell Electric placed two locates through Indiana 811, ticket numbers 1211150402 and 1211150405, these were placed between 8:30 am and 8:38 am in order to install light poles along Business 20. Following this request our Assistant Project Manager, Ben Hudson, in our Traffic Division forwarded the request to our Foreman in the field, Phil Johnson. Phil was told at that time that locates would be good by 9 am on November 19, 2012. This meets the requirements of IC 8-1-26-16(g) Notice of excavation.

On the morning of November 19, 2012 our crew verified locates on Business 20 and proceeded with auguring holes for the placement of the light pole foundations. Satisfying IC 8-1-26-18(f) Properly locate facilities (operator violation). The locates for both phone and gas were verified as being greater than 2 feet from where the foundation was to be installed. Meeting the requirement of IC 8-1-26-20(b) Maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment. At 9:45 am the NIPSCO pipeline was struck by our motorized auger on our line truck. At this point our Foreman, Phil Johnson, called Indiana 811 to notify them we had struck a pipeline that was inaccurately located. Phil then proceeded per protocol to set up our "hit kit" which is used to show the distance of the pipeline strike from the locate performed by Indiana 811, which appears to be six to seven feet away (see attached photos) according to photos taken at the time of the event. At that point, Phil called his Project Manager, Jason Person, and me in order to perform an investigation for Martell Electric. Both Jason and I arrived on scene and took photos and video of the area displaying the distance of the utility strike from the Indiana 811 locate, again six to seven feet.

At this point Martell Electric had a work stand down while the pipe was repaired. We resumed work in the area following the repair. Please see the attached locate documentation as well as the photos of the utility strike distance from the Indiana 811 locate. Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Derek Brown
Safety and Fleet Manager
574-271-5000

Photo's of NIPSCO Utility Strike on Business Route 20, November 19, 2012 approximately 9:45 AM.



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NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1211150405 Date: 11/15/2012 Time: 08:38 Oper: MMOELLER Chan:039

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

Address :

Street : US RT 20 BUS

Cross 1 : US RT 31 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - GO EAST 1500 FEET - THEN LOCATE THE NORTH SIDE
OF US RT 31 FOR 1000 FEET GOING EAST

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Work type : INSTALL PIPE AND SIGN POSTS

Done for : REITH RILEY

Start date: 11/19/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 96/048 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 5 FEET

Company : MARTELL ELECTRIC LLC Type: CONT

Co addr : 4601 CLEVELAND ROAD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46628

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Contact : PHIL JOHNSON CELL Phone:

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Fax : (574)271-5400

Email : BENHUDSON@MARTELLELECTRIC.COM

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

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

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Submitted date: 11/15/2012 Time: 08:38

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID5610 NIPSCO SBCIN SM

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Subdivision:

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Grids : 4141A8619C 4142D8619C 4141A8619B 4142D8619B 4142D8619A
Grids : 4142C8619A 4142D8620D 4142C8620D 4142C8620C

Work type : INSTALL PIPE AND SIGN POSTS

Done for : REITH RILEY

Start date: 11/19/2012 Time: 10:36 Hours notice: 0/000 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 5 FEET

Company : MARTELL ELECTRIC LLC Type: CONT

Co addr : 4601 CLEVELAND ROAD

City : SOUTH BEND State: IN Zip: 46628

Caller : BEN HUDSON Phone: (574)271-5000

Contact : PHIL JOHNSON CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)850-8487

Fax : (574)271-5400

Email : BENHUDSON@MARTELLELECTRIC.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER PHIL JOHNSON--NIPSCO GAS LINE WAS CUT APPROX 1000 FEET EAST OF US RT 31 ON
THE NORTH SIDE OF US RT 20 BUSINESS--GAS LINE IS BLOWING--CALLER HAS BEEN
ADVISED TO PLEASE NOTIFY NIPSCO OF THE DAMAGED LINE--CALLER HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED
911--CREW IS ON SITE--CALLER CANNOT DESCRIBE THE COLOR SIZE AND OR MATERIAL OF
THE DAMAGED LINE--PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER IS 1211150402--THANK YOU!!

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

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Submitted date: 11/19/2012 Time: 10:35

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