



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Arrow Fence Company Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2959

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 650-9105

Report Date: 8/9/12

The Parties

Excavator: Arrow Fence Company Inc

Contact: Amanda Bowser

Address (City, State): 318 Edgewood, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Telephone: 260-482-3425

Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address (City, State): 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Telephone: (260) 439-1290

Utility Line Impact:

Damage Date: 5/14/12

Damage Address: 5622 Breconshire Dr.

City: Fort Wayne

County: Allen

Pipeline Facility

Product Type: Natural Gas

Facility Type/Function: Service

Facility size: 5/8"

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers One

Repair Cost (if known): \$243.17

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tool

Type of work performed: Fence

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Excavator notify 811: Yes

Locate Information:

Excavator request locates: Yes

Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205100620

Incident Impact Information:

Injuries: None

Fatalities: None

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a fence.

Findings: The excavator had a valid locate and accurate locate marks.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities.

NOTE: This summary is based on information provided by the operator only. The excavator has not responded to the information request from the IURC dated 6/21/12.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 25, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2959
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2959

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: 5/14/2012

Event Location: 5622 Breconshire Dr, Fort Wayne

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Arrow Fence Company Incorporated

Other Party: N/A

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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. 2959	
Date of Event	5/14/2012
Event Location	5622 Breconshire Dr, Fort Wayne
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Arrow Fence Company Incorporated
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Arrow Fence
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Andy B.
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	318 Edgewood
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46805
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
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 Locating Service
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9045 North River Road, Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
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	5622 Breconshire Drive
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Fort Wayne, IN 46804
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Bardsley Drive
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.)	5/8
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	Medium
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	243.17
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	X Post hole digger
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	X
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 1205144016
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205100620
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Y
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Y
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	Y
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF OUTPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF INPATIENT TREATED	0
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
FPOLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
Excavator hit accurately marked facility	

NIPSCO 01392 IUPPSa 05/14/2012 16:44:41 1205144061-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Ticket : 1205144061 Date: 05/14/2012 Time: 16:42 Oper: DBROOKING Chan:008

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: BRECONSHIRE

#2959

Address : 5622
Street : BRECONSHIRE DR
Cross 1 : BARDSEY LN Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE BOTH SIDES AND THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4104D8512A
Boundary: n 41.069588 s 41.068489 w -85.216599 e -85.214058

Work type : INSTALL FENCE
Done for : RUBE BRAR
Start date: 05/14/2012 Time: 16:42 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : ARROW FENCE COMPANY INCORPORATED Type: CONT
Co addr : 318 EDGEWOOD AVENUE
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46805
Caller : AMANDA BOWSER Phone: (260)482-3425
Contact : AMANDA BOWSER - OFFICE Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)482-3425
Fax : (260)484-3430
Email : ARROWFENCECO@AOL.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
THEY HAVE HIT A NIPSCO GAS LINE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE PROPERTY--THE LINE
IS BLOWING--AMANDA DOES NOT KNOW THE SIZE OR COLOR OR MATERIAL OF THE LINE--CREW
IS ON SITE--PREVIOUS TICKET 1205100620--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 05/14/2012 Time: 16:42
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID5444 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00138 IUPPSa 05/10/2012 08:55:18 1205100620-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1205100620 Date: 05/10/2012 Time: 08:44 Oper: MMOELLER Chan:039

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: WAYNE
Cityname: FORT WAYNE Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision: BRECONSHIRE

#2959

Address : 5622
Street : BRECONSHIRE DR
Cross 1 : BARDSEY LN Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE BOTH SIDES AND THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4104D8512A
Boundary: n 41.069588 s 41.068489 w -85.216599 e -85.214058

Work type : INSTALL FENCE
Done for : RUBE BRAR
Start date: 05/14/2012 Time: 09:00 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 2 WEEKS Depth: 3 FEET

Company : ARROW FENCE COMPANY INCORPORATED Type: CONT
Co addr : 318 EDGEWOOD AVENUE
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46805
Caller : AMANDA BOWSER Phone: (260)482-3425
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Mobile : (260)482-3425
Fax : (260)484-3430
Email : ARROWFENCECO@AOL.COM

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

Submitted date: 05/10/2012 Time: 08:44
Members: AEPIN CC FW ID5444 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120514019
Northern IN
5/14/2012 4:42:00 PM
5/14/2012 4:50:13 PM
AMANDA BOWSER
5622 BRECONSHIRE DR
FORT WAYNE
ST: IN ZIP:

NOTIFICATION ID:
DISTRICT:
DAMAGE DATE:
NOTIFICATION DATE:
NOTIFIED BY:
DAMAGE ADDRESS:
CITY:

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/14/2012
17:00:00
17:30:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

ARROW FENCE
fence

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1205100620

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

1205144061

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

Ross Gillespie
5/14/2012 5:15:00 PM
Digital

PICTURES TAKEN BY:
DATE/TIME:
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:
FRAME #:

125397

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

Ross Gillespie
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120514019

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Jones Karl - 131772

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

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:

paint and flags line up with damage site

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

na

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

na

LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:

na

Yes WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?
Yes WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?
Yes WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?
cut in 2 EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE
1' REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE
No na WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?
augre WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?
No IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?
na IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NO
EXCAVATOR
RESPONSE
PROVIDED