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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Hill T Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2981

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 650-9105

Report Date: 8/9/12

The Parties

Excavator: Hill T Excavating

Contact: Jeff Hilty, Owner

Address (City, State): 64200 SR 19, Goshen, IN 46526

Telephone: 574-202-2300

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: 5/22/12

Damage Address: 64720 Co Rt 21

City: Goshen

County: Elkhart

Pipeline Facility

Product Type: Natural Gas

Facility Type/Function: Distribution main

Facility size: 2”

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers 12

Repair Cost (if known): Unknown

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Type of Equipment: Unknown

Type of work performed: Sewer

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Excavator notify 811: Yes

Locate Information:

Excavator request locates: Yes

Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205190420

Incident Impact Information:

Injuries: None

Fatalities: None

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

Findings: The excavator had a valid locate request and accurate locate markings. The natural gas facility was exposed when the ditch caved in pulling the gas service out of the main.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage with underground facilities.

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

NOTE: The excavator has not responded to the information request from the IURC dated 6/21/12. The summary is based on information provided by the Operator and the locating contractor.

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. 2981
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2981

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: 5/22/2012

Event Location: 64720 Co Rt 21, Goshen

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Hill T Excavating

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 2981

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
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IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2981	
Date of Event	5/22/2012
Event Location	64720 Co Rt 21, Goshen
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Hill T Excavating
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Hill T Excavating
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Jeff Hilty
TITLE (IF ANY)	Owner
ADDRESS	64200 SR 19
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Goshen, IN 46526
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	64720 CR 21
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Goshen, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Co Rt 38
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.)	2”
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	50
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	12
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) ($)	
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scrapper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vaccuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	X
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	
Sewer (Sanitary/Storm)	X
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)	
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Y 1205233499
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205190420
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 service Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1205220532	

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120523013

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 5/23/2012 2:57:00 PM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 5/23/2012 3:05:09 PM

NOTIFIED BY: JEFF HILLTY

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 64720 CO RT 21

CITY: GOSHEN

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 05/23/2012

FROM: 16:00:00

TO: 16:30:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: HILL T TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: SEWER

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1205221146

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET: Routine

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1205233499

START DATE/TIME: 5/23/2012 4:00:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: SCOTT SCHOOLEY

DATE/TIME: 5/23/2012 4:00:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 125980

INVESTIGATOR NAME: SCOTT SCHOOLEY

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120523013

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: Gas Service

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Schooley Scott - 125980

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,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:
MARKED CORRECTLY, DITCH CAVED IN PULLIN SERVICE OUT OF MAIN

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? Yes

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERENCE ZONE OF MARKS? Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE SERVICE PULLED OUT OF MAIN

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE 1 FOOT

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? NO

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00123 IUPPSa 05/22/2012 08:25:01 1205220496-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE

Ticket : 1205220496 Date: 05/22/2012 Time: 08:21 Oper: BTHOMPSON Chan:084

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: ELKHART
Cityname: GOSHEN Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#2981

Address : 64720
Street : CO RT 21
Cross 1 : CO RT 38 Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE FROM THE RD TO THE REAR PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN THE NORTHERN DRIVES ON THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4133C8550B 4133B8550B 4133C8550A 4133B8550A 4133C8551D
Grids : 4133B8551D
Boundary: n 41.561756 s 41.554363 w -85.852234 e -85.843048

Work type : INSTALLING SEWER
Done for : SKYVIEW MOBILE HOME PARK
Start date: 05/22/2012 Time: 08:21 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 3 WKS Depth: 8 FT

Company : HILL T EXCAVATING Type: CONT
Co addr : 64200 INDIANA STATE ROAD 19
City : GOSHEN State: IN Zip: 46526
Caller : JEFF HILLTY Phone: (574)202-2300
Contact : JEFF HILLTY--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)202-2300

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER JEFF HILLTY--HAS HIT NIPSCO GAS LINE--IS BLOWING--CAN HEAR IT--IN THE CENTER OF THE DIG SITE--IS A 2 INCH GAS LINE IS ORANGE PLASTIC--911 IS ON SITE AND CALLER HAS CALLED NIPSCO--CREW IS ONSITE--PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1205190420--THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/22/2012 Time: 08:21
Members: COMCN ID2178 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00151 IUPPSa 05/19/2012 23:20:45 1205190420-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1205190420 Date: 05/19/2012 Time: 23:04 Oper: MLJACKSON Chan:022

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: ELKHART
Cityname: GOSHEN Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

#2981

Address : 64720
Street : CO RT 21
Cross 1 : CO RT 38 Within 1/4 mile: N
Location: LOCATE FROM THE RD TO THE REAR PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN THE NORTHERN DRIVES ON THE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4133C8550B 4133B8550B 4133C8550A 4133B8550A 4133C8551D
Grids : 4133B8551D
Boundary: n 41.561756 s 41.554363 w -85.852234 e -85.843048

Work type : INSTALLING SEWER
Done for : SKYVIEW MOBILE HOME PARK
Start date: 05/23/2012 Time: 07:00 Hours notice: 79/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 3 WKS Depth: 8 FT

Company : HILL T EXCAVATING Type: CONT
Co addr : 64200 INDIANA STATE ROAD 19
City : GOSHEN State: IN Zip: 46526
Caller : JEFF HILLTY Phone: (574)202-2300
Contact : JEFF HILLTY--CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)202-2300

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: 05/19/2012 Time: 23:04
Members: COMCN ID2178 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NO

EXCAVATOR

RESPONSE

PROVIDED