



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Jeff Martin**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2994

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 7/30/2012

Damage Date: 5/23/2012 5:15:13 PM

Damage Address: 9 Cleveland St

City: Logansport

County: Cass

The Parties

Excavator: **Jeff Martin**

Contact: Jeff Martin, Owner

Address: 9 Cleveland St, Logansport, In 46947

Telephone:

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Contact: Kit Earle

Address: 101 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

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Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205110543

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Bldg. Construction

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a building footer.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 7/2/2012. Excavator had a valid locate request and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to plan the excavation to avoid damage to underground facilities.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(b): Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities; Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Jeff Martin has no other report of damages in the record.

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. 2994
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2994

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: 5/23/2012

Event Location: 9 Cleveland St, Logansport

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Jeff Martin

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
Phone: 317-684-4904
Fax: 317-684-4918
Email: cearle@nisource.com

IURC INFORMATION REQUEST	
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2994	
Date of Event	5/23/2012
Event Location	9 Cleveland St, Logansport
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Jeff Martin
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Jeff Martin
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Jeff Martin
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	9 Cleveland St
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Logansport, IN 46947
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	9 Cleveland St
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Logansport, IN 46947
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Pike
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" plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
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	X
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)	
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 1205234015
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205110543
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Yes
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	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120523016
Northern IN
5/23/2012 5:09:00 PM
5/23/2012 5:20:13 PM
JEFF MARTIN
9 CLEVELAND ST
LOGANSPORT
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/23/2012
16:50:00
17:10:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

JEFF MARTIN
FOOTER FOR GARAGE

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

1205110543

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

M50967265

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

MIKE CADE
5/23/2012 4:55:00 PM
Digital
N/A

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

112161
MIKE CADE
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120523016

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Cade Mike - 112161

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:

MARKS GOOD.

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 TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

Yes

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

CUT

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

1

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

No N/A

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

N/A

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

N/A

NIPSCO 01343 IUPPSa 05/23/2012 17:15:25 1205234015-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1205234015 Date: 05/23/2012 Time: 17:09 Oper: SLUCAS Chan:060

State: IN Cnty: CASS Twp: NOBLE
Cityname: LOGANSPORT Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision: NORTHERN HEIGHTS

#2994

Address : 9
Street : CLEVELAND ST
Cross 1 : IN RT 17 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY --- DIG SITE IS MARKED IN ORANGE PAINT

Grids : 4046D8622C 4046D8622B
Boundary: n 40.770752 s 40.769543 w -86.377075 e -86.373184

Work type : GARAGE ADDITION
Done for : GARY SETTLEMYRE
Start date: 05/23/2012 Time: 17:10 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 2 FEET

Company : JEFF MARTIN Type: OTHR
Co addr : 9 CLEVELAND ST
City : LOGANSPORT State: IN Zip: 46947
Caller : JEFF MARTIN Phone: (574)753-2921
Contact : JEFF MARTIN CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (574)930-0785

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
A NIPSCO LINE HAS BEEN HIT ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY - THE LINE IS BLOWING AND CAN BE HEARD - LINE IS A 1/2 INCH LINE - CALLER HAS NOT CALLED 911 BUT WAS ADVISED TO DO SO - CREW IS ON SITE - CALLER HAS CALLED THE UTILITY - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER IS 1205110543 - THANK YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 05/23/2012 Time: 17:09
Members: ID3043 ID4752 ID6231 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00138 IUPPSa 05/11/2012 09:07:52 1205110543-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1205110543 Date: 05/11/2012 Time: 09:00 Oper: DMEYER Chan:034

State: IN Cnty: CASS Twp: NOBLE
Cityname: LOGANSPORT Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision: NORTHERN HEIGHTS

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Done for : GARY SETTLEMYRE
Start date: 05/15/2012 Time: 09:15 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
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Mobile : (574)930-0785

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: 05/11/2012 Time: 09:00
Members: ID3043 ID4752 ID6231 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

REC'D 07/03/2012
WB

Case #2994

I, Jeff Martin, am sending you in writing that I cut a gas line at 9 Cleveland St in Logansport, IN. I was digging footer for my uncle who resides at the address mentioned before. I called for a locator, ticket number 1205110543. I also (laid out white line). I was digging by hand, trying to find gas line and hit line with spade. I called 811 again, ticket number 1205234015, and caution taped off the area 50' in all directions. NIPSCO arrived in approximately 15 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact me at home, (574) 753-5858 or on my cell phone at (574) 930-0785.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeff Martin

EXISTING HOME

METER

CUT LINE
WITH SPACE

GAS LINE

CASE NO. 2994

GARAGE ADDITION

FOOTING

FOOTING

FOOTING