



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Mark Mccomb**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3369

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 10/30/2012

Damage Date: 7/14/2012 2:52:46 PM

Damage Address: 2510 Hunter St

City: Huntertown

County: Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Mark Mccomb**

Contact: Mark Mccomb

Address: 2510 Hunter St, Huntertown, In 46748

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: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$996

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Drainage

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a drain line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 8/16/2012. The homeowner was installing a drain line and was working with locate markings that had been requested by a different excavator. The homeowner was trying to spot the accurately marked gas line when he damaged it with a shovel.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g): Failure to provide notice of excavation.

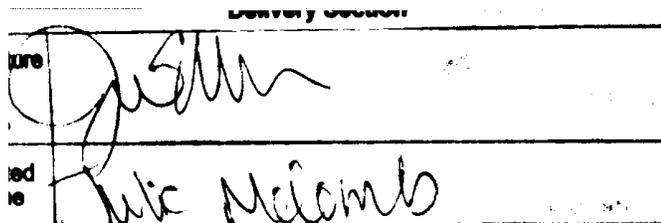


Date: 08/18/2012

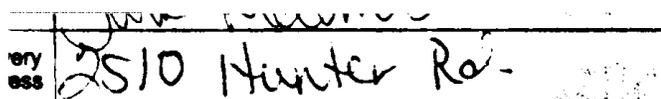
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MARK MCCOMB
MARK MCCOMB
2510 HUNTER RD
HUNTERTOWN IN 46748-9759



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

September 14, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3369
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3369

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: 7/14/2012

Event Location: 2510 Hunter St, Huntertown

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Mark Mccomb

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3369

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Earle".

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. 3369	
Date of Event	7/14/2012
Event Location	2510 Hunter St, Huntertown
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Mark Mccomb
Date of IURC Information Request	8/16/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Mark McComb
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Same
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2510 Hunter Road
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Huntertown, IN 46748
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	2510 Hunter Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Huntertown, IN 46748
NEAREST INTERSECTION	
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.)	1
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	50
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	2
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	N/A
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	995.71
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	X
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	X
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)	Yes
IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	Yes 1207140206
LOCATE INFORMATION:	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1207061999
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	Yes
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)	Yes Huntertown FD
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Excavator hit accurately marked facility with shovel. Nipsco emergency repair ticket #: 1207140255</p>	

NIPSCO 00065 IUPPSa 07/14/2012 14:53:09 1207140206-00A EMER DAMG STRT

DAMAGE DAMAGE

Case 3369

Ticket : 1207140206 Date: 07/14/2012 Time: 14:49 Oper: NBOYD Chan:002

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: PERRY
Cityname: HUNTERTOWN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 2510
Street : HUNTER ST
Cross 1 : LIMA RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4113B8510B 4113B8510A
Boundary: n 41.228626 s 41.227398 w -85.183159 e -85.176338

Work type : DRAINAGE TILE
Done for : MARK MCCOMB
Start date: 07/14/2012 Time: 14:50 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: Y
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 2 FEET

Company : MARK MCCOMB Type: HOME
Co addr : 2510 HUNTER ST
City : HUNTERTOWN State: IN Zip: 46748
Caller : MARK MCCOMB Phone: (260)403-5347
Contact : MARK MCCOMB - CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)403-5347

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
PER MARK - NIPSCO GAS LINE DAMAGED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY - IT IS A
BROWN BLACK LINE - LINE IS BLOWING - HAVE CALLED NIPSCO - HAVE NOT CALLED 911 -
HOMEOWNER IS ON SITE - NO PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
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Submitted date: 07/14/2012 Time: 14:49
Members: AEPIN CC ID5058 ID6111 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00650 IUPPSa 07/06/2012 14:37:19 1207061999-00A NORM NEW STRT

NORMAL NOTICE

Case 3369

Ticket : 1207061999 Date: 07/06/2012 Time: 14:28 Oper: SPOPE Chan:044

State: IN Cnty: ALLEN Twp: PERRY
Cityname: HUNTERTOWN Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address : 2510
Street : HUNTER ST
Cross 1 : LIMA RD Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY
:
Grids : 4113B8510B 4113B8510A
Boundary: n 41.228626 s 41.227398 w -85.183159 e -85.176338

Work type : REPAIR SEWER LINE
Done for : MCCOMB HOME
Start date: 07/10/2012 Time: 14:45 Hours notice: 96/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 1 WEEK Depth: 8 FEET

Company : ONEAL EXCAVATING Type: CONT
Co addr : 14714 LIMA ROAD
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46818
Caller : LORRIE ONEAL Phone: (260)338-1609
Contact : DAN ONEAL -- CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)740-6015
Fax : (260)338-1608
Email : BOB@ONEALEXC.COM

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

Submitted date: 07/06/2012 Time: 14:28
Members: AEPIN CC ID5058 ID6111 ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA ANbola MAXIMO WO # M509210

OPERATING AREA CONTACT Joe THOMAS JOB ORDER # 546434

TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 0714007 LOCATE REF # Did not provide

Locate Performed By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 07/14/12 2012, 14:44 M DATE OF REPORT 07/14/2012

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 2510 Hunter Rd HUNTER TOWN

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 1" MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 22 PRESSURE (PSI) 50 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 2

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 14:44 TIME RESTORED 19:00 ~~TIME~~ TIME STOPPED 16:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: ~~1/4"~~ 1/4"

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 2" NO ()
HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) MARK McComb

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2510 Hunter Rd Hunter town

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE MARK McComb

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS _____

WITNESS REMARKS _____

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

FIRE AGENCY Huntertown FD 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

- AGRICULTURE/FARMING
- BLDG CONSTRUCTION
- DRIVEWAY
- FENCING
- LANDSCAPING
- POLE/SIGN POST
- CABLE TV
- DEMOLITION
- ELECTRIC
- GRADING
- PIPELINE
- ROAD WORK
- CURB/SIDEWALK
- DRAINAGE
- SURVEYING
- IRRIGATION
- MILLING
- SEWER
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- WATER
- DRAINS/CULVERTS
- MOWING
- OTHER _____

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- AUGER
- MILLING EQUIPMENT
- EXPLOSIVES
- VACCUUM EQUIPMENT
- HAND TOOLS
- PROBING DEVICE
- TRENCHER
- GRADER
- ~~_____~~
- BORING / DRILLING
- FARM EQUIPMENT
- OTHER SHOVEL

REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT
- NO NOTIFICATION
- EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE
- MARKS DISTURBED
- CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR
- STUB
- OTHER Hit Handdigging

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS:

Excavating with a backhoe but cut gas
service while spotting line,

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Kyle Laney

FIELD SUPERVISOR

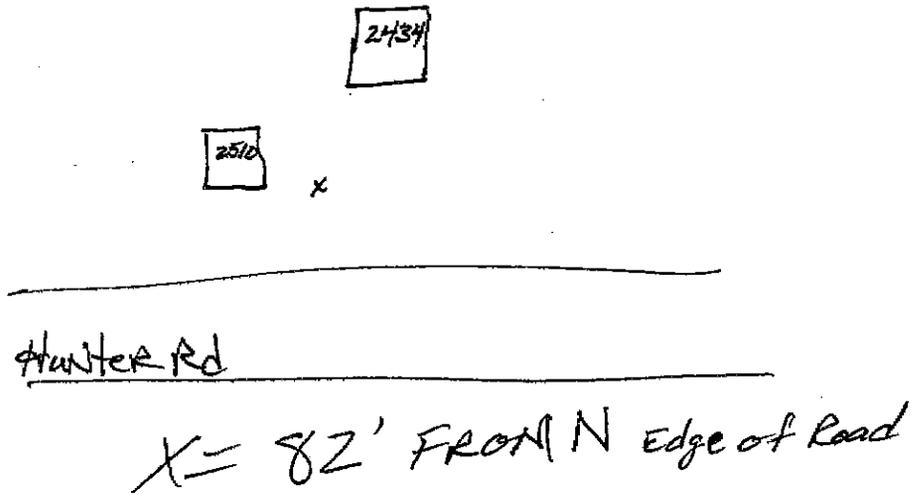
Joe Thomas 7-17-12

FIELD MANAGER

Randall Dumm

- 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



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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: _____



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

State Form 54122 (R2 / 7-11)
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 21, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Robert A. Hayward

Business address (*number and street*): 3511 E.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: Mark McComb

Business address (*number and street*): 2510 Hunter Rd

City, State, and ZIP code: Huntertown, IN 46748

Telephone number (*area code*): 260-403-5347

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Occupant

Excavation or demolition equipment: Hand Tools

Type of work performed: Drainage

Date and Location of Damage

Date of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 14, 2012

County: Allen

City: Huntertown

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
2510 Hunter Rd Huntertown, IN 46748

Nearest intersection: Lima Rd

Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land Owner

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? _____

Was there a customer service interruption? Yes

If yes, how many affected? 2

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 4.25

Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0

Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0

Property damage, Estimate \$ _____

Affected Facility Information

What type of pipeline was damaged? Natural Gas

What was the affected facility? Service/Drop

What was the depth of the facility, in inches? 22

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207061999 (Working under ONEAL EXCAVATING's ticket)

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 and Flags

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? Yes

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Yes

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: Other

Additional Comments

Excavator hit accurately marked facility with shovel
Damage Ticket #1207140206
Nipsco Emergency Repair Ticket # 1207140255