



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **City Of Columbia City**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3641

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 9/27/2012

Damage Date: 8/2/2012

Damage Address: 1955 E Bair Rd

City: Columbia City

County: Whitley

The Parties

Excavator: **City Of Columbia City**

Contact: Ron Gallmeyer, Electric Supervisor

Address: 316 S Towerview Dr, Columbia City, In, 46725

Telephone: (260)248-5115

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: 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: 1207272216

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Electric

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install an electric line.

Findings: Reported by NIPSCO; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 9/18/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate marks.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance with mechanized equipment.

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.



INFORMATION REQUEST

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 3641

The Pipeline Safety Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requests any and all information you can provide regarding the following criteria.

Upon completion of answers select email button for submission.

The Parties

Excavator Information:

Business Name: Columbia City Electric Dept

Responsible Party Personal Name: Ron Gallmeyer

Title (if any): Electric Supervisor

Address (number and street): 316 S. Towerview Dr.

City, State and ZIP Code: Columbia City, IN 46725

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260 -248-5115

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 260-229-0526

Email Address: rgallmeyer@columbiacity.net

Facility Information:

Business Name: Columbia City Electric Dept.

Responsible Party Personal Name: Larry Whetstone

Title (if any): Electric Superintendent

Address (number and street): 316 S. Towerview Dr

City, State and ZIP Code: Columbia City, IN 46725

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 260 248 5117

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 260 229 0525

Email Address: lwheststone@columbiacity.net

Locator Service Information:

Business Name: Indiana Underground

Responsible Party Personal Name: ?

Title (if any): locator

Address (number and street): _____

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Cause of Damage Information

Type of Equipment (select one): Trencher

Type of Work Performed (select one): Electric

Other Information (Witness, Police, Fire, Other):

Personal Contact: Ron Gallmeyer, Steve Schmitt, Zack Birely

Business/Organization Name: Columbia City Electric Dept

Title (if any): _____

Address (number and street): same

City, State and ZIP Code: _____

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): _____

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Utility Line Impact

Location of Damage:

Address (*number and street*): 1955 E. Bair Rd

City, State and ZIP Code: Columbia City, IN 46725

Nearest Intersection: State Road #9

Product Type (*select one*): Natural Gas

Facility Type (*select one*): Distribution

Size (Diameter/etc.): approx 3/4" service line for remodel

Pressure (PSIG/Inches): _____

Interruption in Service: Yes No Number of Customers Affected: _____

Evacuation: Yes No If yes, How Many Evacuated? _____

Repair Cost (if known): \$ _____

Release of Product: Yes No

Ignition and/or Fire: Yes No

Excavator Notify 811: Yes No

Locate Information

Excavator Request Locate: Yes No

Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number: 1206180390

- Locate Marks Visible:** Yes No
- Locate Marks Correct:** Yes No
- Excavator "White Lined":** Yes No
- Maps Used to Mark Facilities:** Yes No
- Was Locate Provided within Two (2) Working Days:** Yes No
- Operator Employees On-site during Excavation:** Yes 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

Was running a new electric line for a remodeled empty home. Hand dug and exposed the gas line on both sides and 1 foot below line. Was getting ready to lay the electric wire and was removing un-excavated dirt out of trench due to dry hard ground from no rain and bucket slipped off dirt and hit line.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3641

Your Full Name: Larry Whetstone

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Columbia City Electric Department

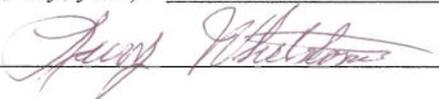
Your Business Title (if applicable): _____

Address (number and street): 316 S. Towerview Dr.

City: Columbia City State: IN ZIP Code: 46725

Your E-mail Address: lwhetstone@columbiacity.net

Today's Date (month, day, year): 09/18/12

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Electric Supt.

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3641
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Angie Hildebrand

From: irth@iupps.org
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 3:06 PM
To: Angie Hildebrand
Subject: IUPPS Ticket # 1207272216
 NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1207272216 Date: 07/27/2012 Time: 03:01 Oper: ANGELA.HILDEBRAN Chan:000

State: IN Cnty: WHITLEY Twp: THORNCREEK
 Cityname: COLUMBIA CITY Inside: N Near: Y
 Subdivision:

Address : 1955
 Street : BAIR RD
 Cross 1 : N IN RT 9 Within 1/4 mile: Y
 Location: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY
 :
 Grids : 4115D8527B 4115D8527A 4114A8527B 4114A8527A

Work type : NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE
 Done for : COLUMBIA CITY ELECTRIC DEPT
 Start date: 07/31/2012 Time: 15:15 Hours notice: 108/48 Priority: NORM
 Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
 Duration : 2 DAYS Depth: 4 FOOT

Company : CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY Type: MEMB
 Co addr : 316 S TOWERVIEW DRIVE
 City : COLUMBIA CITY State: IN Zip: 46725
 Caller : ANGELA HILDEBRAND Phone: (260)248-5115
 Contact : RON GALLMEYER Phone:
 BestTime:
 Mobile : (260)229-0526
 Fax : (260)248-5116
 Email : AHILDEBRAND@COLUMBIACITY.NET

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: 07/27/2012 Time: 03:01
 Members: AEPIN ID2034 ID2696 ID5105 ID6111 ID7634 NIPSCO ID5857 SM

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5105 00001 IUPPSa 06/18/2012 08:11:47 1206180390-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE

Ticket : 1206180390 Date: 06/18/2012 Time: 08:07 Oper: MLJACKSON Chan:040

State: IN Cnty: WHITLEY Twp: THORNCREEK
Cityname: COLUMBIA CITY Inside: N Near: Y
Subdivision:

*Elec
76468*

Address : 1955
Street : E BAIR RD
Cross 1 : IN RT 9 Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE THE SE AND NW CORNERS OF THE HOUSE

Grids : 4115D8527B 4115D8527A 4114A8527D 4114B8527C 4114A8527C
Grids : 4114A8527B 4114A8527A
Boundary: n 41.250465 s 41.245750 w -85.463387 e -85.454140

Work type : ROOM ADDITION
Done for : CHRIS MOUNSEY
Start date: 06/20/2012 Time: 08:15 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : 2 WKS Depth: UNK

Company : KDP INC Type: HOME
Co addr : 5644 WINCHESTER RD
City : FORT WAYNE State: IN Zip: 46819
Caller : CHRIS MOUNSEY Phone: (260)747-5856
Contact : CHRIS MOUNSEY CELL Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (260)438-3159
Email : MOUNSEY608@GMAIL.COM

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WORK ORDER INQUIRY - COMPLETION INFORMATION

F7-Return

Work Order No. 77055

Account # 9-86100.00

Bill Name MOUNSEY, DANIEL W

Search Name MOUNSEY, DANIEL

Service Addr 1955 E BAIR RD

Requested By DEANNA BUILDING/PLAN

Date 7/27/12 Time 12:40 PM

Received By BEATE

Reason APPROVED FOR 200 AMP UG ELEC ON THE 18TH NEVER CALLED TO CITY

Completed By RON

Date 8/03/12 Time

Description USED SAME METER

Work Order No 76468 WORK ORDER INQUIRY F7-Return
Department ELEC Type LL LOCATE LINES
Account No 9-86100.00
Bill Name MOUNSEY, DANIEL W Search Name MOUNSEY, DANIEL
Service Addr 1955 E BAIR RD
Requested By INDIANA UNDERGROUND Date 6/18/12 Time 8:22 AM
Received By BEATE

Reason LOCATE THE SE AND NW CORNERS OF THE HOUSE

ROOM ADDITION

Service Scheduled For: Date 6/18/12 Time

	Number	Size	Kind	Set Dt	Location	Prev Read	Curr Read	Usage
Current	22359459		C	5/29/08		90476	90585	73
New								

Comments

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
101 W WASHINGTON ST STE 1500
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2764



Return Receipt (Electronic)

9214 8901 0661 5400 0004 2850 10

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CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY
316 TOWERVIEW DR
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725-8799

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6"X9" ENVELOPE
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101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 22, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3641
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3641

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: 8/2/2012

Event Location: 1955 E Bair Rd, Columbia City

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: City of Columbia City

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 3641

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. 3641	
Date of Event	8/2/2012
Event Location	1955 E Bair Rd, Columbia City
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	City of Columbia City
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Columbia City Electric Department
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	920 East Van Buren St
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Columbia City, IN 46725
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	1955 E. Blair Road
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Columbia City, IN 46725
NEAREST INTERSECTION	N IN RT 9
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)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	177.69
CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:	
TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	

Probing Device	
Trencher	X
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)	No
LOCATE INFORMATION:	

EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1207272216
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)	
POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
AMBULANCE RESPONSE (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS	
<p>Failure to use hand tools where required</p> <p>Facility was exposed but excavator still used trencher in tolerance zone</p>	

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Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120802006 **DISTRICT:** Northern IN
DAMAGE DATE: 8/2/2012 1:05:00 PM **NOTIFICATION DATE:** 8/2/2012 1:32:08 PM
NOTIFIED BY: Patty Facility Owner
DAMAGE ADDRESS: 1955 E Bair Rd
CITY: Columbia City (THORNCREEK TWNSHP) **ST:** IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 08/02/2012
FROM: 14:55:00 **TO:** 15:00:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: COLUMBIA CITY ELECTRIC
TYPE OF EXCAVATION: ELECTRIC INSTALL

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1207272216 **START DATE/TIME:**
TYPE OF TICKET: **LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:**

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: M59010977 **START DATE/TIME:** 8/2/2012 2:30:00 PM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: RANDYGOSE **DATE/TIME:** 8/2/2012 3:00:00 PM
PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital **FRAME #:** N/A

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117384 **INVESTIGATOR NAME:** RANDYGOSE
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120802006
SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO
CUSTOMER #: (optional)

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF **FACILITY ID:** service
LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Wolf Nathan - 134728
LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

Contractor Damaged Exposed Facility,
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 Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

CONTRACTOR (COLUMBIA CITY ELECTRIC) EXPOSED GAS SERVICE , HIT IT WITH THE TRENCHER BLADE DUE TO THE HARD GROUND . LOCATES MARKS WERE RIGHT ON .

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 gas service

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE n/a

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? trencher

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S) n/a



DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORT – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

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

Submitted to IURC-Pipeline Safety on: Aug 28, 2012

Who is submitting this information?

Name of person providing this information: Steve Noffsinger

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: City of Columbia City

Business address (*number and street*): 316 S Towerview Dr

City, State, and ZIP code: Columbia City, IN, 46725

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E-mail address: AHILDEBRAND@COLUMBIACITY.NET

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Municipality

Excavation or demolition equipment: Trencher

Type of work performed: Electric

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): Aug 2, 2012County: WhitleyCity: Columbia CityStreet address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
1955 E Bair Rd, Columbia City, IN, 46725Nearest intersection: N IN RT 9Right of way where damage occurred: Private - Land OwnerWas there a release of product? YesIf yes, was there an ignition of product? NoWere evacuations necessary as a result of release? NoIf yes, how many evacuated? 0Was there a customer service interruption? YesIf yes, how many affected? 1Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1.25Enter number of injuries, if applicable and known: 0Enter number of fatalities, if applicable and known: 0Property damage, Estimate \$

Affected Facility InformationWhat type of pipeline was damaged? Natural GasWhat was the affected facility? Service/DropWhat was the depth of the facility, in inches? 18

Notification, Locating, MarkingDid excavator request locates prior to commencing work? YesEnter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: 1207272216

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? No

Did the excavator notify 911 in the event of a release of product? Unknown/Other

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --Failure to maintain clearance

Additional Comments

Nipsco internal report shows they did hand expose but still hit line with trencher

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Fort Wayne MAXIMO WO# N 523463

OPERATING AREA CONTACT Fort Wayne JOB ORDER # 573860

TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 08 02006 LOCATE REF #

Locate Performed By: USIC 015 556779202

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 8/2/2012 M DATE OF REPORT 8/12/12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 1955 E Bari RD Columbus City, IN 46125

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE () MAIN () SIZE 5/8 MATERIAL: PLASTIC () STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 18" PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

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

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: YES () NO () NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS LOST: 1

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 13:23 TIME SHUT OFF off TIME RESTORED 2:40 PM

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: cut in half when I got there

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 1" NO ()

HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Columbia City Electric Dept

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY)

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY REPORT #

FIRE () AGENCY REPORT #

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

PHOTOS TAKEN: YES () NO () TAKEN BY: USIC (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)

MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO ()

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
() AGRICULTURE/FARMING () CABLE TV () CURB/SIDEWALK () TELECOMMUNICATIONS
() BLDG CONSTRUCTION () DEMOLITION () DRAINAGE () WATER
() DRIVEWAY () 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
() 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 () OTHER

COMMENTS: They did find exposure. Just did not
with trencher

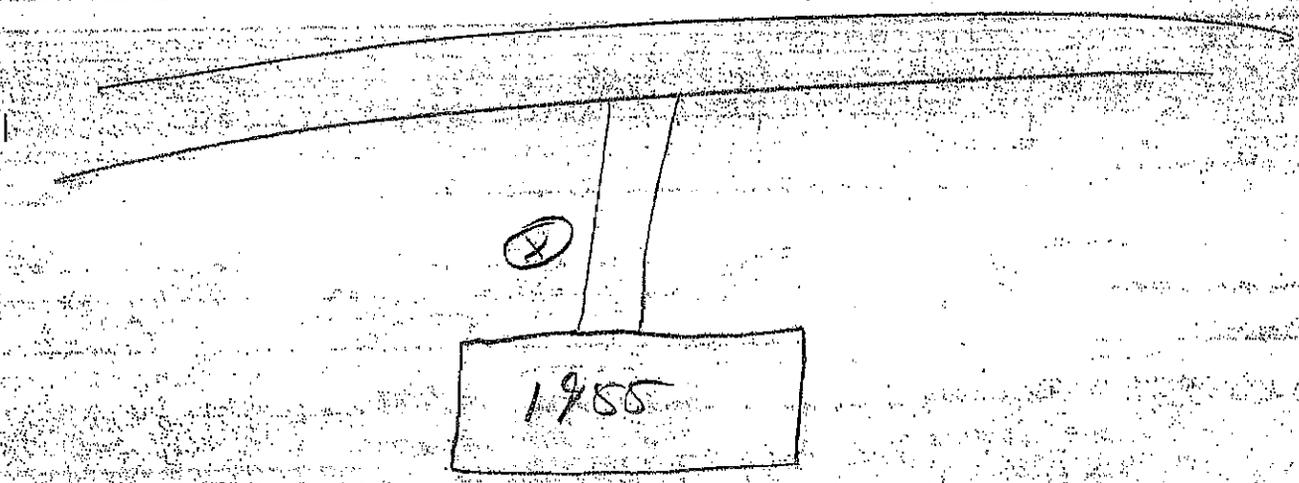
PERSON PREPARING REPORT E. Hathaway

FIELD SUPERVISOR Dwight Wagner

FIELD MANAGER Ralph D. ...

- 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:

- 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: _____