



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Mirar Construction**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3642

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 11/01/2012

Damage Date: 07/16/2012

Damage Address: 314 S Plymouth St

City: Culver

County: Marshall

The Parties

Excavator: **Mirar Construction**

Contact: Jim Marlatt

Address: 415 E Lake Shore Drive # B, Culver, In 46511

Telephone: 574-842-8803

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): \$635.59

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: No Indiana 811 ticket Number:

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Driveway

Synopsis: A plastic natural gas service was damaged during excavation on a driveway.

Findings: Excavator failed to request that underground facilities be located and marked prior to beginning work. Reported by NIPSCO; excavator signed for initial notice on 09/18/2012 but has not submitted a response.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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



Date: 09/18/2012

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Michael Stallings
Michael Stallings

Address of Recipient:

415 E. Lake Shore Dr

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Sincerely,

United States Postal Service

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MIRAR CONSTRUCTION
415 E LAKE SHORE DR STE B
CULVER IN 46511-1327



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 22, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3642
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3642

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: 7/16/2012

Event Location: 314 S Plymouth St, Culver

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Mirar Construction

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. 3642	
Date of Event	7/16/2012
Event Location	314 S Plymouth St, Culver
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Mirar Construction
Date of IURC Information Request	9/18/2012
THE PARTIES	
EXCAVATOR:	
BUSINESS NAME	Mirar Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Jim Marlatt
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	415 E. Lake Shore Drive
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Culver, IN 46511
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574 842-8803
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
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Morgan Thompson
TITLE (IF ANY)	Claims Coordinator
ADDRESS	9045 N. River Rd. Suite 300
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Indianapolis, IN 46240
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	1-317-538-7301
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	Same
EMAIL ADDRESS	morganthompson@usinc.com
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	314 S. Plymouth St.
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Culver, IN
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Mill St.
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 ¼ plastic
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Y
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	No
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	635.59
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	
Bldg. Demolition	
Drainage	
Driveway	X
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)	N
EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO)	N
LOCATE INFORMATION:	

EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	No
INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	N/A
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	N/A
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	N/A
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	No
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	N/A
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	
No notification made to the one-call center	

Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120716005
Northern IN
7/16/2012 10:25:00 AM
7/16/2012 10:30:40 AM
Joel Facility Owner
314 S Plymouth St
Culver (UNION TWNSHP)
ST: IN ZIP:

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

NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

07/16/2012
11:00:00
11:20:00

INVESTIGATION DATE:
FROM:
TO:

Homeowner
CURBS AND SIDEWALKS

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:
TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

Yes

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

1207161144

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

JIM HOSTETLER
7/16/2012 11:15:00 AM
Digital
NA

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

125635

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:
INVESTIGATOR NAME:

JIM HOSTETLER
BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?
No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120716005

NIPSCO

(optional)

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Yes

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:

No Locate Req. By Contractor

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:

CONTRACTOR CUT A PL. GAS SERVICE WHILE DIGGING WITHOUT LOCATES.

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

No

Yes

No

CUT PL. SERVICE

2 FT

No

NA

No

WERE ANY MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE DAMAGE SITE UPON ARRIVAL?

WERE ANY OTHER INDICATORS OF FACILITY PRESENT IN THE AREA?

WAS THE EXCAVATION WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE OF MARKS?

EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)



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: Mirar Construction

Business address (*number and street*): 415 E Lake Shore Drive # B

City, State, and ZIP code: Culver, IN 46511-1327

Telephone number (*area code*): 574-842-8803

Fax number (*area code*): _____

E-mail address: _____

Excavation or Demolition Information

Excavator type: Contractor

Excavation or demolition equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Driveway

Date and Location of DamageDate of damage (*month, day, year*): Jul 16, 2012

County: Marshall

City: Culver

Street address (*number and street, city, state, and ZIP code*):
314 S Plymouth St Culver, IN 46511

Nearest intersection: E Clover St

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? 1

Time to restore service (*in hours*): 1.75

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? 24

Notification, Locating, Marking

Did excavator request locates prior to commencing work? No

Enter Indiana 811 ticket number, if known: _____

Was the locate request completed within two working days? Unknown/Other

If locates were performed, were they done so by a contractor or pipeline employee? Unknown/Other

If a contractor locator, enter the company name, if known: _____

Were facility marks visible in the area of excavation? No

Were facilities marked correctly? Unknown/Other

Type of markings used: Other

If other, please specify: No Locate Requested

Was site marked by "White Lining"?

Were special instructions part of the locate request? Unknown/Other

Were maps used to complete the locate request? No

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? No

Description of Cause

Select from the list the most accurate cause for the damage: --No notification made to the one-call center

Additional Comments

No Locate Request

Nipsco Emergency Repair Ticket # 1207161144

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Plymouth MAXIMO WO #

OPERATING AREA CONTACT Bob Somers JOB ORDER # 566215

TRACKING NUMBER 01820120716005 LOCATE REF #

Locate Performed By:

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 7/16/12 2012 9:12AM DATE OF REPORT 7/16/12

PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 314 S Plymouth St. Culver

DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE)

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 1 1/4" MATERIAL: PLASTIC X STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()

DEPTH OF FACILITY (inches) 24 PRESSURE (PSI) 40 Lbs.

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

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

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 9:12 AM TIME SHUT OFF 11:00 TIME RESTORED 12:45

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

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES () DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH () WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Mirar Construction 574-842-8803 Gift Septic Service

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) Culver

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS

WITNESS REMARKS

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE () AGENCY REPORT #

FIRE () AGENCY REPORT #

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

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

WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW

- () AGRICULTURE/FARMING () CABLE TV () CURB/SIDEWALK () TELECOMMUNICATIONS
() BLDG CONSTRUCTION () DEMOLITION () DRAINAGE () WATER
X () 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 X () 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
X () NO NOTIFICATION () MARKS DISTURBED () STUB () OTHER

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS: No locates for job. Contractor had
plastic service pinched off upon arrival
no blowing gas

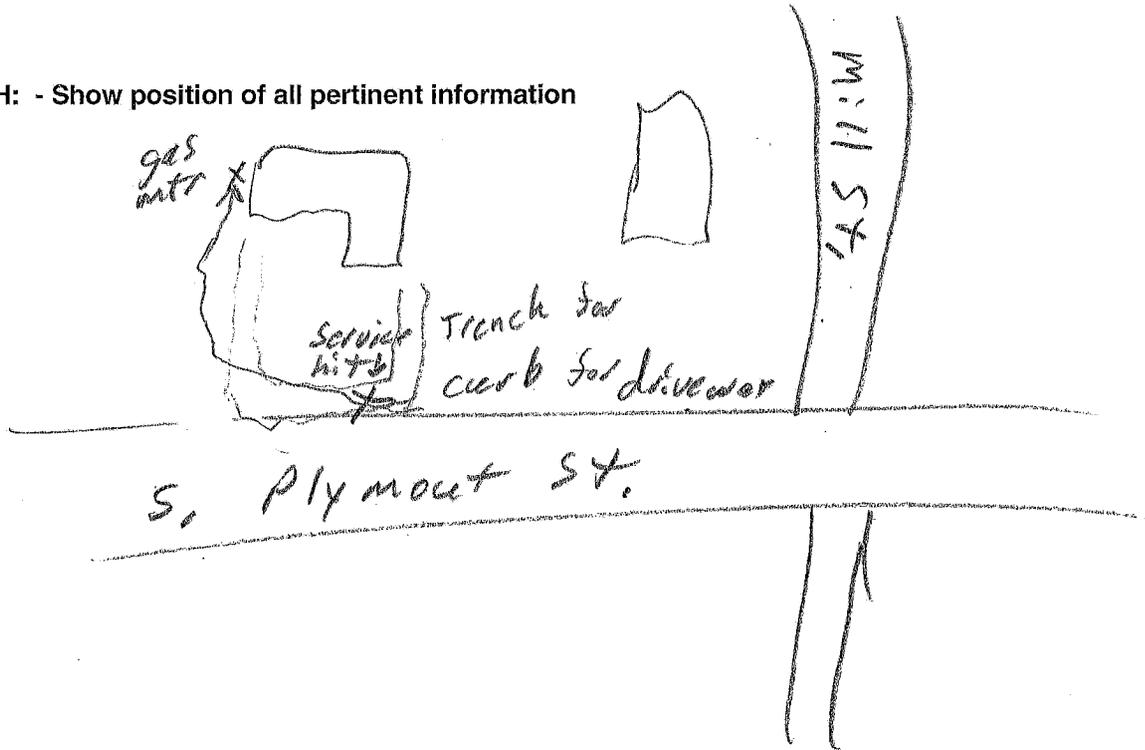
PERSON PREPARING REPORT David M Lenpeck

FIELD SUPERVISOR Bb Somers 7/17/12

FIELD MANAGER _____

- 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: _____