



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Hawk Enterprises**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3520

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 12/12/2012

Damage Date: 7/31/2012 9:32:09 AM

Damage Address: Calumet Ave

City: Valparaiso

County: Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Hawk Enterprises**

Contact: Gregory Neulieb, Vice President

Address: 1850 East North Street, Crown Point, In 46307

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

Investigation regarding: Hawk Enterprises

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3520

Damage Impact

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 4

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$272

Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:

Excavator request locates: Yes Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1207180754

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of work performed: Electric

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install pole foundations and conduit.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 10/12/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator had provided locate markings that ended up being 18" off of the actual facility. The facility was very difficult to locate and was classified as untoneable.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain 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.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 3520

Your Full Name: Gregory Neulieb

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): Hawk Enterprises, Inc.

Your Business Title (if applicable): Vice President

Address (number and street): 1850 E. North St.

City: Crown Point State: IN ZIP Code: 46307

Your E-mail Address: greg@hawk-inc.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 10-12-2012

Your Signature:  Title (if any) Vice President

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 3702 3502
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, 1500E
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 17, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission – PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 3520
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 3520

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: 7/31/2012

Event Location: Calumet Ave, Valparaiso

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Hawk Enterprises

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. 3520 | |
| Date of Event | 7/31/2012 |
| Event Location | Calumet Ave, Valparaiso |
| Facility Owner | Northern Indiana Public Service Company |
| Excavator | Hawk Enterprises |
| Date of IURC Information Request | 9/18/2012 |
| THE PARTIES | |
| EXCAVATOR: | |
| BUSINESS NAME | Hawk Enterprises |
| RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME | Barry Wagner |
| TITLE (IF ANY) | |
| ADDRESS | 1850 E. North St |
| CITY/ STATE/ZIP | Crown Point, IN 46307 |
| PREFERRED TELEPHONE | 219 746-5385 |
| 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) | |

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| ADDRESS | |
| CITY/ STATE/ZIP | |
| PREFERRED TELEPHONE | |
| CELL PHONE TELEPHONE | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | |
| UTILITY LINE IMPACT | |
| LOCATION OF DAMAGE | |
| ADDRESS | 901 Calumet |
| CITY/STATE/ZIP | Valparaiso, IN |
| NEAREST INTERSECTION | Evans Ave |
| 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 |
| PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES) | 50 |
| INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO) | Yes |
| NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED | 4 |
| EVACUATION (YES/NO) | No |
| IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED | |
| REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$) | 272.12 |
| 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 | |

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| Trencher | |
| 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) | Yes |
| IGNITION AND/OR FIRE (YES/NO) | No |
| EXCAVATOR NOTIFY 811 (YES/NO) | Yes 1207310890 |
| LOCATE INFORMATION: | |
| EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO) | Yes |

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|---|------------|
| INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER | 1207180754 |
| 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>Excavator hit accurately marked facility Compensation has been received from the excavator.</p> | |

Fact Based Investigation Report

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120731002

DISTRICT: Northern IN

DAMAGE DATE: 7/31/2012 9:32:12 AM

NOTIFICATION DATE: 7/31/2012 9:35:10 AM

NOTIFIED BY: LYNN STUPECK

DAMAGE ADDRESS: 901 CALUMET AVE

CITY: VALPARAISO

ST: IN **ZIP:**

DAMAGED CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

INVESTIGATION DATE: 07/31/2012

FROM: 08:55:00

TO: 10:00:00

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED: HAWK ENTERPRISES

TYPE OF EXCAVATION: POLE FOUNDATIONS AND UNDERGROUND CONDUIT

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.: 1207180754

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET: Ongoing Project

LOCATE REQ. INFO
N/A:

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.: 1207310890

START DATE/TIME: 7/31/2012 9:30:00 AM

PICTURES TAKEN BY: PHIL BELEGAL **DATE/TIME:** 7/31/2012 9:00:00 AM

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE: Digital

FRAME #:

INVESTIGATOR EMP#: 117702

INVESTIGATOR NAME: PHIL BELEGAL

BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED? No

Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

NOTIFICATION ID: 01820120731002

SELECT A CUSTOMER: NIPSCO

CUSTOMER #: *(optional)*

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: LOWPROF

FACILITY ID: service - 5/8"

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #: Belegal Phil - 117702

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 Verified Existing Marks By Hooking Up,
Investigation Results Verified By Utility Representative

INVESTIGATOR STATEMENT/CAUSAL FACTORS:

UPON ARRIVAL TO JOB SITE, EXISTING MARKINGS AND FLAGS VISIBLE ON SITE. EXPOSED DAMAGE AND CRIMPED WITH EXISTING MARKS 18" OFF AT EXPOSED DAMAGED AREA. FACILITY MARKED ACCURATELY WITHIN TOLERANCE.

NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

NIPSCO ON SITE TO REPAIR// EXPLAINED TO NIPSCO THAT THIS SERVICE WAS REPORTED UNTONEABLE AT TIME WHEN ANITA LOCATED IT.I HAD HELPED HER TRY TO FIND IT AND HAD TO PUSH HIGH SIGNAL FROM BOTH ENDS TO GET IT.CONTRACTOR HAD DUG IT UP ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET TO VERIFY. WHEN I MARKED IT YESTERDAY FOR HAWK I KNEW IT WAS UNTONEABLE AND TRIED TO FIND OLD MARKINGS TO REFRESH. AS VERIFIED BY NIPSCO REP I SHOWED HIM MARKINGS ARE EXACTLY 18"OFF AT EXACT DAMAGE AREA.

NAMES OF EXCAVATOR'S REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:

GREG FROM HAWK ENTERPRISES //HE HAD JUST SCRAPED SHALLOW SERVICE//UPON VERIFICATION I HOOKED UP BOTH ENDS OF BROKER TRACER AND IT STOPPED ON BOTH ENDS IN LANDSCAPING AND BEFORE MAIN ON OTHER END.//UNTONEABLE GAS SERVICE

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 HIT 5/8"PL GAS SERVICE

REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE APPROX 2'

WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO? No

WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED? EXCAVATOR

IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS? No

IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)

NIPSCO 00212 IUPPSa 07/31/2012 09:32:13 1207310890-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1207310890 Date: 07/31/2012 Time: 09:29 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: CENTER
Cityname: VALPARAISO Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

3520

Address :

Street : CALUMET AVE

Cross 1 : EVANS AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: LOCATE HEADING SOUTH ON CALUMET AVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD TO
THE RAILROAD TRACKS APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET

***Boring Where = UNDER CALUMET AVE

:

Grids : 4128B8703C

Boundary: n 41.478714 s 41.475109 w -87.057556 e -87.054634

Work type : POLE FOUNDATIONS AND UNDERGROUND CONDUIT

Done for : CITY OF VALPERAZO

Start date: 07/31/2012 Time: 09:29 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: Y

Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 6 FEET

Company : HAWK ENTERPRISES Type: CONT

Co addr : 1850 EAST NORTH STREET

City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307

Caller : LYNN STUPECK Phone: (219)662-8090

Contact : GREG NEULIBE --- OFFICE Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (219)746-5567

Fax : (219)662-8093

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time

A NIPSCO GAS LINE HAS BEEN HIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CALUMET AVE AND SYCAMORE -
GAS LINE WAS BLOWING BUT CONTRACTOR CRIMPED IT - YELLOW LINE - APPROX 5/8 INCH -
MATERIAL UNKNOWN - ADVISED TO CALL 911 - ADVISED TO CALL NIPSCO - CREW ON SITE -
PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1207180754

Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

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Submitted date: 07/31/2012 Time: 09:29

Members: COMCN ID0918 ID2601 ID3800 ID4752 ID4866 ID8000 NIPSCO SM ID2600

NIPSCO 00237 IUPPSa 07/18/2012 09:35:09 1207180754-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1207180754 Date: 07/18/2012 Time: 09:32 Oper: AGRIGGS Chan:074

#3520

State: IN Cnty: PORTER Twp: CENTER
Cityname: VALPARAISO Inside: Y Near: N
Subdivision:

Address :
Street : CALUMET AVE
Cross 1 : EVANS AVE Within 1/4 mile: Y
Location: LOCATE HEADING SOUTH ON CALUMET AVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD TO
THE RAILROAD TRACKS APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET
***Boring Where = UNDER CALUMET AVE

:
Grids : 4128B8703C
Boundary: n 41.478714 s 41.475109 w -87.057556 e -87.054634

Work type : POLE FOUNDATIONS AND UNDERGROUND CONDUIT
Done for : CITY OF VALPERAZO
Start date: 07/20/2012 Time: 09:45 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: Y Railroad: N Emergency: N
Duration : UNKNOWN Depth: 6 FEET

Company : HAWK ENTERPRISES Type: CONT
Co addr : 1850 EAST NORTH STREET
City : CROWN POINT State: IN Zip: 46307
Caller : RACHEL PLANK Phone: (219)662-8090
Contact : GREG NEULIBE --- OFFICE Phone:
BestTime:
Mobile : (219)746-5567
Fax : (219)662-8093

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time
REMARK AS NEEDED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1207051300 - THANK
YOU
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO
:

Submitted date: 07/18/2012 Time: 09:32
Members: COMCN ID0918 ID2601 ID3800 ID4752 ID4866 ID8000 NIPSCO SM ID2600

**NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT**

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA Valparaiso MAXIMO WO # _____
 OPERATING AREA CONTACT Rick Smith JOB ORDER # 580191
 TRACKING NUMBER 018 2012 0731 002 LOCATE REF # 1207180754
 Locate Performed By: USIC

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT July 31st 2012 8:36A M DATE OF REPORT 7-31-12
 PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 901 Calumet Ave, Valparaiso

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

GAS: SERVICE MAIN () SIZE 3/2 MATERIAL: PLASTIC STEEL () METER () REG STATION () STUB ()
 OTHER (DESCRIBE) _____

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 12 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: 4

DURATION OF INTERRUPTION: TIME REPORTED 8:36AM TIME RESTORED 9:30AM

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: cut in half

LOCATE MARKS ON SITE: YES DISTANCE BETWEEN FACILITY AND LOCATE MARKS 18 inches NO ()
 HOW LOCATED: PAINT () FLAGS () BOTH WHITE LINED ()

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Hawk

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 1850 E. North St, Crown Point

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORK SITE AT TIME OF DAMAGE Berry Wagner (2K) 746-5385

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: Hawk, USIC (ATTACH PHOTOS TO REPORT)
 MEDIA ON SITE YES () NO ()

- WORK IN PROGRESS WHEN FACILITY DAMAGED** - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVEWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> SURVEYING | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINS/CULVERTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FENCING | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MOWING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> PIPELINE | <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POLE/SIGN POST | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWER | |

- TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED** - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUGER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND TOOLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BACKHOE/TRACK-HOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBING DEVICE | <input type="checkbox"/> BORING / DRILLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRENCHER | <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACCUUM EQUIPMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> GRADER | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

- REASON DAMAGE OCCURRED** - CHECK APPROPRIATE CHOICE BELOW
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOTIVE ACCIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXCAVATING BEFORE LOCATES DUE | <input type="checkbox"/> CARELESS MACHINE OPERATOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO NOTIFICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MARKS DISTURBED | <input type="checkbox"/> STUB |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM SIN #110601 Rev. 5-12