



## Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

### Investigation regarding: SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 2984

Investigator: Howard Friend

Telephone: (317) 650-9105

Report Date: 5/22/12

### The Parties

Excavator: SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Contact: Bruce A. Dickie, Manager of Safety and Resources

Address (City, State): 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET, NILES, MI 49120

Telephone: (269) 684-0842

### Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO

Contact: Luke Selking

Address (City, State): 1501 Hale Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Telephone: (260) 439-1290

### Utility Line Impact:

Damage Date: 5/22/12

Damage Address: Co Rt 3

City: Elkhart

County: Elkhart

**Pipeline Facility**

Product Type: Natural Gas

Facility Type/Function: Service

Facility size: 1 1/8"

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers One

Repair Cost (if known): Unknown

**Excavator Activities/Cause of damage information:**

Type of Equipment: Backhoe

Type of work performed: Sewer

Product release: Yes

Ignition: No

Excavator notify 811: Yes

**Locate Information:**

Excavator request locates: Yes

Indiana 811 ticket Number: 1205022229

**Incident Impact Information:**

Injuries: None

Fatalities: None

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

**Findings:** The excavator had a valid locate request however; the locating contractor failed to accurately locate the gas facility.

**Conclusion:** There was a failure to accurately locate the gas facility.

**Violation:** IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate or provided incorrect locate markings.

NO

LOCATE

TICKET

PROVIDED



101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1707  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 25, 2012

*Via Electronic Transmission – [PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)*

Pipeline Safety Division – Case No. 2984  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Investigation Request for Information; Pipeline Division Case No. 2984

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: 5/22/2012

Event Location: Co Rt 3, Elkhart

Facility Owner: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Excavator: Selge Construction Company Inc.

Other Party: N/A

Pipeline Division Case No. 2984

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](mailto:cearle@nisource.com)

<b>IURC INFORMATION REQUEST</b>	
<b>Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2984</b>	
Date of Event	5/22/2012
Event Location	Co Rt 3, Elkhart
Facility Owner	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Excavator	Selge Construction Company Inc.
Date of IURC Information Request	7/5/2012
<b>THE PARTIES</b>	
<b>EXCAVATOR:</b>	
BUSINESS NAME	Selge Construction
RESPONSIBLE PARTY PERSONAL NAME	Justin Butler
TITLE (IF ANY)	
ADDRESS	2833 S. 11 <sup>th</sup> St
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	Niles, MI 49120
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	574 339-9225
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	269-684-0842
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>FACILITY INFORMATION - OWNER/OPERATOR OF UTILITY LINE:</b>	
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	<a href="mailto:LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM">LSELKING@NISOURCE.COM</a>
<b>LOCATOR SERVICE INFORMATION</b>	
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	
<b>OTHER (WITNESS, POLICE, FIRE, OTHER) INFORMATION</b>	
PERSONAL CONTACT	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME	
TITLE (IF ANY)	

ADDRESS	
CITY/ STATE/ZIP	
PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
CELL PHONE TELEPHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
<b>UTILITY LINE IMPACT</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF DAMAGE</b>	
ADDRESS	58008 CR 3
CITY/STATE/ZIP	Elkhart, IN 46517
NEAREST INTERSECTION	Co Rt 20
<b>PRODUCT TYPE (Select One)</b>	
NATURAL GAS	X
LIQUID PIPELINE	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
<b>FACILITY TYPE (Select One)</b>	
DISTRIBUTION	
GATHERING	
SERVICE/DROP	X
TRANSMISSION	
UNKNOWN/OTHER	
SIZE (DIAMETER/ETC.)	1 1/8"
PRESSURE (PSIG/INCHES)	40
INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE (YES/NO)	Yes
NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED	1
EVACUATION (YES/NO)	N
IF YES, HOW MANY EVACUATED	0
REPAIR COST (IF KNOWN) (\$)	
<b>CAUSE OF DAMAGE INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (Select One)</b>	
Auger	
Backhoe/Trackhoe	X
Boring/Drilling	
Directional Drilling	
Explosives	
Farm Equipment	
Grader/Scraper	
Hand Tools	
Milling Equipment	
Probing Device	

Trancher	
Vacuum Equipment	
Unknown/Other	
<b>TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED (Select One)</b>	
Agriculture	
Cable TV	
Curb/Sidewalk	
Bldg. Construction	
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)	X
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)	Y 1205222532
<b>LOCATE INFORMATION:</b>	
EXCAVATOR REQUEST LOCATE (YES/NO)	Yes

INDIANA 811 LOCATE TICKET NUMBER	1205022229
LOCATE MARKS VISIBLE (YES/NO)	Yes
LOCATE MARKS CORRECT (YES/NO)	No
EXCAVATOR "WHITE LINED" (YES/NO)	N
MAPS USED TO MARK FACILITIES (YES/NO)	
OPERATOR EMPLOYEES ON-SITE DURING EXCAVATION (YES/NO)	No
<b>INCIDENT IMPACT INFORMATION</b>	
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)	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Locate contractor failed to accurately mark facility.  Nipsco emergency ticket #: 1205222720</p>	

# Fact Based Investigation Report

01820120522011

Northern IN

5/22/2012 1:25:00 PM

5/22/2012 1:30:11 PM

JUSTIN BUTLER

58050 CO RT 3

ELKHART

ST: IN ZIP:

NOTIFICATION ID:

DISTRICT:

DAMAGE DATE:

NOTIFICATION DATE:

NOTIFIED BY:

DAMAGE ADDRESS:

CITY:

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NIPSCO

DAMAGED CUSTOMER:

05/22/2012

INVESTIGATION DATE:

14:00:00

FROM:

14:30:00

TO:

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SELGE CONSTRUCT.

EXCAVATOR INVOLVED:

SEWER

TYPE OF EXCAVATION:

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1205022229

ORIG. LOCATE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

TYPE OF TICKET:

LOCATE REQ. INFO N/A:

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1205222532/M50747

DIG UP/DAMAGE REQ.:

START DATE/TIME:

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MIKEOBERLIN

PICTURES TAKEN BY:

5/22/2012 2:20:00 PM

DATE/TIME:

Digital

PHOTOGRAPHY TYPE:

FRAME #:

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113397

INVESTIGATOR EMP#:

MIKEOBERLIN

INVESTIGATOR NAME:

**BASED ON YOUR INVESTIGATION, IS FURTHER INVESTIGATION NEEDED?**

Possibly

## Fact Based Investigation Customer Information

01820120522011

NIPSCO

*(optional)*

NOTIFICATION ID:

SELECT A CUSTOMER:

CUSTOMER #:

LOWPROF

Gas Service

Oberlin Mike - 113397

FACILITY DESCRIPTION:

FACILITY ID:

LOCATOR NAME & EMP #:

LOCATOR NOT KNOWN:

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO INVESTIGATION:**

Other

**Other:** MISMARKED

**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:**

FENCE WAS LOCKED AT TIME OF LOCATE DID NOT GET CAUGHT THOUGHT IT WAS A JOINT WITH ANOTHER SERVICE THAT WAS MARKED GOING THAT WAY.

**NAMES OF UTILITY REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED OR ON SITE AND STATEMENT:**

U/K

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

U/K

**LIST ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SITE:**

U/K

**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?**

No

**EXTENT OF FACILITY DAMAGE**

1" PLASTIC SERVICE

**REPLACEMENT FOOTAGE**

5'

**WAS CONTRACTOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED? IF YES, WHO?**

No

**WHAT CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT WAS USED?**

**IS THE FACILITY SHOWN ON THE UTILITY RECORDS?**

No

**IF YES, PLEASE LIST RECORD #(S)**

NIPSCO 00835 IUPPSa 05/22/2012 13:28:03 1205222532-00A EMER DAMG GRID

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1205222532 Date: 05/22/2012 Time: 13:25 Oper: TSPAINHOWER Chan:049

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: BAUGO  
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

#2984

Address :

Street : CO RT 3

Cross 1 : CO RT 20 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - TRAVEL SOUTH 2500 FT - THEN LOCATE SOUTH ON CO RT 3 FOR 1250 FT - INCLUDING RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY

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Grids : 4138A8601C 4139D8601C

Boundary: n 41.651791 s 41.647629 w -86.023270 e -86.021355

Work type : INSTALL NEW SANITARY SEWER

Done for : BAUGO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Start date: 05/22/2012 Time: 13:25 Hours notice: 0/0 Priority: EMER

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

Duration : 2 MONTHS Depth: 19 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET

City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120

Caller : JUSTIN BUTLER Phone: (269)684-0842

Contact : JUSTIN BUTLER CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)339-9225

Email : JBUTLER@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER JUSTIN BUTLER - A NIPSCO LINE WAS CUT IN FRONT OF ADDRESS 58050 CO RT 3 -  
GAS LINE IS BLOWING AND YOU CAN HEAR IT AND SMELL IT - UNKNOWN DESCRIPTION OF  
LINE - 911 HAS NOT BEEN CALLED - ADVISED CALLER TO CONTACT 911 - CREW IS ON SITE  
- NIPSCO HAS BEEN CONTACTED - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1205022229 - THANK YOU  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 05/22/2012 Time: 13:25

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID8000 NIPSCO SM

NIPSCO 00652 IUPPSa 05/02/2012 12:59:32 1205022229-00A NORM NEW GRID

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK

Ticket : 1205022229 Date: 05/02/2012 Time: 12:56 Oper: KLEWIS Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: BAUGO  
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

#2984

Address :

Street : CO RT 3

Cross 1 : CO RT 20 Within 1/4 mile: Y

Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - TRAVEL SOUTH 2500 FT - THEN LOCATE SOUTH ON CO RT 3 FOR 1250 FT - INCLUDING RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY

Grids : 4138A8601C 4139D8601C

Boundary: n 41.651791 s 41.647629 w -86.023270 e -86.021355

Work type : INSTALL NEW SANITARY SEWER

Done for : BAUGO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Start date: 05/04/2012 Time: 13:15 Hours notice: 48/48 Priority: NORM

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

Duration : 2 MONTHS Depth: 19 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT

Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET

City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120

Caller : JUSTIN BUTLER Phone: (269)684-0842

Contact : JUSTIN BUTLER CELL Phone:

BestTime:

Mobile : (574)339-9225

Email : JBUTLER@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
REMARK DUE TO TRAFFIC AND ROAD REMOVAL PLEASE - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER  
1204172739 - THANK YOU

2ND CONTACT - ROGER RUTH CELL 574-292-0157

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

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Submitted date: 05/02/2012 Time: 12:56

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID8000 NIPSCO SM

# NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FACILITY DAMAGE REPORT

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

REPORTING OPERATING AREA OLD MAXIMO WO # \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATING AREA CONTACT Tim Armstrong JOB ORDER # 569840  
TRACKING NUMBER 01820120522009 LOCATE REF # \_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT 5/22 2012 M DATE OF REPORT 5/22/12  
PLACE OF DAMAGE (INCLUDE CITY) 58008 CR 3, Elkhart

### DAMAGE WAS TO:

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

OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

**GAS:** SERVICE  MAIN ( ) SIZE 1-1/8" MATERIAL: PLASTIC  STEEL ( ) METER ( ) REG STATION ( ) STUB ( )  
OTHER (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPTH OF FACILITY (Inches) 36" PRESSURE (PSI) 45 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 12:22 TIME RESTORED 17:00

DIAMETER/MEASUREMENT OF HOLE IN GAS FACILITY: 1 1/8"

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

PARTY THAT CAUSED DAMAGES (NAME) Selge Construction

ADDRESS OF PARTY (INCLUDE CITY) 2833 S. 11th St, Niles, MI 49120

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

WITNESS NAME AND ADDRESS 574 339-9225 219-684-D842

WITNESS REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCIES NOTIFIED / ONSITE: POLICE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE ( ) AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- |  |                                     |   |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE/FARMING | <input type="checkbox"/> CABLE TV   | <input type="checkbox"/> CURB/SIDEWALK    | <input type="checkbox"/> TELECOMMUNICATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLDG CONSTRUCTION   | <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION | <input type="checkbox"/> DRAINAGE         | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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/TRACKHOE |
| <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 <u>Missed locate within scope of ticket</u> |

• SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS AND DIAGRAM

COMMENTS:

Service not located (in scope of ticket)  
Locate contractor USIC missed this one.

PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Anthony Jones

FIELD SUPERVISOR

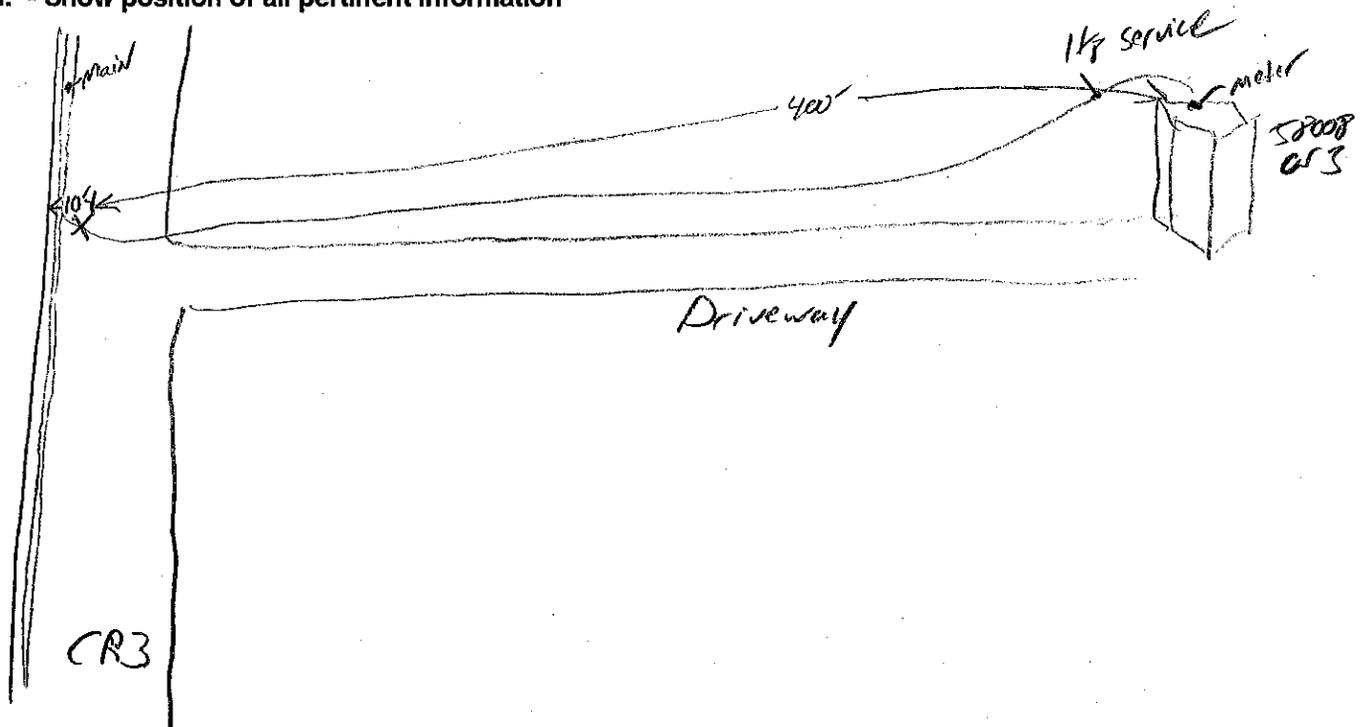
Tony Lopez

FIELD MANAGER

Rick Gray

- 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:



**CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.**

2833 S. 11TH STREET • NILES, MICHIGAN 49120-4421  
269/684-0842 FAX 269/684-0846

June 29, 2012

Pipeline Safety Division- Case No. 2984  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: Initial Documents Excavator  
Pipeline Safety Division Case No. 2984

Mr. William Boyd,

My name is Bruce Dickie. I am the Manager of Safety and Resources for Selge Construction Co. Inc., in Niles, Michigan. I am authorized to represent Selge Construction in matters involving damaged utilities. I am also responsible to implement any corrective actions required as a result of damage to utilities. I have attended meetings of the Northern Indiana Damage Prevention Council and will continue to do so to remain current on relevant issues.

Selge Construction Co. Inc. responds to the letter dated June 21, 2012 as follows:

1. The locate requests are included to show that Selge Construction provided notice of excavation per Indiana Code 8-1-26. (see attached locate requests including area map) Please note the locate ticket states this is a "remark."
2. "White lining" would not have been required because of the specific address of the excavation provided at the time the "locates" were called in.
3. Selge Construction employees are required to maintain the "hand dig zone" while excavating within two feet of a marked utility. In a case where that does not occur, the employee receives progressive discipline up to and including possible termination. This described protocol was observed with regards to this incident.

Immediately after contacting NIPSCO for this release of gas incident, I was informed by Selge Construction's project manager on site that there was a strike on an unmarked gas service. Based on the report from Selge Construction's supervision on site, my report states the following:

The damage which occurred on 5-22-12 at 58050 S. County Road 3 Elkhart, Indiana. resulted because the operator **failed to meet the standard required by IC 8-1-26-18.**

***Sec. 18. (a) Each operator notified under section 16 of this chapter shall, in two (2) full working days after receiving the notice of intent provided in section 16 of this***

*chapter, supply to the person responsible for the excavation or demolition the following information, using maps when appropriate:*

*(1) The approximate location and description of all the operator's underground facilities that may be damaged as a result of the excavation or demolition.*

*(2) The location and description of all facility markers indicating the approximate location of the underground facilities.*

*(3) Any other information that would assist that person in locating and avoiding damage to the underground facilities, including providing adequate temporary markings indicating the approximate location of the underground facility and locations where permanent facility markers do not exist.*

*(b) Facility locate markings must consist of paint, flags, or stakes or any combination that mark the approximate location of the underground facilities. The method of marking must be appropriate for the location of the underground facilities.*

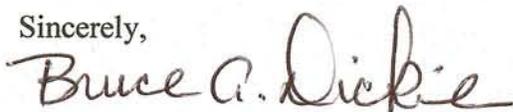
Selge Construction employees had exposed the (north /south) NIPSCO gas main as shown in the photos. This part of the operator's utility was properly located. There was a service which came off this main to the east and crossed County Road 3 which was not properly located. I have included a preconstruction photo of this area and several photo's at the time of this utility strike.

At the time of this incident the NIPSCO employee and the employee of the locate company were asked to sign our company's strike report. Those two representatives of "the operator" could have verified the accuracy of this claim about inadequate markings. They declined. In the absence of their cooperation, hopefully the photographs provided will resolve this issue.

Attached please find the completed form requested from the IURC website. Also please find our company's "strike report", maps of the area in question, the active locate ticket, photos and some notes from the project manager on site.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Dickie  
Manager of Safety and Resources  
Selge Construction Co. Inc.  
Bdickie@selgeconstruction.com  
574-292-8917



**INFORMATION REQUEST**

State Form 54909 (2-12)

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION – PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Case Number: 2984

*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: SELGE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC

Responsible Party Personal Name: BRUCE DICKIE

Title (if any): MANAGER of SAFETY and Resources

Address (number and street): 2833 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St.

City, State and ZIP Code: Niles, MI, 49120

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): 269-684-0842

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): 574-292-8917

Email Address: Bdickie@selgeconstruction.com

**Facility Information:**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Locator Service Information:**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Personal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (*if any*): \_\_\_\_\_

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*):** Unknown/Other

**Type of Work Performed (*select one*):** Unknown/Other

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

Personal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (*if any*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (*number and street*): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number (area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Utility Line Impact**

**Location of Damage:**

Address (number and street): 58050 COUNTY ROAD # 3

City, State and ZIP Code: ELKHART, IN

Nearest Intersection: COUNTY ROAD 18

**Product Type (select one):** Unknown/Other

**Facility Type (select one):** Unknown/Other GAS SERVICE

**Size (Diameter/etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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**Locate Information**

**Excavator Request Locate:**  Yes  No

**Indiana 811 Locate Ticket Number:** 1205022229

DAMAGE # 120522 2532

Locate Marks Visible:  Yes  No  
 Locate Marks Correct:  Yes  No  
 Excavator "White Lined":  Yes  No *SPECIFIC ADDRESS GIVEN*  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Inpatient Treated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Response:  Yes  No  
 Police Department Response:  Yes  No  
 Ambulance Response:  Yes  No

**Additional Information / Comments**

Please see ATTACHED COMMENTS FROM  
 SELGE PROJECT MANAGER, PHOTO'S, COPY OF  
 LOCATE TICKET, AND OTHER PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION  
  
 Bruce Dickie

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Your Pipeline Safety Division Case Number: 2984

Your Full Name: Bruce A. Dickie

Full Name of Business / Entity (if applicable): SELGE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Your Business Title (if applicable): MANAGER of SAFETY & RESOURCES

Address (number and street): 2833 S. 11th ST

City: Niles State: MI ZIP Code: 49120

Your E-mail Address: Bdickie@selgeconstruction.com

Today's Date (month, day, year): 7-2-12

Your Signature: Bruce A. Dickie Title (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Narrative Statement to:

Pipeline Safety Division – Case Number 2984  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, 1500E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or scan the statement and Email to:

[PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov](mailto:PipelineDamageCase@urc.in.gov)

# Selge Construction Co., Inc.

## Utility Strike Report

Project BAGO SEWER EXT. Project Address CR 3 ELKHART IN.

Active "811" Ticket Number 1205022229 ~~1205222532~~ Damage # 1205~~22~~2532

Ticket Start Date 5/4/12 Ticket Expires 5/22/12

Utility Damaged GAS LINE Date 5/22/12 Time 1:15 P.M.

Witnesses Roger + crew

Action taken SHUT DOWN AND CALLED GAS COMPANY Time 1:17 P.M.

Emergency Services Notified? YES Time 1:20AM Selge Insurance Notified \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Damaged Utility 58050 South CR. 3

Describe how the damage to the utility occurred. Digging to place Sanitary Sewer across C.R. 3 and hit a gas service that was NOT MARKED.

Was the utility installed properly (proper depth, construction practices, etc) YES

Was the Utility marked in such a way that damage could be avoided? NO MARKS

Did the damage occur outside the 2' "Hand Dig Zone" on either side of the utility? UNMARKED

Pictures Attached Yes Selge Construction Safety & Resources Mgr. Notified Yes

JUSTIN RUTER  
Selge Representative (print)

[Signature]  
Signature

5/22/12  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Utility Representative (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Locate Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please document any comments or refusal to comment by Utility or Locate Company

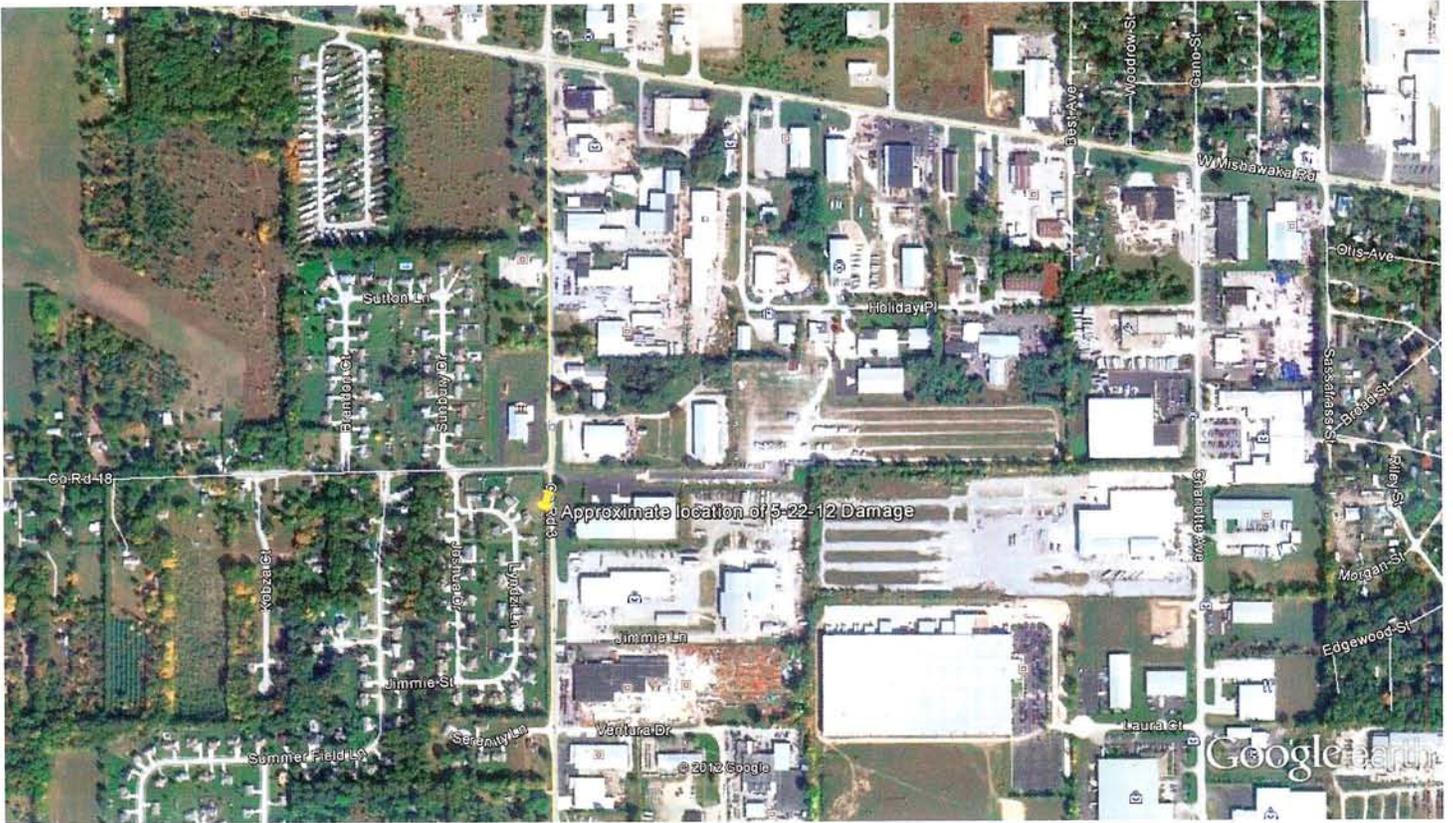
Locate & Utility Company would not sign

To Whom It May Concern:

On Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 Selge Construction Company encountered and broke an unmarked gas service at the intersection of CR 3 and CR 18 in Elkhart County. The specific address of the service was to Classic Transport at 58050 CR 3, Elkhart Indiana. The strike happened at 1:15 PM EST. The unmarked gas service line was a 1" service. As soon as the line was hit, Selge Construction Company notified NIPSCO emergency services and the utility locate service "811". The active 811 ticket number is 1205022229, ticket was activated on May 4<sup>th</sup> and expired on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 PM EST. The damage number given was 1205222532. The broken utility line caused gas to be released for approximately 20-25 minutes until NIPSCO emergency services arrived. Upon arrival at the scene NIPSCO clamped off the broken line and the gas release was stopped.

Upon hitting the unmarked service Selge Construction Company and all employees shut off all equipment and moved to a safe distance away from the line until NIPSCO services arrived on the scene. It should be noted that Selge Construction Company and its crew on site had exposed the Gas main that runs North and South along the West side of CR 3 (picture attached).

NIPSCO before fixing the gas line allowed Selge Construction to install the 10" pipe beyond the service break. This allowed NIPSCO to make their repair in a safe area fenced off from any activity.



Google earth





July 3, 2012

Selge Construction Company  
Bruce Dickie  
2833 S 11<sup>th</sup> St  
Niles, MI 49120

Dear Mr. Dickie,

Attached is a copy of the archived ticket(s) that you requested. Locate requests have a 10 digit number, the first six digits represent the year, then month, then day, and the last four digits are the sequence for that day.

**Please note the following:** INDIANA 811 is only a communications link between the excavator and the underground facility owner. It is the responsibility of the facility owner to properly mark the location of the underground facilities within two full working days from the time of the call (not including weekends or federal and state holidays).

INDIANA 811 Call Center Personnel obtain specific information concerning locate requests. After required information is taken from the excavator, the answering attendant issues a ticket number. A ticket is then distributed to the underground facility members. INDIANA 811 does not locate and/or mark the underground facility itself. Locate requests are valid for 20 days from the time they are submitted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Connie Geiger  
Director of Operations  
Indiana 811

CG/ms

Enclosure

NORMAL NOTICE REMARK

Ticket : 1205022229 Date: 05/02/2012 Time: 12:56 Oper: KLEWIS Chan:032

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: BAUGO  
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address :  
Street : CO RT 3  
Cross 1 : CO RT 20 Within 1/4 mile: Y  
Location: FROM THE INTERSECTION - TRAVEL SOUTH 2500 FT - THEN LOCATE SOUTH ON CO  
RT 3 FOR 1250 FT - INCLUDING RIGHT OF WAY TO RIGHT OF WAY  
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Grids : 4138A8601C 4139D8601C

Work type : INSTALL NEW SANITARY SEWER  
Done for : BAUGO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Start date: 05/04/2012 Time: 13:15 Hours notice: 48/048 Priority: NORM  
Ug/Oh/Both: U Blasting: N Boring: N Railroad: N Emergency: N  
Duration : 2 MONTHS Depth: 19 FEET

Company : SELGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC Type: CONT  
Co addr : 2833 SOUTH 11TH STREET  
City : NILES State: MI Zip: 49120  
Caller : JUSTIN BUTLER Phone: (269)684-0842  
Contact : JUSTIN BUTLER CELL Phone:  
BestTime:  
Mobile : (574)339-9225  
Email : JBUTLER@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
REMARK DUE TO TRAFFIC AND ROAD REMOVAL PLEASE - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER  
1204172739 - THANK YOU  
2ND CONTACT - ROGER RUTH CELL 574-292-0157  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO  
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Submitted date: 05/02/2012 Time: 12:56  
Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID8000 NIPSCO SM

DAMAGE SEE REMARKS

Ticket : 1205222532 Date: 05/22/2012 Time: 13:25 Oper: TSPAINHOWER Chan:049

State: IN Cnty: ELKHART Twp: BAUGO  
Cityname: ELKHART Inside: N Near: Y  
Subdivision:

Address :

Street : CO RT 3

Cross 1 : CO RT 20 Within 1/4 mile: Y

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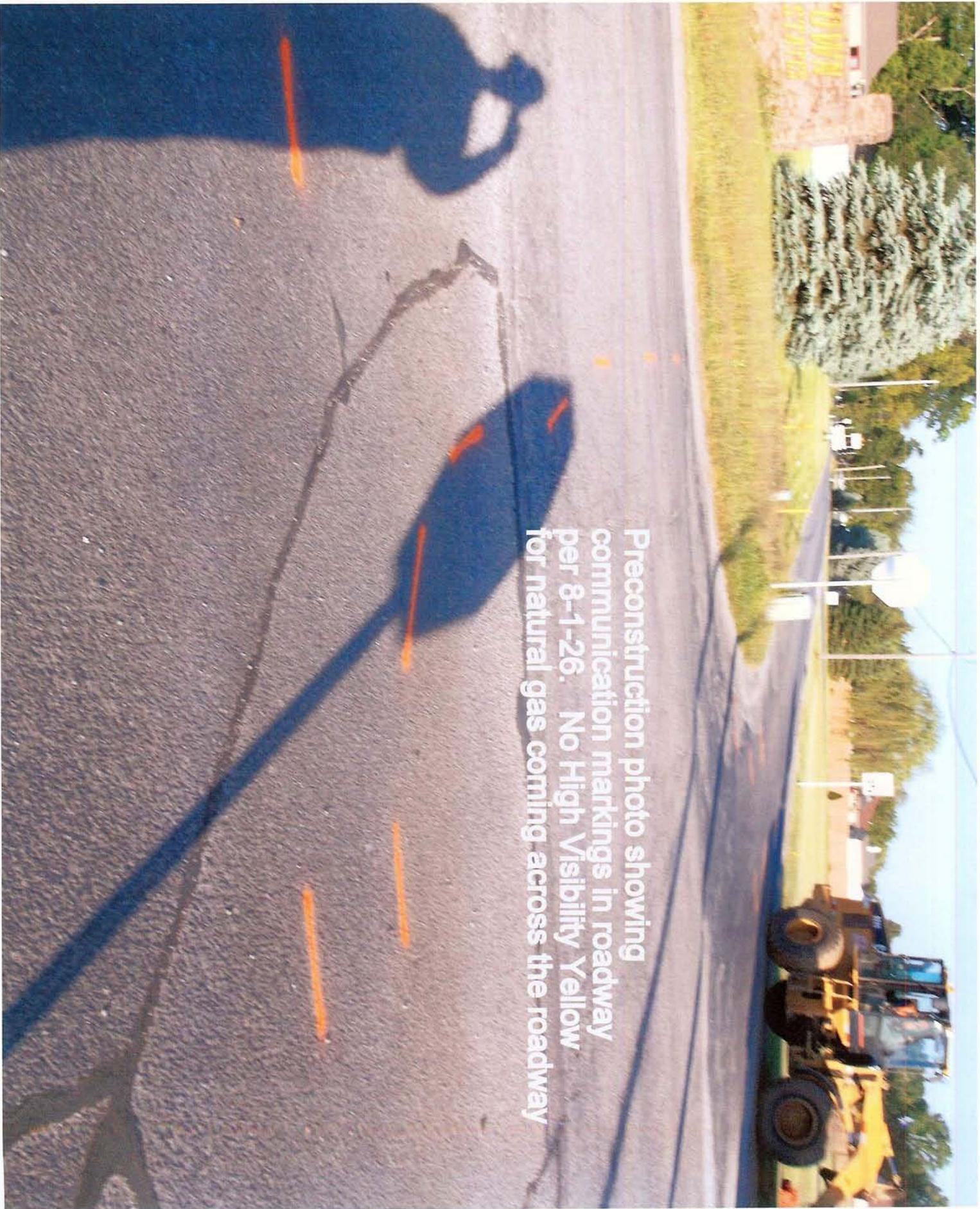
Email : JBUTLER@SELGECONSTRUCTION.COM

Remarks : All tickets are taken and processed on Eastern Daylight Time  
PER JUSTIN BUTLER - A NIPSCO LINE WAS CUT IN FRONT OF ADDRESS 58050 CO RT 3 -  
GAS LINE IS BLOWING AND YOU CAN HEAR IT AND SMELL IT - UNKNOWN DESCRIPTION OF  
LINE - 911 HAS NOT BEEN CALLED - ADVISED CALLER TO CONTACT 911 - CREW IS ON SITE  
- NIPSCO HAS BEEN CONTACTED - PREVIOUS TICKET NUMBER 1205022229 - THANK YOU  
Will you be white-lining the dig site area? NO

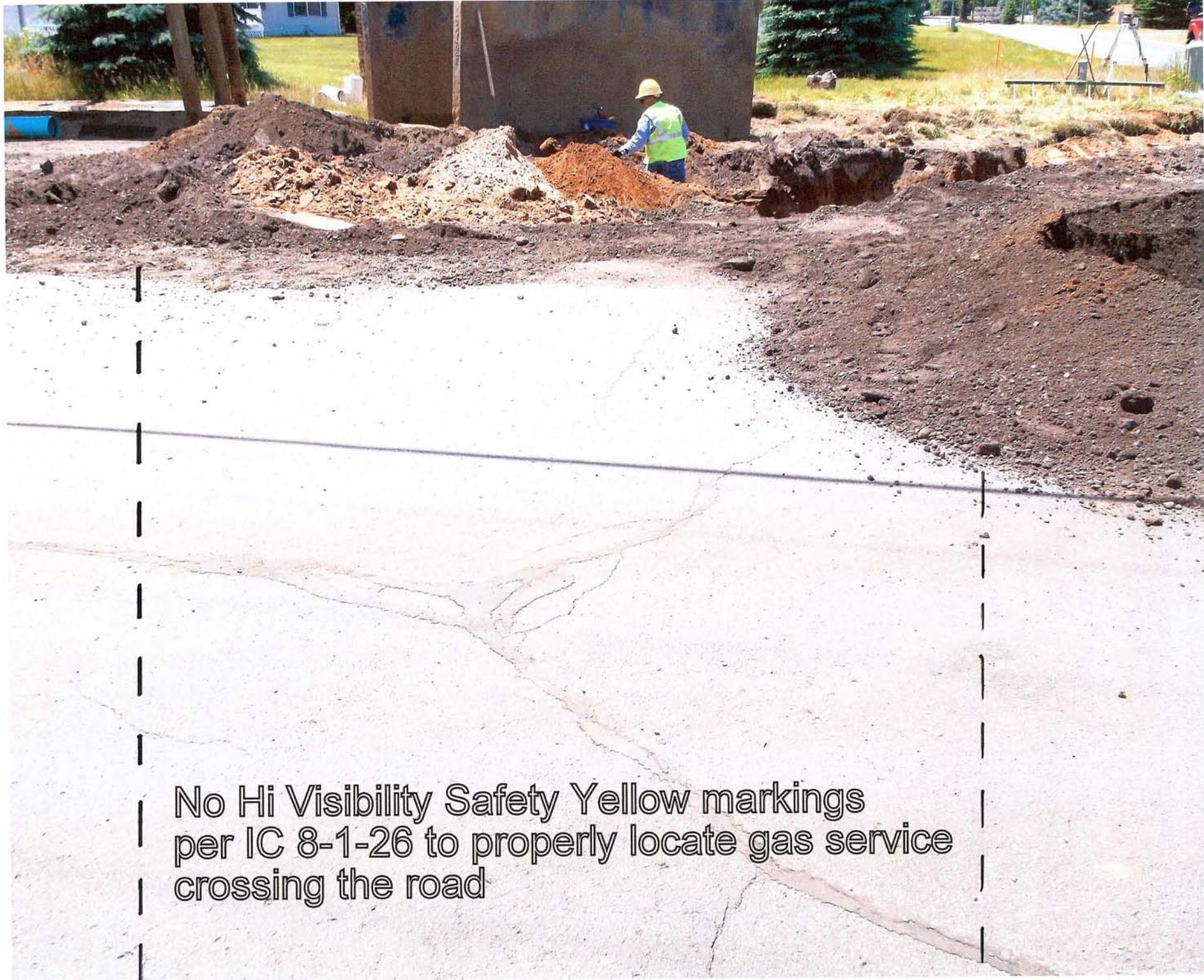
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Submitted date: 05/22/2012 Time: 13:25

Members: AEPIN BE COMCN ID8000 NIPSCO SM



Preconstruction photo showing communication markings in roadway per 8-1-26. No High Visibility Yellow for natural gas coming across the roadway



No Hi Visibility Safety Yellow markings  
per IC 8-1-26 to properly locate gas service  
crossing the road



No Hi Visibility Safety Yellow markings per IC 8-1-26 to locate gas service coming left to right across the road



Gas main running North and South along CR 3 was properly located per IC 8-1-26