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STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER)
APPROVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE) APPROVED: SEP 25 2013
RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO)
INDIANA CODE CHAPTER 8-1-26.)

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Indiana Code chapter 8-1-26 provides the procedure for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's Pipeline Safety Division ("Division") to find violations of said chapter. Upon review of those findings, the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") reviews those recommendations and recommends civil penalties in the Case.

The Cases received pursuant to Indiana Code chapter 8-1-26 and ripe for Commission action are attached hereto and collectively referred to as the Advisory Committee Recommendations.

Pursuant to statute, the Advisory Committee has submitted their recommendations to the Commission. The Commission hereby UPHOLDS the findings of violations by the Pipeline Safety Division and APPROVES the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as listed on the attached pages. The Assistant General Counsel to the Division is hereby directed to prepare and send notice to the parties advising them of the determination.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ATTERHOLT, LANDIS, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; BENNETT ABSENT;
MAYS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THOSE MATTERS INVOLVING VECTREN;

APPROVED: SEP 25 2013

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

Brenda A. Howe
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Secretary to the Commission

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Keith Jones Electrical Service**
Other Party: **Indiana Utilities Corporation**
Case No.: **3952**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 18, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Reconsideration of penalty after initial recommendation was disapproved by the IURC on 7/17/13.

Sontag & Crone abstain.

APPROVED:

(initialed)



Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Keith Jones Electrical Service

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3952

Report Date:

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/18/2012

Damage Address: 5077 Main Street, Elizabeth, Harrison County

The Parties

Excavator: **Keith Jones Electrical Service** (Contractor)

Address: 15000 Mccracken Road Ne, Palmyra, In, 47164

Facility Owner: **Indiana Utilities Corporation**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Electric

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Corey Thatcher (Indiana Utilities Corp.); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/17/2012. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. After the gas line was damaged the excavator tried to make the repairs to the gas line by installing a leak clamp. The operator was not notified, the fire department was not notified and the Association was not notified. The operator was made aware of the damage two weeks later upon responding to a gas odor call.

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

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



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: All Star Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3973

Report Date: 6/5/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/27/2012

Damage Address: 1330 Sheridan Ct, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: All Star Construction

Address: 5183 East In Rt 114-92, Roanoke, In, 46783

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Unknown/Other

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209192829

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by a saw while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator had accurately marked the facility; however, the saw used for cutting the asphalt was set more than eleven (11) inches below the asphalt base.

Conclusion: The excavator was using mechanized equipment within the tolerance zone.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Schneck Excavating Incorporated**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3975**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **September 28, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:



(initialed)

Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Schneck Excavating Incorporated

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3975

Report Date: 6/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/28/2012 11:44:54 AM

Damage Address: Osage St, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Schneck Excavating Incorporated

Address: 11303 Irving Road, New Haven, In 46774

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209242497

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ALLEYWAYS AND PARKING LOT BETWEEN 720 AND 722--PAINT/FLAG

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by a backhoe while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided timely and accurate locate markings; however, the gas service line was severed by the backhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Ronell and Mark Dietz**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3983**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 1, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

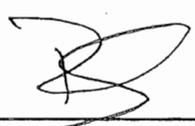
The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: _____

(initialed)


Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Ronell And Mark Dietz

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3983

Report Date: 6/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/1/2012 6:14:19 PM

Damage Address: 5048 Boulder Ave, Portage, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: Ronell And Mark Dietz

Address: 5048 Boulder Ave, Portage, In 46368

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE BACK YARD

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was severed by an auger while performing work for a fence project.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The occupant was installing a fence using an auger deeper than twelve (12) inches without benefit of a locate.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Key Concrete, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3986**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 2, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:
(initialed)



Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Key Concrete Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3986

Report Date: 6/10/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/2/2012 10:29:19 AM

Damage Address: 6208 Brandonwood Ln, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Key Concrete Inc

Address: Po Box 9279, Fort Wayne, In 46899

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE SIDEWALK IN THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by a bobcat loader while performing sidewalk replacement.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator was removing the old sidewalk in preparation for replacement without the benefit of a 811 locate and damaged the natural gas service line. The excavator did, however, notify IN811 to report the damage.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

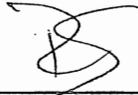
Respondent: **Riordan Hanly**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3988**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 2, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed)

Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Riordan Hanly

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3988

Report Date: 6/10/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/2/2012 6:54:22 PM

Damage Address: 404 E 300 N, Valparaiso, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Riordan Hanly**

Address: 404 East 300 North, Valparaiso, In 46383

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE REAR OF THE HOME

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged while installing fencing using hand tools.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator/homeowner was installing fencing using hand tools for setting posts at a depth deeper than twelve (12) inches without benefit of a locate.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Rieth-Riley Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4001**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 6, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Rieth-riley Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4001

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/6/2012 1:29:20 PM

Damage Address: Us Rt 421, Westville, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: Rieth-riley Construction

Address: Po Box 1828, La Porte, In 46352

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Road Work

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209100694

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION----LOCATE GOING NORTH ALONG US RT 421 ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD FROM THE CENTERLINE OF US RT 421 TO THE EAST SIDE RIGHT OF WAY FOR APPROX 1500 FEET-

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing road work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to maintain a valid locate ticket which the UPPAC considers the same as never having had a locate ticket.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Bore-It**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4004**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 8, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
**IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance
with mechanized equipment**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Bore-it

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4004

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/8/2012 10:58:34 AM

Damage Address: 8375 Georgia St, Merrillville, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Bore-it

Address: 7329 McConnell Avenue, Lowell, In 46356

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

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: 1210011938

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE WEST SIDE OF PROPERTY INCLUDING ALL UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAYS AND FROM 84TH AVE NORTH ON THE EAST SIDE OF GEORGIA TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS WE WILL BE DIGGING FROM ATT HANDHOLE NORTH TO CONNECT TO CUSTOMER CONDUIT APPROX 75 FEET

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing telecommunication work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas main with the backhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Martin Enterprises, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4016**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 10, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(prior) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Martin Enterprises Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4016

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/10/2012 10:08:22 AM

Damage Address: 6444 Fernwood Ave, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Martin Enterprises Inc**

Address: 4315 Meyer Road, Fort Wayne, In 46806

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: demolition

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: 1210091709

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged during building demolition with a trackhoe.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had requested a locate ticket; however, demolition began prior to the two (2) full working days and determined as no notification.

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

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(prior) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred prior to two working days from request date.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **NIPSCO**
Other Party: **Mishawaka Water Department**
Case No.: **4020**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 11, 2012**

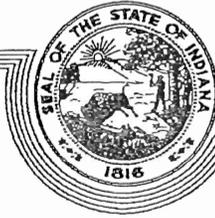
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-18(f) - mislocate or failure to locate

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4020

Report Date: 7/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/11/2012 10:12:34 AM

Damage Address: 215 S Byrkit Ave, Mishawaka, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Mishawaka Water Department**

Address: 126 North Church Street, Mishawaka, In 46544

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209270138

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY AND OUT TO THE MIDDLE OF S BYRKIT AVE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing water service work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/11/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator failed to locate gas service line.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide an accurate service line locate.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Brad Gilliland Excavating**
Other Party: **Vectren**
Case No.: **4021**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 11, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Slagle, Crone, and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: DM
(initialed) Dan Meiners
Vice Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Brad Gilliland Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4021

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/11/2012 12:02:45 PM

Damage Address: 612 S Fess Ave, Bloomington, Monroe

The Parties

Excavator: Brad Gilliland Excavating

Address: 2825 East Mel Currie, Bloomington, In 47408

Facility Owner: Vectren

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Demolition

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$731

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209242406

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by a trackhoe while demolition work was performed.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator was performing building demolition without benefit of a locate or requesting gas service retirement.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: UR 1st Services
Other Party: NIPSCO
Case No.: 4028
Date of Advisory Meeting: July 23, 2013
Date of Damage: October 13, 2012

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
**IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2)- failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with
mechanized equipment**

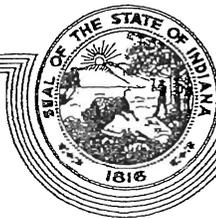
The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: U R 1st Services

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4028

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/13/2012 9:57:24 AM

Damage Address: 15916 Weston Glen, Huntertown, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: U R 1st Services

Address: 9024 Wayne Trace Road, Fort Wayne, In 46816

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

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: 1210102282

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE--ENTIRE FRONT AND NORTH SIDES OF THE PROPERTY--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by a trackhoe while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the trackhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **South Bend Sewer Department**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4038**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 17, 2012**

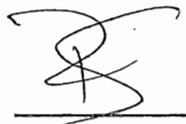
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IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

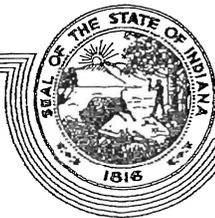
The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:
(initialed)


Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: South Bend Sewer Dept

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4038

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/17/2012 10:58:12 AM

Damage Address: Belmont Ave, South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: South Bend Sewer Dept

Address: 731 South Lafayette Blvd, South Bend, In 46601

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209243202

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE BACKSIDE OF THE CITY SIDE WATLK TO THE CENTER OF THE STREET FOR ADDRESSSS 1206 - 1210 - 1214 - 1218 BELMONT AVE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing curb/sidewalk work with an evacuation of 10.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to have a current locate ticket to perform work and damaging the gas main with the backhoe.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Lovisa and Barone Landscape**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4040**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 17, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lovisa And Barone Landscape

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4040

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/17/2012 3:54:58 PM

Damage Address: 15831 Branch Water Way, Mishawaka, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: Lovisa And Barone Landscape

Address: 14009 Jefferson Boulevard, Mishawaka, In 46545

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Landscaping

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210111046

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE--ENTIRE PROPERTY--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged while performing landscaping with a bobcat auger.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the auger.

Conclusion: The was a failure to use hand tools where required.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Lovisa and Barone Landscape**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4054**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 24, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
**IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance
with mechanized equipment**

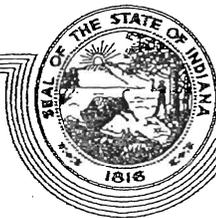
The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lovisa And Barone Landscape

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4054

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/24/2012 12:54:42 PM

Damage Address: 15831 Branch Water Way, Mishawaka, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: Lovisa And Barone Landscape

Address: 14009 Jefferson Boulevard, Mishawaka, In 46545

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: landscaping

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210111046

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE--ENTIRE PROPERTY--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged a second time in one (1) week performing landscaping with a bobcat excavator.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator damaged the gas service for the second time in one (1) week with mechanized equipment.

Conclusion: There was a failure to use hand tools where required.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Midwest Natural Gas Corporation**
Other Party: **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.**
Case No.: **4055**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 24, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-18(f) - mislocate or failure to locate

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Midwest Natural Gas Corp.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4055

Report Date: 7/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/24/2012 2:40:24 PM

Damage Address: Park Ave, North Vernon, Jennings

The Parties

Excavator: **Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.**

Address: 1100 East O And M Avenue, North Vernon, In 47265

Facility Owner: **Midwest Natural Gas Corporation**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: WATER

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210191928

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PARK AND SHADELAND LOCATE PARK SOUTH FOR 475 FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD ENDING AT SPRING HTS DRIVE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing water line work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/18/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket; however, the gas operator reported signal bleed off while locating active service to a retired service line causing an incorrect locate marking.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide an accurate locate marking.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Walter Ward**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4065**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 26, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Walter Ward

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4065

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/26/2012 5:35:23 PM

Damage Address: 402 W Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Walter Ward**

Address: 4121 Smith St, Fort Wayne, In 46806

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Construction

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN 20 FEET OF THE HOUSE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator damaged a natural gas service line while performing construction without a locate ticket.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to have a valid locate when damage occurred to a gas service line while performing construction work.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Rex Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4073**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 29, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed)

Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Rex Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4073

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/29/2012 2:37:45 PM

Damage Address: Indianapolis Blvd, Highland, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Rex Construction**

Address: 700 Schiller Avenue, Schererville, In 46375

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Road Work

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210040912

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION--STARTING FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION--LOCATE--GOING SOUTH ON THE EAST SIDE OF INDIANAPOLIS BLVD FOR APPROX 500 FEET--

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing road work with an expired locate.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator damaged a natural gas service line having an expired locate ticket where UPPAC has considered this the same as never having had a locate.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Great Lakes Electrical Maintenance**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4074**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 29, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(prior) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Great Lakes Electrical Maintenance

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4074

Report Date: 6/10/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/29/2012 5:35:02 PM

Damage Address: Lake St, Miller, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Great Lakes Electrical Maintenance

Address: 3817 Hayes Street, Gary, In 46408

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Electric

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: 1210262006

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE ABOVE INTERSECTION LOCATE NORTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF LAKE ST TO THE LAKE FRONT CONCESSION STAND APPROX 1400 FEET

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged by a trencher while installing electric line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator struck a natural gas service one day prior to the two full working days as the law states. The gas operator had not marked the facility since the locate was not due yet. Advisory committee previous findings have expressed this event the same as not having notified the association of excavation,

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation since the two full working days had not expired.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(prior) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred prior to two working days from request date.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Straight Line Excavating**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4077**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 30, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
**IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance
with mechanized equipment**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Straight Line Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4077

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/30/2012 2:07:08 PM

Damage Address: 200 E Boyd Blvd, La Porte, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Straight Line Excavating**

Address: 19544 Burnham Avenue, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Construction

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210163029

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: THIS IS AT MCDONALDS - LOCATE ON ALL SIDES OF THE BUILDING INCLUDING THE PARKING LOT - ALSO LOCATE THE ENTIRE GRASS AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing construction work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, a backhoe was utilized with two (2) feet of the gas facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Vernon Miller**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4078**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 30, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:



(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Vernon Miller

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4078

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/30/2012 3:07:18 PM

Damage Address: 909 N Indiana Ave, Goshen, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: Vernon Miller

Address: 909 N Indiana Avenue, Goshen, In 46528

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210292830

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: THIS CREEKSIDE MOBILE HOME PARK - LOCATE THE MIDDLE OF LOT NUMBER 40 - AREA IS MARKED BY A BIG HOLE IN GROUND

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/homeowner struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator/homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator/homeowner called for a locate; however, did failed to wait two (2) full working days which UPPAC has determined as a failure to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Watson Excavating**
Other Party: **Vectren**
Case No.: **4093**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 1, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(out) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Slagle, Crone, and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Dan Meiners
Vice Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Watson Excavating**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4093

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/1/2012 4:53:39 PM

Damage Address: E Jackson St, Atlanta, Hamilton

The Parties

Excavator: **Watson Excavating**

Address: 5572 South County Road 1000 West, Redkey, In 47373

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Storm Drain

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 3

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$1902

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes
Date:

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210171138/1210171184 Original Start

Locate Instructions: TRAVEL FROM THE INTERSECTION GOING WEST FOR APPROX 550 FEET - THEN LOCATE GOING EAST FOR APPROX 800 FEET TO CENTRAL STREET

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing storm sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator had requested two (2) separate locate tickets; however, the damage to the main occurred outside the scope of either ticket.

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

Violation: IC 8-1-26-16(g)(out) Failure to provide notice of excavation - damage occurred outside requested locate area.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Custom Concrete**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4098**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 7, 2012.**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:



(initialed)

Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Custom Concrete

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4098

Report Date: 6/11/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/7/2012 4:01:09 PM

Damage Address: Baltimore Rd, Portage, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: Custom Concrete

Address: 939 Sweet Sicily, Westville, In 46391

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Grading

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210031071

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: THIS IS ANDERSON CROSSING - ADDRESSES 787 789 798 BALTIMORE RD - LOCATE ALONG THE CURBS FOR THE ENTIRE DISTANCES OF THE ADDRESSES

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing grading work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator had allowed the locate ticket to expire when the backhoe damaged the gas main.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Muncie Sanitary District Engineering**
Other Party: **Vectren**
Case No.: **4108**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 12, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
**IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance
with mechanized equipment**

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Slagle, Crone, and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: _____

(initialed)


Dan Meiners
Vice Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Muncie Sanitary District Engineering

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4108

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/12/2012 9:43:02 AM

Damage Address: 911 E 13th St, Muncie, Delaware

The Parties

Excavator: **Muncie Sanitary District Engineering**

Address: 5120 Kilgore Lane, Muncie, In 47304

Facility Owner: **Vectren**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$657

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211110120

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator had a valid locate ticket and gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the backhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to use hand tools when required.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

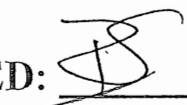
Respondent: **NIPSCO**
Other Party: **Sikma and Sons Plumbing Company, Inc.**
Case No.: **4110**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 13, 2012**

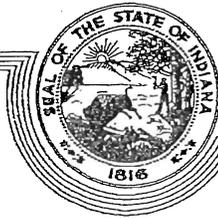
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-18(f) - mislocate or failure to locate

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (second)

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: NIPSCO

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4110

Report Date: 7/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/13/2012 11:15:35 AM

Damage Address: 12566 Massachusetts St, Crown Point, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Sikma And Sons Plumbing Company, Inc

Address: 1836 Lake Street, Dyer, In 46311

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

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: 1211082134

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE-- THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/7/2012. Excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator self reported a failure to locate a live gas service stub.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide an accurate locate of the live gas stub.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Todco Incorporated**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4114**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 13, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

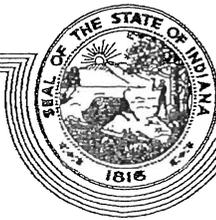
Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:
(initialed)



Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Todtco Incorporated**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4114

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/13/2012 1:02:19 PM

Damage Address: 8928 Branton Ave, Highland, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Todtco Incorporated**

Address: 3630 Ridge Road, Highland, In 46322

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Construction

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210122655

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY AROUND ALL SIDES OF THE HOUSE

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing foundation repair work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to maintain a valid locate ticket where UPPAC considers an expired locate ticket as not having had a locate ticket.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Rex Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4123**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 15, 2012**

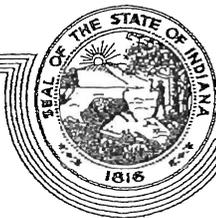
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Rex Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4123

Report Date: 6/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/15/2012 12:29:38 PM

Damage Address: / Indianapolis Blvd, Highland, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Rex Construction**

Address: 700 Schiller Ave, Schererville, In 46375

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210221409

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE ADDRESS OF 8144 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD -- LOCATE THE WEST SIDE OF INDIANAPOLIS BLVD GOING NORTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET ENDING AT THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work having allowed the locate ticket to expire..

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to maintain a valid locate ticket before excavating and damaging the gas service with the backhoe.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **NIPSCO**
Other Party: **Hoosier Cable**
Case No.: **4144**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **September 19, 2012**

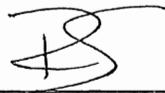
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-18(f) - mislocate or failure to locate

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training (Second)

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: NIPSCo

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4144

Report Date: 7/8/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/19/2012

Damage Address: 300 Arthur St Suite B, Michigan City, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: Hoosier Cable

Address: 454 E 525 N, Valparaiso, In 46383

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of Work Performed: Cable TV

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: 1209142880

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service stub while performing cable TV work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCo); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. Excavator had a valid locate; however, the gas operator failed to locate a live service stub as required by law.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide an accurate locate of the live service stub.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Lars Wallace**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4146**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **September 28, 2012**

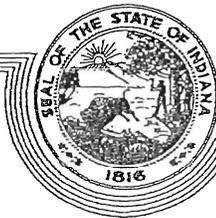
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: RS
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lars Wallace

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4146

Report Date: 6/6/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/28/2012

Damage Address: 26510 Harrison Rd, South Bend, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: Lars Wallace

Address: 26510 Harrison Rd, South Bend, In

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Landscaping

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service line was damaged by hand tools at a depth exceeding twelve (12) inches for landscaping.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator/homeowner did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The homeowner was performing landscaping deeper than twelve (12) inches using hand tools without benefit of a locate ticket.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Hindsight Vision Inc**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4149**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **September 26, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Hindsight Vision Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4149

Report Date: 6/4/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 9/26/2012

Damage Address: 1902 Finney Dr Lot S5, Valparaiso, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Hindsight Vision Inc**

Address: 6468 W Norty Ave, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Boring

Type of Work Performed: Cable TV

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: QA two (2) inch distribution main was damaged while boring for a Cable TV line

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. The excavator was boring for a Cable TV line without benefit of a locate; although, the main contractor had called in a locate. The actual excavator stopped from using another contractor's locate resulting in a damage to a distribution main.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Bartholomen Gaiera**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4156**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 21, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Bartholomen Gaiera

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4156

Report Date: 6/14/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/21/2012

Damage Address: 7775 St Rd 25, Fulton, Fulton

The Parties

Excavator: Bartholomen Gaiera

Address: 7775 St Rd 25, Fulton, In 46931

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/occupant struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing fence work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator/occupant failed to call for a valid locate ticket when installing fencing and damaged the gas service with hand tool deeper than twelve (12) inches depth.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Jack & Vernons Septic Tank**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4158**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 10, 2012**

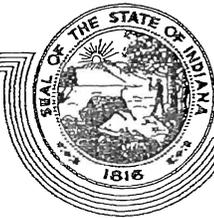
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jack & Vernons Septic Tank

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4158

Report Date: 6/14/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/10/2012

Damage Address: 2929 Union St, Hobart, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Jack & Vernons Septic Tank

Address: 3685 E 36th Ave, Lake Station, In

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator damaged a natural gas service line with a backhoe while performing work on a sewer line without benefit of a valid locate ticket.

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

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Direct Line Communication

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4159

Report Date: 6/14/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/12/2012

Damage Address: 193 E 900 S, Kouts, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Direct Line Communication**

Address: 917 Union St, Mishawaka, In 46544

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Pole

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while setting a pole with an auger..

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator was replacing a broken pole without benefit of having called for a valid locate and damaged a distribution main with an auger.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **True Line Fence**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4161**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 17, 2012**

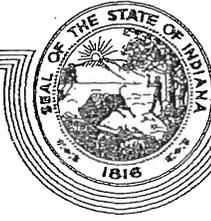
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: RS
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: True Line Fence

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4161

Report Date: 6/12/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/17/2012

Damage Address: 530 S Porter St, Michigan City, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: True Line Fence

Address: 3385 E 84th Pl, Merrillville, In 46410

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Fencing

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

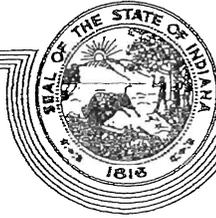
Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing fence work without a locate ticket.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator failed to request a locate for the property where the natural gas service was damaged.

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

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



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Danny Hayes

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4162

Report Date: 6/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/6/2012

Damage Address: 137 Woodland Oak Ct, Valparaiso, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Danny Hayes**

Address: 137 Woodland Oak Ct, Valparaiso, In

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Landscaping

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator/occupant struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing landscaping work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator/occupant did not respond to initial notice mailed 11/30/2012. Excavator/occupant failed to request a locate while excavating deeper than twelve (12) inches and damaging a service line.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Sloans Landscaping**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4183**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **October 3, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

(initialed)

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Sloans Landscaping

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4183

Report Date: 6/18/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 10/3/2012

Damage Address: 8711 Lake Shore Dr, Gary, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Sloans Landscaping

Address: 16849 Cicero Ave, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Driveway

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: Yes

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing driveway work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. The excavator was working under the locate ticket from a different excavator when the gas service line damage occurred by the backhoe, typically referred to as piggybacking.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Affordable Sewer Service**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4194**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 2, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2)- failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment

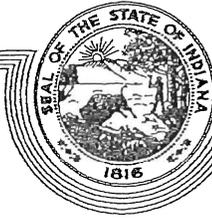
The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Affordable Sewer Service

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4194

Report Date: 6/14/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/2/2012

Damage Address: 15829 Canyon Ridge Rd, Leo, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Affordable Sewer Service

Address: 1831 Lima Lane, Fort Wayne, In 46818

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210302502

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing sewer work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. Excavator had a valid locate and gas operator provided accurate locate markings; however, the excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas service with the backhoe.

Conclusion: There was a failure to use hand tools where required

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(2) Failure to maintain two (2) feet clearance with mechanized equipment.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Miller Concrete**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4195**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **November 5, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interface with underground facilities

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Miller Concrete

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4195

Report Date: 6/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 11/5/2012

Damage Address: 10700 Veach Dr, Middlebury, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: Miller Concrete

Address: 57377 In Rt 15, Goshen, In 46528

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Curb / Sidewalk

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210223071

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: The excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while driving a stake for concrete work.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. The excavator had a valid locate and the gas operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator drove a concrete form stake with hand tools damaging the P.E. gas service line without exposing the facility to ensure safety and clearance.

Conclusion: There was a failure to expose the facility prior to driving the concrete form stake.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-20(a)(1) Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference with underground facilities.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Springs Valley Regional Water District**
Other Party: **Indiana Natural Gas Corp**
Case No.: **4201**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **December 3, 2012**

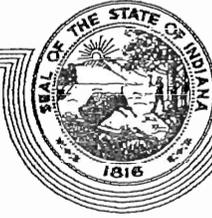
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
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Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Springs Valley Regional Water District

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4201

Report Date: 6/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 12/3/2012

Damage Address: College Street, French Lick, Orange

The Parties

Excavator: Springs Valley Regional Water District

Address: 7782 W Sr 56, West Baden, In 47469

Facility Owner: Indiana Natural Gas Corporation

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

Damage Impact

Product Release: No

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$4000

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing water work.

Findings: Reported by Phil Ross - Indiana Natural Gas Corp.; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation to maintain clearance from the gas service with the backhoe.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Frontier Communications**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4262**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **December 4, 2012**

The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g)(expire) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Crone and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: 
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Frontier Communications

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4262

Report Date: 6/19/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 12/4/2012 12:40:54 PM

Damage Address: Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Frontier Communications**

Address: 8001 West Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, In 46804

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 3

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211060637

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Starting on the west side of Parnell Ave across from the Coliseum at Pole number 79675-4035 and going east under Parnell Ave approximately 100' to existing PED

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas main while performing telecommunications work.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator did not respond to initial notice mailed 2/14/2013. Excavator failed to maintain a valid locate ticket and changed location and scope of project damaging the gas main while drilling/boring telecommunications line.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **C & R Concrete Contractors**
Other Party: **Vectren**
Case No.: **4554**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **July 23, 2013**
Date of Damage: **February 7, 2013**

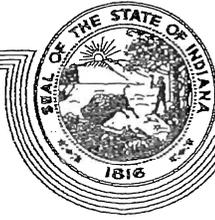
The IURC Pipeline Safety Division finds the following violation:
IC IC 8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

The Advisory Committee recommends the following penalty:

Training

Additional Information: Slagle, Crone, and Sontag abstain.

APPROVED: *DM*
(initialed) Dan Meiners
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: C & R Concrete Contractors

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4554

Report Date: 6/27/2013

Investigator: Mike Orr

Damage Date: 2/7/2013

Damage Address: 1600 Red Sunset Drive, Brownsburg, Hendricks

The Parties

Excavator: C & R Concrete Contractors

Address: 3219 E Tulip Drive, Indianapolis, In 46227

Facility Owner: Vectren

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Grader/Scraper

Type of Work Performed: Driveway

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$795

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and damaged an underground natural gas service while performing concrete work.

Findings: Reported by Vectren; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 6/3/2013. Excavator not only failed to request a locate ticket; but, commented he's been in the business 20 years and never requested a locate. Excavator did not notify the gas operator of release of product until the following day, did not notify 911 nor the association as required by law.

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

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