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STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

APPROVED: JUL 17 2013

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, with the exception of Case No. 3952, as explained below.

In Case No. 3952, the Division found a violation of IC 8-1-26-16(g), failure to provide notice of excavation. Specifically, the Division found the following: “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.” In response to this finding, the Advisory Committee recommended a penalty of a warning letter.

The Commission believes the penalty recommended by the Advisory Committee is insufficient due to the fact that the Respondent in this case failed to notify any parties after hitting a gas line and instead attempted to conceal the damage by clamping the leak. Therefore, with regard to Case No. 3952, the Commission hereby UPHOLDS the finding of violation by the Pipeline Safety Division and DISAPPROVES the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to issue the penalty of a warning letter. The Commission notes that it would approve a recommendation of training by the Advisory Committee in this matter.

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

APPROVED: JUL 17 2013

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



Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **D. R. Watson Company**
Other Party: **Westfield Gas Corporation**
Case No.: **3544**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: _____

(initialed)



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **D. R. Watson Company**

UPPAC Database Record ID: **3544**

Report Date: 04/03/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 8/8/2012 9:38:10 AM

Damage Address: 204 Buxton Ct, Westfield, Hamilton County

The Parties

Excavator: **D. R. Watson Company** (Contractor)

Address: 1966 Midwest Boulevard, Indianapolis, In 46214

Facility Owner: **Westfield Gas Corporation**

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: 1208061169

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reported the ground was very hard and they utilized the backhoe to remove the soil that was broke loose with shovels. The backhoe operator inadvertently dug too deep and caused the damage.

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

Violation: 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: **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.**
Other Party: **Midwest Natural Gas Corporation**
Case No.: **3849**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Training (second)

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.**

UPPAC Database Record ID: **3849**

Report Date: 04/03/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 9/20/2012 9:35:24 AM

Damage Address: High St, North Vernon, Jennings County

The Parties

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

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: Storm Drain

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: 1209130363

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF GUM AND HIGH LOCATE HIGH STREET GOING NORTHWEST FOR 675 FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF HICKS ENDING AT STATE STREET

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a storm drain.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/18/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator was digging over the top of the gas line with a backhoe.

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

Violation: 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: **All American Exteriors**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3869**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
(initialed)


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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: All American Exteriors

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3869

Report Date: 03/11/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 9/25/2012 1:02:19 PM

Damage Address: 506 W Russ Ave, Mishawaka, St Joseph County

The Parties

Excavator: All American Exteriors (Contractor)

Address: 2202 South 17th Street, Niles, Mi 49120

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: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209112181

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE REAR AND BOTH SIDES OF THE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator damaged a natural gas service while replacing a fence.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/29/2012. Excavator cut gas service with post hole diggers while working to replacing fence posts. They did not attempt to spot the service within 2 feet of the locate marks.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to minimize the chance of striking the gas service by first attempting to spot it.

Violation: 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: **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.**
Other Party: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**
Case No.: **3889**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

training (second)

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Dave O'mara Contractor, Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3889

Report Date: 04/03/213

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 9/28/2012

Damage Address: 4220 Sr 46 East, Spencer, Owen County

The Parties

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

Address: 2520 West Industrial Park Dr., Bloomington, In 47404

Facility Owner: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

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): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209241137

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service stub was damaged during excavation for a water line.

Findings: Reported by Scott Chandler (Community Natural Gas); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/5/2012. The excavator had a valid locate and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reports they had spotted the gas facility and ended up cutting it by accident.

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

Violation: 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: **Illiana Remedial Action Inc.**

Other Party: **NIPSCO**

Case No.: **3900**

Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:

8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Illiana Remedial Action Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3900

Report Date:

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 7/31/2012

Damage Address: 7401 Columbia Ave Apt 1327, Hammond, Lake County

The Parties

Excavator: Illiana Remedial Action Inc. (Contractor)

Address: 6556 Osborn, Hammond, In 46320

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: 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: 1207193071

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to replace a sidewalk and drive.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/2/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and reports the operator failed to accurately locate the facility. The operator reports the facility was accurately located and the pictures provided by the excavator appear to support the operator.

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

Violation: 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: **Henry Saylor**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3904**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Henry Saylor**

UPPAC Database Record ID: **3904**

Report Date: 04/03/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 8/26/2012

Damage Address: 703 3rd St., Fort Wayne, Allen County

The Parties

Excavator: **Henry Saylor** (Occupant)

Address: 703 3rd St, Fort Wayne, In 46808

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: 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: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to repair a water line.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/7/2013. The excavator/homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Southern Indiana Drainage Corporation, Inc.**
Other Party: **CountryMark Cooperative, LLP**
Case No.: **3949**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

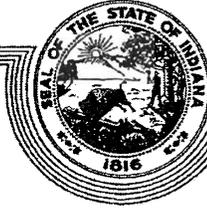
Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Southern Indiana Drainage Corp., Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3949

Report Date: 04/05/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/4/2012

Damage Address: 730 E. Penfold Rd., New Harmony, Posey County

The Parties

Excavator: **Southern Indiana Drainage Corp., Inc.** (Contractor)

Address: 8940 N. Hwy 65, Cynthiana, In 47612

Facility Owner: **CountryMark Cooperative, LLP**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Liquid Pipeline

Facility Function: Gathering

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

Damage Impact

Product Release: No

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$12316.15

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 liquids line was damaged during excavation for field tile.

Findings: Reported by Richard Hardy (Country Mark); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/18/2013. The excavator did not provide notice of excavation for this damage site.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Pfister Sprinkler Systems**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3974**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: RS
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Pfister Sprinkler Systems

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3974

Report Date: 04/03/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 9/29/2012

Damage Address: 13757 Lurrey Pass, Fort Wayne, Allen County

The Parties

Excavator: Pfister Sprinkler Systems (Contractor)

Address: 13212 Aboite Rd Po Box 99, Roanoke, In 46783

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Irrigation

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$141

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209270578

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install irrigation.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/3/2012. The excavator provided notice of excavation on Thursday 9/27 at 9:00AM and damaged the line on Saturday 9/29 at 11:15AM. The operator provided accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: The operator provided accurate locate markings prior to the two (2) full working days. Chapter 26 does allow excavation to start before two (2) full working days if positive notification is provided. In this case the excavator failed to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: 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: **Jack Jacobs**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3985**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jack Jacobs

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3985

Report Date: 03/11/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 10/2/2012 10:03:17 AM

Damage Address: 12450 W 775 N, Monticello, Carroll County

The Parties

Excavator: Jack Jacobs (Owner)

Address: 5844 Richey Park Lane, Monticello, In 47960

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): \$194

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 damaged a plastic natural gas service during excavation to repair a water line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. Excavator began work without requesting that underground facilities be located and marked.

Conclusion: Excavator to call for locates.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Bluffton Water Department**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3989**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Bluffton Water Department

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3989

Report Date:

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/3/2012 8:50:21 AM

Damage Address: 120 E Arnold St, Bluffton, Wells

The Parties

Excavator: **Bluffton Water Department**

Address: 612 East Spring Street, Bluffton, In 46714

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Water

Service/Drop

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 FRONT OF PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to shut off a water service.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/7/2013. The excavator did not provide notice of excavation and reported "We never call for locates when we hand dig for emergencies. No excavating equipment used." In this case the homeowner had a water leak in the house and needed the water shut off to make repairs.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Earth Link Geothermal**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **3991**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
(initialed)


Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Earth Link Geothermal

UPPAC Database Record ID: 3991

Report Date:

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 10/3/2012 9:07:13 AM

Damage Address: 1740 W 200 N, Angola, Steuben County

The Parties

Excavator: **Earth Link Geothermal** (Contractor)

Address: P O Box 170, Bluffton, In 46714

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Unknown/Other

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$266

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209270409

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator damaged a natural gas service during excavation to install a geothermal loop.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/31/2012. Excavator failed to spot the service with hand tools before beginning work with the backhoe.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance from the gas facility.

Violation: 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: **Lee Home Renovations**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4005**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lee Home Renovations

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4005

Report Date: 3/11/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/8/2012 11:14:15 AM

Damage Address: 2916 S 600 W, Russiaville, Howard

The Parties

Excavator: **Lee Home Renovations**

Address: 3010 South 600 West, Russiaville, In 46979

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function:

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Construction

Service/Drop

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$390

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate the south side of the property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install deck post.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/2/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Andy McComb Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4017**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

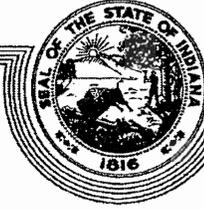
Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Andy Mccomb Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4017

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/10/2012 11:43:02 AM

Damage Address: 2319 S Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Andy Mccomb Construction**

Address: 727 Louisedale Dr, Fort Wayne, In 46808

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): \$409

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE THE REAR OF PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a fence post.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/12/2012. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: NIPSCO - Gas Electric
Other Party: NIPSCO
Case No.: 4023
Date of Advisory Meeting: April 23, 2013

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
training (second)

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: RS
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Nipsco

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4023

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/11/2012 2:17:25 PM

Damage Address: 227 Barker Rd, Michigan City, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: Nipsco

Address: 1501 West In Rt 2, Laporte, In 46350

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Boring

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: 1209261788

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate from pole 955592 to pad mount transformer 0470 on the south west side of the property - then locate from pole 237223 south along flaged path approx 800 feet on the northeast side of the property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A two (2) inch gas main was damaged during boring operations to install an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/4/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the contract locator provided accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: There was a failure to spot the natural gas facility that resulted in a failure to maintain clearance.

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



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Eicher Excavating Incorporated

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4026

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/12/2012 1:39:05 PM

Damage Address: 1417 Waynedale Dr, Garrett, Dekalb

The Parties

Excavator: **Eicher Excavating Incorporated**

Address: 10033 Barnett Road, Grabill, In 46741

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: 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: 1208273006

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: LOCATE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a new drive.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. The excavator reported the gas service to only be four (4) inches deep however; there was a failure to provide notice of excavation. A locate number was provided for this report and was expired by 26 days. The notice to excavate was reported on 8/27/12 and the damage occurred on 10/12/12.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **F F C Fencing Company**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4029**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: F F C Fencing Company

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4029

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/15/2012 12:48:53 PM

Damage Address: 1504 Ironwood St Sw, De Motte, Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: F F C Fencing Company

Address: 15080 Us Hwy 41, Cedar Lake, In 46303

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: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210040212

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate entire property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a fence post.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/5/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The pictures provided by the excavator indicate the facility was accurately located and the damage occurred between the locate mark and the gas meter.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage.

Violation: 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: **NIPSCO**
Other Party: **McAllister General Contractors**
Case No.: **4034**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-18(f) - failure to properly locate

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Training (second)

Additional Information: Walters abstains.

APPROVED: RS
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: McAllister General Contractors

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4034

Investigator: Howard Friend

Report Date: 3/13/13

The Parties

Excavator: McAllister General Contractors

Contact: Christopher McAllister, Vice President

Address (City, State): PO Box 810, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Telephone: 219-374-9498

Facility Owner Information:

Business Name: NIPSCO

Synopsis: A natural gas facility was damaged during excavation for drainage.

Findings: The excavator had a valid locate request however, the operator failed to provide accurate locate markings. The operator did not have any records of this facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide accurate locate markings.

Violation: IC 8-1-26-18(f): Operator failed to locate the facility.

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Miller Pipe Line**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4043**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Miller Pipe Line

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4043

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/18/2012 1:16:25 PM

Damage Address: N Sheridan Ave, South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Miller Pipe Line**

Address: 8850 Crawfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, In 46234

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Natural Gas

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$139

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210100618

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Paint and flag entire right of way on the west side of n sheridan ave in front of 1519 1601 1609 n sheridan ave

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install a natural gas service.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The damaged service was installed after the notice of excavation was called in however, the excavator knew of the line due to the same excavator installing the facility. The line was damaged after the excavation caved in and the excavator had to extend the size of the bell hole.

Conclusion: There was a failure to protect the facility during excavation.

Violation: 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: **Sun Communications**

Other Party: **NIPSCO**

Case No.: **4044**

Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:

8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information:

APPROVED:

(initialed)



Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Sun Communications

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4044

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/19/2012 12:03:30 PM

Damage Address: / Us Rt 31, Sharpsville, Tipton

The Parties

Excavator: **Sun Communications**

Address: 17728 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, In 46074

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

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): \$1000

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210120676

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: From the southeast corner of the above intersection locate starting at transformer number 1c1 going southeast for approx 250 feet - route is marked with white flags

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for electrical.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/4/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The backhoe operator misjudged the depth of the gas line.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain clearance.

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jeff Schultz

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4045

Report Date: 3/13/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/19/2012 4:12:33 PM

Damage Address: 8811 W 1225 N, De Motte, Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **Jeff Schultz**

Address: 6618 Ridgeview Drive, Demotte, In 46310

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): \$188

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate west side of house

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to repair a water leak.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Zach Linnemeier**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4048**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: *RS*
(initialed) _____
Rick Slagle
Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Zach Linnemeier**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4048

Report Date: 03/15/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/22/2012 11:06:33 AM

Damage Address: 2117 Lima Valley Dr, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Zach Linnemeier**

Address: 2117 Lima Valley Dr, 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: 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 entire west side of property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to expose a house foundation.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/28/2012. The excavator/homeowner reported he requested underground locates four (4) years ago and this line was not marked. He also reports he rented the mini excavator and the tool rental store failed to inform him of the Indiana locate law.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Olthoff Company, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4057**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Chairman



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Olthoff Company Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4057

Report Date: 03/15/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/25/2012 9:22:44 AM

Damage Address: S Ash St, Hobart, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Olthoff Company Inc**

Address: 1800 East Joe Orr Road, 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: 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: 1210240216

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: From the intersection - locate the road bed of south ash street including 25 feet east and west of the edge of the road - going south for 750 feet

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/7/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator had the facility exposed and tried to slide a trench box under the facility. The trench box hit the line causing the damage.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or interference.

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Holmes Brothers Septic**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4062

Report Date: 3/15/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/25/2012 12:04:02 PM

Damage Address: 11379 Quail Run Dr N, Wheatfield, Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **Holmes Brothers Septic**

Address: 11470 North 600 East, Demotte, In 46310

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Probing Device

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption:

Number of Customers Affected:

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210181976

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate the rear of property

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/6/2012. The excavator had the property owner to provide notice of excavation and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator hand spotted the facility in two (2) locations and was using a probe rod to find the edge of the gravel finger system when the line was damaged. Both parties report the facility was five (5) inches deep at the damage site.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage.

Violation: 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: **C. Lee Construction Services Inc**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4063**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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

Investigation regarding: C. Lee Construction Services Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4063

Report Date: 3/15/13

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/25/2012 2:57:27 PM

Damage Address: 2644 / Sheffield Ave, Hammond, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: C. Lee Construction Services Inc

Address: P.o. Box 618, 1200 W Main St., Griffith, In 46319

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): \$490

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate the west end of property--sw corner

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during demolition of a building.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/17/2012. The excavator reported they assumed that all utilities had been retired. They reported they will not make that assumption in the future and will provide proper notice.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Bender Underground Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4079**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Bender Underground Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4079

Report Date: 3/20/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/30/2012 4:00:10 PM

Damage Address: Wohlert St, Angola, Steuben

The Parties

Excavator: **Bender Underground Construction**

Address: 408 E Maple St, Liberty Center, Oh 43532

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 10

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210151601

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: From the above intersection - locate going north for approx 200 feet and south for approx 200 feet on the west side of wohlert street

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A two (2) inch plastic gas main was damaged during directional boring to install a telecommunication line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/13/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate marks. The excavator tried using his electronic equipment to determine the depth of the facility instead of hand excavating prior to crossing.

Conclusion: There was a failure to hand exposing the natural gas facility prior to making the directional bore.

Violation: 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: **Rieth Riley Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4080**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
**8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with
mechanized equipment**

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training (second)

Additional Information:

APPROVED: RS
(initialed) Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Rieth Riley Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4080

Report Date: 3/20/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/31/2012 10:20:18 AM

Damage Address: E 81st Pl, Merrillville, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Rieth Riley Construction**

Address: Po Box 477, Goshen, In 46527

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries:

Fatalities:

Repair Cost (if known): \$432

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210261530

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: From the west side of the intersection--locate going east on both sides of e 81st pl for approximately 750 feet

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to install drainage.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/15/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reported that during a preconstruction meeting it was explained that all utilities must be installed at a predetermined minimum depth. They also reported the project manager, Butler, Fairman & Seufert explained after the relocation of the utilities that pot holing would not be possible because of the lime stabilization.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to hand expose the accurately marked facility and assumed the predetermined depth was in fact maintained.

Violation: 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: **Vincent Luviano**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4094**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Vincent Luviano

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4094

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/2/2012 5:15:06 PM

Damage Address: 1101 Carroll St, Hammond, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Vincent Luviano**

Address: 5626 Schultz, Hammond, In 46320

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a water line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/2/2013. The excavator/homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Roto Rooter**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4105**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Roto Rooter

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4105

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/8/2012 6:01:58 PM

Damage Address: 106 Nottingham Way, Logansport, Cass

The Parties

Excavator: **Roto Rooter**

Address: 519 South 800 West, Logansport, In 46947

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: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$108

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 line was damaged during excavation for a sewer line.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/14/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. They reported they "dig daily and never know if they will be required to dig until they get there. That it would be hard to call for locates 4-6 times daily."

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **St. Joseph County Highway Dept--
Riverside**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4106**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Rick Slagle
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: St Joseph County Highway Dept--riverside

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4106

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/9/2012 10:17:07 AM

Damage Address: Pond St, South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: St Joseph County Highway Dept--riverside

Address: 3301 Riverside Drive, South Bend, In 46628

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

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 was damaged during excavation for drainage.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/10/2012. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.**
Other Party: **Midwest Natural Gas Corporation**
Case No.: **4116**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Training (second)

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Dave Omara Contractor

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4116

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/13/2012 4:41:59 PM

Damage Address: 6th St, North Vernon, Jennings

The Parties

Excavator: **Dave Omara Contractor**

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: Grading

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211070737

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate a 100 foot radius in all directions from the center of the intersection of 6th and Summit

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation to grade a lot.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/18/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator was grading without spotting the facility. The excavator reported there were no locate marks present at the time of the damage.

Conclusion: The excavator graded out the locate markings during excavation and failed to expose the facility.

Violation: 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: **John Ferguson**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4119**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: John Ferguson

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4119

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/14/2012 3:51:48 PM

Damage Address: 10647 Mckinley Hwy, Osceola, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **John Ferguson**

Address: 10647 Mckinley Hwy, Osceola, In 46561

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Irrigation

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: 1210192105

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Locate entire property out to the retention swale and entire property -from the north building from the new panel to the old panel

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for irrigation.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 1/25/2013. The excavator provided notice of excavation on 10/19/12 and damaged the line 26 days later.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation within the twenty (20) calendar days of excavation.

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Deichman Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4125

Report Date: 3/21/2012

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/15/2012 4:03:16 PM

Damage Address: Cliff Dr, Logansport, Cass

The Parties

Excavator: **Deichman Excavating**

Address: Po Box 12, 2245 S. 150 East, Logansport, In 46947

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): \$178

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211071351

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: Starting 1500 feet east of above intersection - locate from north right of way to center of road going east approx 1500 feet to Burlington St

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/10/2012. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to maintain clearance with mechanized equipment.

Violation: 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: **Jonathon Miller**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4134**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jonathon Miller

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4134

Report Date: 3/11/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 9/27/2012

Damage Address: 569 W State Rd 8, Hebron, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Jonathon Miller**

Address: 569 W State Rd 8, Hebron, In 46341

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Hand Tools

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$469

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 line was damaged during excavation to install a downspout drain.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/16/2012. The gas line had accurate locate markings provided for a concrete contractor however, the excavator/homeowner did not provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory
Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Land Excavating- Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4135**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

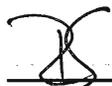
Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Land Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4135

Report Date: 03/11/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 9/26/2012

Damage Address: 719 Water St, Ligonier, Noble County

The Parties

Excavator: **Land Excavating** (Contractor)

Address: 11808 St Rd 205 E, P O Box 192, Laotto, In 46763

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: Yes

Service Interruption: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$126

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209190363

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Damage to a natural gas service occurred during excavation to install sewer line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. Gas service was severed when the trench for the sewer line collapsed.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to ensure that the exposed gas service was protected from further excavation or cave-in.

Violation: 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: **Gatlin Plumbing**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4142**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Gatlin Plumbing

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4142

Report Date: 03/11/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 9/27/2012

Damage Address: Alta Vista & Crestwood, Munster, Lake County

The Parties

Excavator: **Gatlin Plumbing** (Contractor)

Address: 1111 East Main St, Griffith, In 46319

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Water

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: 1209111840

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator damaged a plastic natural gas main while excavating the street to lower a water main.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/7/2012. Excavator had spotted the main on the north side of the street and found they were safely above the gas main. The main, however, came up when it was installed such that it was directly under the street bed on the south side of the road. The excavator got too close and caught the main with the backhoe before they had a chance to spot the main.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance from the gas facility.

Violation: 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: **Woodruff And Sons**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4143**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

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

Investigation regarding: Woodruff And Sons

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4143

Report Date: 03/11/2013

Investigator: William Boyd

Damage Date: 9/24/2012

Damage Address: 111 Killdeer Ct, Michigan City, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Woodruff And Sons** (Contractor)

Address: Po Box 450, Michigan City, In 46361

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

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: 1209123179

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions: From the intersection locate north 200 feet on both sides of Killdeer Ct

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: Excavator struck and tore off a 3/4" steel service from a 2" steel main. The main was shut off and a section cut out and replaced in order to make the repair.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/3/2012. Excavator failed to maintain required clearance from the gas facility during excavation.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to maintain the required clearance from the gas facility.

Violation: 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: **Sheehy Well & Pump Company**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4154**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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

Investigation regarding: Sheehy Well & Pump Co

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4154

Report Date: 04/04/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/15/2012

Damage Address: 8901 Stateline Rd, Dyer, Lake County

The Parties

Excavator: **Sheehy Well & Pump Co** (Contractor)

Address: 15530 Wicker Ave, Cedar Lake, In

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): \$105

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 a water line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 12/19/2012. The crew saw locate markings and assumed the office had provided notice to excavate and proceeded. There was a miscommunication between the office and crew; the office did not call in for the locates that were in place, and the crew was not to begin excavation at that time. As a result, they did not have a valid locate request for their job.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to request locates for their job.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Lawrence Building Corporation**
Other Party: **Citizens Gas**
Case No.: **4171**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: Warren abstains. Ritter abstains.

APPROVED:
(initialed)



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Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lawrence Building Corporation

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4171

Report Date: 04/04/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/19/2012

Damage Address: 4120 E Southport Rd, Indianapolis, Marion County

The Parties

Excavator: **Lawrence Building Corporation** (Contractor)

Address: 8401 Fritz Rd, Ft Wayne, In 46818

Facility Owner: **Citizens Gas**

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: False

Number of Customers Affected: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$0

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210151313

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

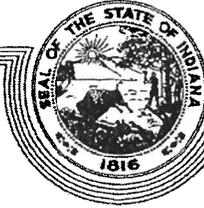
Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a new drive.

Findings: Reported by Tony Chan (Citizens Gas); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/20/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator failed to use hand tools to expose the facility.

Conclusion: The excavator failed to expose the facility and failed to maintain two (2) feet of clearance.

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: All Bore, Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4175

Report Date: 04/04/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/1/2012

Damage Address: 5068 E Romona Rd, Gosport, Owen County

The Parties

Excavator: **All Bore, Inc.** (Contractor)

Address: Po Box 1791, 16100 Allisonville Rd., Noblesville, In 46060

Facility Owner: **Community Natural Gas, Inc.**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

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): \$2074

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1210270199

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas main was damaged during directional bore to install a telecommunication line.

Findings: Reported by Bill Herrington; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/17/2013. Crew was boring from south side of road. They had pot-holed the 4" main but not at the crossover point. Had they done so, they would have seen that they were off on their depth, striking the bottom of main. Locate was correct.

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

Violation: 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: **Bob Workman**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4190**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Bob Workman**

UPPAC Database Record ID: **4190**

Report Date: 04/04/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/3/2012

Damage Address: 5298 W 800 S, North Judson, Starke County

The Parties

Excavator: **Bob Workman** (Occupant)

Address: 5298 W 800 S, North Judson, In 46366

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: 1208232063

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a room addition.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/9/2013. The excavator reported hitting a retired line that resulted in damage to the active line. The operator reported the excavator damaged the line with mechanized equipment within two (2) feet of the marks. The excavator/homeowner provided notice of excavation on 8/23/12 and damaged the line 41 days later.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **LJ Enterprises**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4191**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

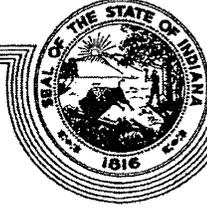
Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Lj Enterprises

UPPAC Database Record ID: **4191**

Report Date: 04/05/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/6/2012

Damage Address: 320 Sr 16, Roann, Wabash County

The Parties

Excavator: **Lj Enterprises** (Contractor)

Address: Po Box 161, Roann, In 46974

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Drainage

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
Date:

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1209141837 - EXPIRED Original Start

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for drainage.

Findings: The excavator provided notice of excavation on September 14th, 2012 and damaged the line twenty two (22) days later.

Conclusion: The excavator was working with expired locate notification.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Town & Country Fence, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4192**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Town & Country Fence Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4192

Report Date:

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/9/2012

Damage Address: 154 Sheffield Dr, Valparaiso, Porter County

The Parties

Excavator: **Town & Country Fence Inc** (Contractor)

Address: 11102 West State Rd 2, Westville, In 46391

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
1209272637

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: working under GE Marshall Inc ticket #:
Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation for a fence post.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/19/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. Locate marking had been provided for a different excavator working at the site.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation for the excavator's own excavation.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Tim's Landscape Services Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4207**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Tim's Landscape Services Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4207

Report Date: 04/05/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/24/2012

Damage Address: 8221 Burr St, Crown Point, Lake County

The Parties

Excavator: **Tim's Landscape Services Inc** (Contractor)

Address: 1519 Woodlawn Pl, Griffith, In 46319

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): \$411

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 plant trees.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/13/2013. The excavator reported he has been in business for thirty (30) years and always provides notice of excavation. In this case the property owner convinced him no utility lines would be in the area.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **PGX, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4227**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Pgx Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4227

Report Date: 04/05/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/19/2012 10:43:11 AM

Damage Address: 236 Marsh View Dr, Valparaiso, Porter County

The Parties

Excavator: Pgx Inc (Contractor)

Address: 11627 West 117th Avenue, Cedar Lake, In 46303

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: 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 for building construction.

Findings: Reported by Indiana 811; excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator failed to request that underground utilities be located before commencing work. In this case both the electric and gas services to the neighbor's house at 238 Marsh View Dr were cut.

Conclusion: Excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Porch Construction**

Other Party: **NIPSCO**

Case No.: **4367**

Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:

8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Porch Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4367

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/10/2012

Damage Address: 1926 Ridge Rd., Munster, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Porch Construction**

Address: 2520 W. 135th Lane, Crown Point, In 46307

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: 1209113371

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a room addition.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator reports that the gas line was to be rerouted for the room addition and that the gas company did not relocate back far enough. The excavator provided notice of excavation on 9/11/12 and damaged the line 29 days later.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain an active locate request.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Garcia Concrete Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4370**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter.

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Garcia Concrete Const.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4370

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/31/2012

Damage Address: 372 Commercial St, Roanoke, Huntington

The Parties

Excavator: Garcia Concrete Const.

Address: 2316 Southyard Ct, Fort Wayne, In 46818

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): \$608

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 with a concrete form stake.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/28/2013. The excavator did not provide notice of excavation. The operator provided accurate locate markings for a different excavator. The excavator reported the gas line was only six (6) inches deep. The operator reported the line being twelve (12) inches deep.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Arthur Newbury**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4372**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Arthur Newbury

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4372

Report Date: 3/15/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 10/26/2012

Damage Address: 1710 East 975 N, Wheatfield, Jasper

The Parties

Excavator: **Arthur Newbury**

Address: 1710 East 975 N, Wheatfield, In 46392

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: True

Number of Customers Affected: 1

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$510

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 install an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/27/2013. The excavator/homeowner reported he did not provide notice of excavation because he thought he knew the location of the underground facilities when he rented the trencher.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Mike Seigel General Contractor**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4376**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information:

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Mike Seigel General Contractor

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4376

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/14/2012

Damage Address: 2430 E Shirley Ave, Columbia City, Whitley

The Parties

Excavator: **Mike Seigel General Contractor**

Address: 2400 East Schram Dr, Columbia City, In 46725

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

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): \$212

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 for an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Oscar Rios (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/22/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Damen Tsouklis**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4377**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Damen Tsouklis**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4377

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/16/2012

Damage Address: 691 Hemlock Dr, Crown Point, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: **Damen Tsouklis**

Address: 691 Hemlock Dr, Crown Point, In 46307

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): \$227

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 for deck post.

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/25/2013. The homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation prior to using a post hole digger thirty four (34) inches deep.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Jim Brown**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4379**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice (digging prior to 2 day waiting period)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jim Brown

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4379

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/16/2012

Damage Address: 29145 Lark Street, Elkhart, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: **Jim Brown**

Address: 29145 Lark Street, Elkhart, In 46514

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Landscaping

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: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to remove a tree stump.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/14/2013. The homeowner lost his house to a fire the month before this damage. He purchased a mobile home to place on the lot and needed to remove a tree stump. He provided notice of excavation the morning he started the job.

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

Violation: 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: **TLM, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4380**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Tlm Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4380

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/2/2012

Damage Address: 927 Wescott Lane, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Tlm Inc.**

Address: 355 Ln. 175 Line Lk., Angola, In, 46703

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

Type of Work Performed: Electric

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

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: A natural gas line was damaged during directional boring an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/21/2013. The excavator provided a locate number that was not theirs. The operator reported the excavator provided the locate marks because they did not provide notice of excavation.

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

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



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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Jim Mills

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4381

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/16/2012

Damage Address: 11332 Trentman Rd., Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Jim Mills**

Address: 11332 Trentman Rd., 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: Pole

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: 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 install a light pole.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The homeowner reported he requested locates 1 ½ to 2 years ago. He hit the line then and he did not need to call in this time because he remembered the location from last time.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Ronald S. Bunt, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4383**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Ronald S. Bunt, Inc**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4383

Report Date: 3/21/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/23/2012

Damage Address: 3927 Eggman Road, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Ronald S. Bunt, Inc**

Address: 10702 Buss Road, Fort Wayne, In 46818

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for landscaping.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/28/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **John Motz**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4385**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice (digging prior to 2 day waiting period)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
(initialed) _____
Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: John Motz

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4385

Report Date: 3/27/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/20/2012

Damage Address: 10415 Oaktree Rd, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **John Motz**

Address: 10415 Oaktree Rd, Fort Wayne, In 46845

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): \$360

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211180020

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas line was damaged during excavation for a water leak or building addition or a fence.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/26/2013. The excavator/homeowner reported he damaged the line while digging for a water line. He did not provide us with a locate number responding that we have it on file. The operator provided two (2) numbers that are attributed to the homeowner. The homeowner was digging prior to either number being good. The operator reported the homeowner was digging prior to the locate numbers due date.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation by excavating prior to having an active locate.

Violation: 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: **Dean Stump**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4393**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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

Investigation regarding: **Dean Stump**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4393

Report Date: 3/22/2013

Damage Date: 11/28/2012

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Address: 11718 9th Rd, Plymouth, Marshall

The Parties

Excavator: **Dean Stump**

Address: 11718 9th Rd, Plymouth, In, 46563

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): \$150

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 by the homeowner while excavating to plant a tree.

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/24/2013. The homeowner was using hand tools to excavate, damaged a gas line that was eighteen (18) inches deep. The homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Ferguson Michiana, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4399**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Ferguson Michiana Inc.

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4399

Report Date: 3/22/13

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/2/2012

Damage Address: 4523 Fellows St., South Bend, St Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Ferguson Michiana Inc.**

Address: 7162 M140 North, Eau Claire, Mi 49111

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Trencher

Type of Work Performed: Telecommunications

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: 1210183597

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/22/2013. The excavator had a valid locate and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The operator reported a "re-mark" may have been in order due to the existing marks being faded.

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

Violation: 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: **Martis Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4404**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Martis Construction

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4404

Report Date: 3/25/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 11/3/2012

Damage Address: 7861 N. Tippecanoe, Walkerton, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Martis Construction**

Address: 7800 N. 1000 E, Walkerton, In 46574

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: No

Indiana 811 Ticket Number:

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/12/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. The property owner requested the gas service to be retired and the gas employee that removed to meter indicated he would be back to retire the service at the street.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Geiger Excavating**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4405**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Geiger Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4405

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/28/2012

Damage Address: 821 Pearse Ave, Auburn, Dekalb

The Parties

Excavator: **Geiger Excavating**

Address: 811 Airport North Office Park, Fort Wayne, In 46825

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: 1212052866

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator reported that the gas operator was working to cut the gas services out of the way as the excavator progressed. They also reported the line that was cut was not properly located. The number provided as the locate number indicates the notification was expired by three (3) days.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation by allowing the original locate to expire.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Hillside Rentals**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4412**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Rick Slagle
Chairman



Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Hillside Rentals

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4412

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/17/2012

Damage Address: 1032 Rivermet Ave, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Hillside Rentals

Address: 1032 Rivermet Ave, Fort Wayne, In 46805

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: 2

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$162

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 of a sewer line.

Findings: Reported by Tommy Buher (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator failed to provide notice of excavation. They reported the sewer was backing up into the house and they could not wait for two (2) days for a locate.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide notice of excavation. As a property manager they may face this problem in the future. They need to understand if and when an emergency locate request may be appropriate.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Land, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4414**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information:

APPROVED: 

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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Land Inc

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4414

Report Date: 3/27/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/5/2012

Damage Address: 4733 Woodstock Dr., Fort Wayne, Lake

The Parties

Excavator: Land Inc

Address: P.o. Box 192, Laotto, In, 46763

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: 1211260449

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/6/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reported as they removed a section of pavement the gas line was directly under the pavement and damage could not be avoided. The operator reported the line was twenty (20) inches deep. This indicates the gas line was not directly under the pavement and the damage could have been avoided.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage.

Violation: 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: **Leepers Lawn Service**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4415**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

warning letter

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Leepers Lawn Service

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4415

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/12/2012

Damage Address: 1117 Oakdale Ave, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: **Leepers Lawn Service**

Address: 5406 Winchester Rd, Fort Wayne, In 46819

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: False

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: 1212061261

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural gas service was damaged during excavation to plant a tree.

Findings: Reported by Oscar Rios (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/24/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator employee was carelessly using a pick axe to prepare a hole to plant a tree in the road right of way.

Conclusion: There was a failure to plan excavation to avoid damage.

Violation: 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: **J. Jay Graber**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4417**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: J. Jay Graber

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4417

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/19/2012

Damage Address: 12865-2 County Rd. 30, Middlebury, Elkhart

The Parties

Excavator: J. Jay Graber

Address: 12865-2 County Rd 30, Middlebury, In 46540

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Service/Drop

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

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): \$

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 install an electric line.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/25/2013. The excavator/homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation. The homeowner reported he did not call for locates because he knew the line was there because he was there when it was installed. He remembered the line being deeper.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Asplundh Construction**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4420**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

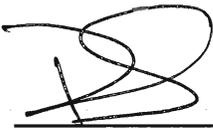
Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

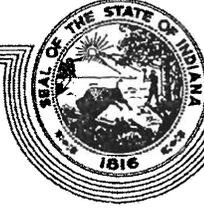
Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: **Asplundh Construction**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4420

Report Date: 3/27/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/5/2012

Damage Address: 0488 E Hickory Rd, Laporte, Laporte

The Parties

Excavator: **Asplundh Construction**

Address: 1206 Savannah Lane, Monroe, Ga 30655

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: 0

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1211281720

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator had spotted the natural gas line but due to a miscommunication between the equipment operator and the bell hole laborer, the service was damaged with the backhoe.

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

Violation: 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: **Mary McGuire**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4422**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Mary Mcguire

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4422

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 12/15/2012

Damage Address: 1041 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: **Mary Mcguire**

Address: 1041 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In 46544

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: 2

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 was damaged during excavation for a fence post.

Findings: Reported by Oscar Rios (NIPSCO); the excavator did not respond to initial notice which was delivered and signed for on 2/23/2013. The homeowner failed to provide notice of excavation.

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

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Ferguson Michiana, Inc.**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4431**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(1) - failure to plan to avoid damage or minimize interference

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED: 
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Ferguson Michiana Company

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4431

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/7/2013

Damage Address: 135 Norman St, South Bend, St. Joseph

The Parties

Excavator: Ferguson Michiana Company

Address: 7162 M140 North, Eau Claire, Mi, 49111

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function: Distribution

Type of Equipment: Directional Drilling

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: 1212271164

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A natural main was damaged during directional boring for a telecommunications line.

Findings: Reported by Steve Noffsinger (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 2/22/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and reports the operator marked a retired gas facility and not the active line. The operator reports the line was accurately located for the original locate nine (9) days earlier but, because of the heavy snow prior to the damage, the marks should have been renewed. After reviewing the pictures from the day the locate was completed and the day of the damage it is obvious the snow covered up most of the locate markings. The excavator was working on top of the gas facility and directional boring parallel with the facility.

Conclusion: There was a failure to maintain clearance.

Violation: 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: **Davis & Sons Excavating**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4433**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-20(a)(2) - failure to maintain 2 foot clearance with mechanized equipment

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:
Warning letter

Additional Information: _____

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

Investigation regarding: **Davis & Sons Excavating**

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4433

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/4/2013

Damage Address: 703 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, Porter

The Parties

Excavator: **Davis & Sons Excavating**

Address: 2890 Glenrose, Portage, In 46368

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: 1212180186

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

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

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/8/2013. The excavator had a valid locate request and the operator provided accurate locate markings. The excavator reported using a backhoe to remove the gravel cover and causing damage to the line because of the rapid change in depth.

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

Violation: 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: **Geiger Excavating**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4434**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g)- failure to provide notice (expired locate)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information: _____

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Geiger Excavating

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4434

Report Date: 3/28/2013

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/2/2013

Damage Address: 836 N. Van Buren, Auburn, Dekalb

The Parties

Excavator: **Geiger Excavating**

Address: 811 Airport North Office Park, Fort Wayne, In 46825

Facility Owner: **NIPSCO**

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function:

Type of Equipment: Backhoe/Trackhoe

Type of Work Performed: Sewer

Service/Drop

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 was damaged during excavation for a sewer project.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator reported the gas service to be very shallow under the pavement and the damage could not be prevented. The excavator provided notice of excavation on 12/5/12 and damaged the line twenty eight (28) days later. They also provided notice a couple of hours prior to the damage.

Conclusion: There was a failure to provide proper notice of excavation. The original ticket was expired and the new ticket was not active for another two (2) days.

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

Indiana Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation to IURC

Respondent: **Custom Signs Unlimited**
Other Party: **NIPSCO**
Case No.: **4435**
Date of Advisory Meeting: **April 23, 2013**

Statutes Allegedly Violated:
8-1-26-16(g) - failure to provide notice (digging prior to 2 day waiting period)

Violation No Violation

Recommended Penalty:

Training

Additional Information:

APPROVED:
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Pipeline Safety Division Investigation Report

Investigation regarding: Custom Signs Unlimited

UPPAC Database Record ID: 4435

Report Date: 3/27/2012

Investigator: Howard Friend

Damage Date: 1/28/2013

Damage Address: 1932 Mark Anthony Xing Lot 85, Fort Wayne, Allen

The Parties

Excavator: Custom Signs Unlimited

Address: 1410 Goshen Ave, Fort Wayne, In 46808

Facility Owner: NIPSCO

Pipeline Facility

Facility Type: Natural Gas

Facility Function:

Type of Equipment: Auger

Type of Work Performed: Pole

Distribution

Damage Impact

Product Release: Yes

Ignition: No

Service Interruption: True

Number of Customers Affected: 4

Injuries: 0

Fatalities: 0

Repair Cost (if known): \$

Excavator Activities/Cause of Damage Information:

Excavator Request Locates: Yes

Indiana 811 Ticket Number: 1301251360

Original Start Date:

Locate Instructions:

Follow-Up Locate Instructions (if applicable):

Synopsis: A three (3) inch natural gas main was damaged during excavation to install a sign post.

Findings: Reported by Carrie Ludwig (NIPSCO); excavator's response to initial notice was received on 3/18/2013. The excavator provided notice of excavation on Friday, 1/25/13 at 4:06PM. This locate would have been good on Tuesday, 1/29/13 after 4:06PM. The damage was on Monday, 1/28/13. The locate ticket was not valid at the time of the damage.

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

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



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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.