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NIPSCO's *EnergyHarvest*SM Program Provides Rebates on Energy Efficient Appliances

Saving Energy, Money and the Environment Are the Focus of New Program

Merrillville, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today introduced a new energy efficiency initiative called *EnergyHarvest*SM, which will be targeted to all NIPSCO natural gas customers.

The *EnergyHarvest*SM program offers natural gas customers an incentive to purchase certain energy-efficient appliances, including water heaters, ENERGY STAR® furnaces and programmable thermostats through cash rebates.

In addition to customers saving money on appliance purchases, in the long-term customers can also lower their heating bills as a result of buying the energy efficient models. This makes the *EnergyHarvest*SM program ultimately a good thing for both conserving energy and the environment.

“This program has short-term and long-term benefits,” said Colleen Reilly, NIPSCO’s Director of Communications and Public Affairs. “The *EnergyHarvest*SM program gives something back to both the customer and the environment and provides customers an immediate way to take action to minimize increasing energy costs.”

*EnergyHarvest*SM is one of a family of three new NIPSCO customer cost savings and conservation initiatives in the MyPower program (www.nipsco.com/MyPower). The three initiatives – *EnergyHarvest*SM, *Home Energy Solutions*SM and *Home Energy Management*SM – are designed to help NIPSCO customers manage their home energy costs through rebates on energy efficient natural gas appliances; weatherization support for those who may not be able to afford home improvements; and home energy management technology, which will be launched later this year and focus on energy efficiency options for electric customers.

The MyPower web page provides more information on energy efficient appliances and money saving tips to help NIPSCO customers manage their energy costs. Using purchase receipts, customers can claim rebates at www.nipsco.com/MyPower or by calling NIPSCO’s *EnergyHarvest*SM hotline 800-721-7385.

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Facts about NIPSCO's EnergyHarvestSM

The EnergyHarvestSM residential rebate program brochure, qualifying appliance descriptions and rebate information, the rebate form* and *Energy Efficiency Tips* for the home are available online and in downloadable PDF format by visiting www.nipsco.com/MyPower and clicking "EnergyHarvestSM".

EnergyHarvestSM appliance qualifications and rebates offered:

Natural gas furnaces must be 92% AFUE or higher.

Rebate: \$250

Natural gas water heaters must be 0.65 EF or higher and 30 gallons or more.

Rebate: \$50

Programmable thermostat** must be ENERGY STAR® qualified.

Rebate: \$20

The complete list of qualifying appliances is available at www.nipsco.com/MyPower (click EnergyHarvestSM).

* EnergyHarvestSM program applicants must download, print and complete the *Rebate Form for Residential Appliance/Product Rebates* located at www.nipsco.com/MyPower.

** EnergyHarvestSM program applicants must use natural gas space heating to receive the thermostat rebate.

About NIPSCO

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.

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