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**NIPSCO CREWS AND CONTRACTORS HEAD TO MICHIGAN  
TO ASSIST WITH POWER RESTORATION EFFORTS**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that it has dispatched 15 electric linemen and released 47 tree trimming contractors to assist crews from Detroit Edison with power restoration efforts.

A severe ice storm this week left nearly a half-inch of ice on power lines in Detroit Edison's service area of Southeastern Michigan. At the height of the storm, nearly 90,000 customers were without power.

“Our crews and contractors are eager to get to work to safely restore power,” said NIPSCO General Manager of Operations Tim Dehring. “As a part of our mutual aid agreements, we know that other utilities would be there to assist NIPSCO if a devastating storm moved through our service territory. It's nice to be in a position to help get service restored for customers without power, whether they are in northern Indiana or a neighboring state.”

NIPSCO is a member of the Great Lakes Mutual Assistance Group – a consortium of utilities from throughout the Midwest – who work together and share resources following major outages. NIPSCO routinely shares resources with other utilities during times of natural disasters through mutual aid agreements facilitated by the Great Lakes Mutual Assistance Group.

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 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at [www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com).

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