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**STATEMENT FROM NIPSCO ON IURC RULING REGARDING
FUTURE OF DEAN H. MITCHELL GENERATING STATION**

Ruling Could Jeopardize Long-Term Expansion of Gary/Chicago Airport

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) is disappointed with yesterday's ruling issued by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to decline approval of NIPSCO's settlement with the City of Gary regarding the future of the Dean H. Mitchell Generating Station.

NIPSCO will review the ruling and determine the best course of action to take. NIPSCO's highest priority is to ensure the long-term, reliable supply of energy for its customers, and is committed to being a key stakeholder in the economic growth of Northwest Indiana.

NIPSCO also is concerned that yesterday's ruling could jeopardize the long-term expansion of the Gary/Chicago Airport, which NIPSCO believes has the potential to be a catalyst to transform and contribute greatly toward the long-term economic health and vitality of the region.

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 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com

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