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**PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG NIPSCO'S TRANSMISSION-CLASS  
GAS MAINS RECEIVE PIPELINE SAFETY BROCHURE**  
*Mailing Part of Broader Pipeline Safety Effort*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Property owners along Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) transmission-class natural gas mains will receive this month a brochure on pipeline safety.

The brochure is one element of a broader communications effort recommended by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) as part of its RP1162 guidelines that require natural gas utilities and pipeline operators to educate the public and emergency services personnel on safety around natural gas pipelines.

“We’re committed to operating and maintaining a safe and reliable natural gas infrastructure, as well as educating our customers on how to live and work safely around our natural gas distribution system,” said NIPSCO General Manager of Operations Tim Dehring. “The brochure shows customers how to identify our pipeline equipment, how to detect and report suspicious activity around them and, most importantly, how to prevent damage and protect against personal injury.”

Dehring added that a key component to pipeline safety is Indiana’s “Call Before You Dig” contact center, a free service available to all NIPSCO customers that marks the location of underground utilities. The center can be reached at 1-800-382-5544.

In addition to the brochure, NIPSCO has been sponsoring and participating in meetings with excavators, emergency services personnel and public officials throughout its Northern Indiana service area to raise awareness about the importance of pipeline safety and following emergency response procedures.

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NIPSCO also communicates natural gas pipeline safety and awareness information through bill inserts, paid advertising, public service announcements and its Web site at [www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com).

NIPSCO's gas control and monitoring center offices operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, NIPSCO regularly patrols its pipeline rights of way and conducts regular inspections of the pipeline system. NIPSCO employees receive regular training and are qualified under U.S. Department of Transportation standards for natural gas pipeline operators.

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](http://www.nipSCO.com).

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