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**NIPSCO CREWS CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN REPAIRING
DAMAGE TO ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**
Customers Advised to Check “Weather-Heads”

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Crews from Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) worked throughout the night to restore power to all but 2,500 customers following an ice storm that swept through Northern Indiana Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

At the height of the storm, nearly 30,000 customers were without power. While the damage is across much of NIPSCO’s entire electric service area, the hardest hit areas were Porter and LaPorte counties. Additional line crews have been brought in to assist NIPSCO. Crews will work around the clock until power is restored to all customers, which could be by late Monday evening.

At this point, crews will be focusing their efforts in restoring power to individual homes. Customers are advised to visually check the “weather-head” – a pipe coming out of the electric meter box – for damage. If a customer suspects damage, a licensed electrician should be contacted to check the outside power lines and make repairs before NIPSCO crews arrive.

Customers should not go near downed power lines. Downed power lines should be reported to NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

EDITOR’S NOTE: THE NEXT POWER RESTORATION UPDATE WILL BE ISSUED TODAY AT 3:30 p.m., CST.

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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