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**POWER RESTORED TO ALL NIPSCO CUSTOMERS**

*Utility Thanks Customers for Patience*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Early this morning, power was restored to all customers of Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) following an ice storm that swept through Northern Indiana over the weekend, knocking out power to nearly 30,000 customers during the height of the storm.

“We want to thank our customers for their patience and understanding during this emergency,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “All NIPSCO employees and contractors involved in this restoration effort were focused on restoring power quickly and safely, and we thank everyone for their commitment, including those customers who avoided downed power lines and called NIPSCO to file a report. It’s important to maintain safety, especially during power restoration efforts.”

More than 350 field employees, including NIPSCO crews, electric line contractors and tree crews, were involved in the restoration effort.

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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