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NIPSCO REINSTATES MORATORIUM FOR LOW-INCOME NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MERRILLVILLE, IN – With the recent addition of \$13 million in federal funds available to help Indiana’s low-income customers pay their heating bills, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced it will reinstate the moratorium on gas account disconnections for low-income customers in the Energy Assistance Program through Thursday, March 30.

“Reinstating the moratorium for our low-income customers in the Energy Assistance Program is the right thing to do and opens yet another window of opportunity for those customers to contact us to find out what programs are available,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “There is more help available today than at any time in the past. That is good news for our customers.”

NIPSCO continues to work closely with the federal government and the Governor’s office, as well as other agencies, to coordinate efforts and maximize energy assistance sources. More information regarding the following heating bill assistance programs can be found at www.nipSCO.com and entering the DirectLink e-Services suite:

- Indiana Energy Assistance Program
- Winter Warmth Program
- Help Thy Neighbor
- Gift of Warmth

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With nearly 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.nisource.com.

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