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NIPSCO POWERS UP EDGEWATER SUBSTATION

Other Improvements to Update Electrical Infrastructure in Crown Point Ongoing

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – A new, \$1.6 million electric substation in Crown Point was officially put into service by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO).

“We’re committed to making the necessary investments in our electrical infrastructure to provide our customers in Crown Point and throughout our service area with safe, secure and reliable service,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel, who led Crown Point Mayor Dan Klein on a hard-hat tour of the substation.

Ground was broken on the new substation in late 2005 and construction was completed in March. Edgewater will initially serve approximately 2,800 electric customers in the Crown Point area, including the new Purdue Technology Center.

“We are appreciative of NIPSCO’s willingness to invest in the electrical infrastructure in Crown Point,” said Mayor Klein. “The new substation will play a critical role in delivering a reliable supply of electricity to our residents and businesses.”

Other electrical infrastructure improvements in the Crown Point area are ongoing, including installation of equipment that allows NIPSCO to restore power automatically and more quickly when power is interrupted.

Editor’s Note: A digital photograph of NIPSCO President Mark Maassel and Crown Point Mayor Dan Klein during their hard-hat tour of the Edgewater Substation is embedded into the e-mail.

About NIPSCO

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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