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NIPSCO UNVEILS NEWEST SOUTH SHORE PAINTING

Utility Celebrates 75th Anniversary of Michigan City Generating Station

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – In honor of the 75th anniversary of its Michigan City Generating Station, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) last evening unveiled the newest South Shore painting at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City.

Titled “Power,” the painting – which was commissioned by NIPSCO to mark the 75th anniversary of the Michigan City Generation Station – depicts generating station mechanics hoisting a turbine outside the front entrance of the Michigan City Generating Station. John Rush, whose other South Shore paintings include “Independence” and “Vintage Base Ball,” was commissioned by NIPSCO to complete the painting.

“We believe this is a fabulous painting and a wonderful addition to the South Shore series,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “It’s also serves as a symbolic tribute to employees, both past and present, who are focused on and pride themselves for generating safe and reliable power at the Michigan City Generating Station.”

The unveiling of the painting took place at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City. A number of business and community leaders from throughout Northwest Indiana attended the unveiling, where Michigan City Mayor Charles Oberlie formally proclaimed April 26 as “Northern Indiana Public Service Company’s Michigan City Generating Station 75th Anniversary Celebration Day.”

“If the arts really can define a region, as has been so beautifully demonstrated in places like Bilbao, Spain, Pittsburgh and even Milwaukee, then the justifiably popular South Shore posters have given us the potential to project to the outside world an image of Northwest Indiana that is truly positive,” said Northern Indiana Arts Association Executive Director John M. Cain.

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This brings to 60 the number of South Shore paintings that have been commissioned since the 1920's, when the South Shore railroad used a series of posters to promote ridership. From 1925 to 1929, the railroad issued a new poster every month, for a total of about 50 posters that highlight the essence and capture the true character of Northwest Indiana.

“I couldn't have asked for a better subject matter to paint than the Michigan City Generating Station,” said Rush, an award-winning artist who was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and now resides in Chicago, IL. “Still, to this day, the station evokes feelings of the period, of simplicity and geometry, and that was what I wanted to achieve with the painting.”

Editor's Note: To request a low-resolution graphic of the new poster for reproduction, please contact Tom Cuddy at 219-647-6556.

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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