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## **NIPSCO OFFERS PARENTS SUMMERTIME ELECTRIC SAFETY TIPS**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – As the school year draws to a close and children become more active outdoors, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) encourages parents throughout Northwest Indiana to discuss the following summertime electric safety tip reminders with their children:

- Do not climb up utility poles or onto pad-mounted transformers;
- Never climb a tree with wires running near or through the limbs;
- Keep kites, balloons, model airplanes and other toys away from power lines at all times. Also, never throw anything onto or over a utility line.
- Before beginning any project that involves ladders, antennas or anything else that could come in contact with a utility line, look up first;
- Avoid making contact with any utility line, including telephone and cable television lines; and
- Always report downed power lines to NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

***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](http://www.nipSCO.nisource.com).

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