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## **NIPSCO TO CONDUCT TIMBER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT SCHAHFER GENERATING STATION**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Beginning this week, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) will be implementing a timber management program on property at the company's Schahfer Generating Station in Wheatfield, IN.

NIPSCO – along with trained forestry professionals from The Nature Conservancy – will be selectively harvesting hardwood trees and removing some large pine stands. The plan is designed to improve the health of the surrounding woodlands, as well as to help restore the native black oak savanna ecosystem. All proceeds from the timber management harvest will be put toward the ongoing management of the forest that surrounds the generating station.

NIPSCO anticipates completing the timber management program before the end of July. Since NIPSCO's property is closed to the public, tree tops and other wood debris will not be available. To visit or recreate in a similar oak savanna, NIPSCO encourages the public to visit the Aukiki preserve and NIPSCO savanna on CR 1500 north – just east of Indiana 49 – that is managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy.

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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