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NIPSCO CREWS ASSESSING DAMAGE, RESTORING POWER FOLLOWING POWERFUL STORM

Company Warns Customers to Stay Away from Downed Power Lines

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Approximately 52,000 customers are without power following a powerful storm that swept through Northern Indiana this afternoon.

NIPSCO is dispatching crews and contractors to assess the damage, clear downed trees and restore power. The hardest hit areas are Gary, Hammond, LaPorte, Monticello, and Valparaiso.

Restoration efforts will continue around-the-clock and the threat of additional storms may increase the chances for lengthy delays in restoring power.

NIPSCO encourages the public to stay away from downed power lines, which should be considered energized. All power outages and downed power lines should be reported to NIPSCO at 1-800-464-7726.

Editor's Note: The next power restoration update will be available at 10:30 p.m. Central Time by calling 219-647-4333 and listening to the recording. This telephone number is not to be published and should only be used by the news media to retrieve storm updates.

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.

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