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NIPSCO CREWS WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT TO RESTORE POWER TO MOST CUSTOMERS FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S STORM

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Crews from Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) worked through the night to restore power to most customers impacted by a powerful summer storm that swept across Northern Indiana during the afternoon of Sunday, June 5.

At the height of the storm, which packed high winds and lightning, approximately 19,000 customers were without power. By early Monday morning, power had been restored to all but 2,000 customers, most of whom are in Goshen, Plymouth and Hammond.

NIPSCO expects to restore service to all customers today. NIPSCO reminds customers to stay away from downed power lines and not come into contact with anything touching a downed line. NIPSCO encourages customers to report downed power lines to 911 and 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

As events dictate, NIPSCO will continue to provide periodic storm restoration updates.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With nearly 700,000 natural gas customers and 440,000 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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