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**NIPSCO AIMS TO RESTORE POWER TO ALL CUSTOMERS  
BY EARLY TOMORROW MORNING**  
*Destructive Storm Damages Electric Distribution System*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Up to 150 NIPSCO employees and contractors worked throughout the night – and will continue to work around-the-clock – to restore power to customers whose electric service was impacted following two destructive storms that swept across Northwest Indiana yesterday afternoon.

As of 6 a.m. today, NIPSCO restored power to more than half of 16,000 customers who originally lost power following the two storms. The company anticipates that power will be restored to customers in and around the following communities by early tomorrow morning:

- Gary, Miller, Merrillville, Lake Station, Hobart and Portage;
- Hammond, St. John, Griffith, Highland and Munster; and
- Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Lowell and Demotte.

Damage to NIPSCO's electric distribution infrastructure includes up to a dozen broken utility poles that need to be reset, fallen trees that need to be cleared, and power lines that need to be restrung.

NIPSCO reminds customers to stay away from downed power lines and to report them to NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

**Editor's Note:** NIPSCO will issue another power restoration update today around 2 p.m. CST.

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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