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## **NIPSCO MAKING PROGRESS IN RESTORING POWER**

### *Crews Will Continue to Work Around the Clock*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that crews have restored power to all but 5,800 customers following two storms that swept across Northwest Indiana yesterday afternoon with high winds and rain that knocked down utility poles, trees, tree limbs and power lines.

NIPSCO anticipates power being restored to all customers by early Wednesday morning. More than 150 NIPSCO employees and contractors are focusing their efforts to restore power in and around the hardest hit communities such as Gary, Miller, Lake Station and Merrillville. NIPSCO crews also are working to restore power in Hammond, Cedar Lake and Crown Point, where scattered outages remain.

The electric distribution system in many of these same neighborhoods suffered damage following a powerful storm on May 15 that knocked out power to more than 52,000 customers.

NIPSCO advises customers without power to check their home's weather head – a pipe coming out of the electric meter box – for damage. A licensed electrician should be contacted to make repairs before NIPSCO crews arrive. NIPSCO reminds customers to stay away from downed power lines and to report them to the utility at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

***Editor's Note: Recorded power restoration updates will be made available to the news media by calling the NIPSCO Storm Hotline at 219-647-4333. Updates will be available tonight at 8:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 4 a.m. CST. THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS FOR THE NEWS MEDIA ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED.***

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).