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### **NIPSCO IMPLEMENTS ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CITED IN INDEPENDENT POWER/WATER UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – A study commissioned by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) and Indiana American Water Company (IAWC) that investigated the causes that led to two boil water advisories last summer was released today and confirms that NIPSCO completed all of the recommended electrical infrastructure improvements.

“We thoroughly investigated these incidents and acted quickly to make the necessary improvements to the electric system immediately following the incidents and before the study was commissioned,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “The independent study confirmed that the improvements we made were appropriate and completed in a timely manner.”

The electric infrastructure improvements completed by NIPSCO and cited in the study include:

- Replacing three transformers at NIPSCO’s Aetna Substation in Gary, IN. Two transformers were replaced by NIPSCO on July 21, 2005, and the third transformer was replaced on Aug. 15, 2005.
- Replacing a transformer at NIPSCO’s Wickliffe Substation in Portage, IN., and moving the mounting location of that transformer to another part of the substation. NIPSCO completed these improvements on Sept. 20, 2005.

The transformers in question, called “potential transformers,” are pieces of equipment used in the operation and control of the electric system. In addition to replacing potential transformers, NIPSCO has implemented other recommendations cited by the Burns & McDonnell study, including implementing best practices as it relates to substation design and the location of transformers.

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 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at [www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com).