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NIPSCO SUSPENDS SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS AS TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY RISE TO DANGEROUS LEVELS

Company Offers Home Cooling & Safety Tips

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Weather forecasts for the weekend predict record-breaking temperatures. Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that in light of the extreme weather conditions, it has suspended service disconnections until Tuesday.

The temporary moratorium on service disconnections is effective today and will last through Tuesday, July 26. The National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat watch, which means a prolonged period of hot temperatures is expected until late Sunday.

The utility offered the following tips for staying safe and cool in the hottest temperatures of the summer:

- **Lower the shades.** Keep your shades pulled and doors and windows closed during the day, which will help to block out the sunshine.
- **Supplement air conditioner use.** Supplement air conditioner use with ceiling and floor fans, which creates a wind-chill effect that increases air conditioning and cooling efficiency.
- **Stay safe and hydrated.** Limit outdoor activities to the early morning or late evening. If you must be outdoors, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids such as water.
- **Watch for the elderly.** Check on elderly or ill neighbors who live alone to make sure they're safe and hydrated.

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.