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NIPSCO ENCOURAGES CUSTOMERS TO USE ENERGY WISELY

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today is encouraging customers to use energy wisely due to the hot and humid weather forecast for NIPSCO's electric service area over the weekend.

NIPSCO has a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to meet customer demand. But while several forecasters are anticipating temperatures to exceed 90 degrees across the company's electric service area, NIPSCO offers the following tips for staying safe and cool:

- **Watch for the elderly.** Check on elderly or ill neighbors, who live alone, to make sure they're safe and hydrated.
- **Lower the shades.** Keep your shades pulled 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.
- **Keep home at minimum comfort level.** With a cooling system, keep the home at the minimum comfort level. Each degree cooler than 78 degrees uses considerably more energy.
- **Keep windows covered.** Make sure all sun-exposed windows have draperies in order to keep out the hot sun during warm days.
- **Use major appliances during evening hours.** Dishwashers, washing machines, and clothes dryers should be used during evening hours only and have full loads before being operated.
- **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. Bring pets indoors.
- **Monitor the weather.** Know what weather is forecast for your area. High temperatures and humidity levels often produce sudden and dangerous storms during the evening hours.

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.