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NIPSCO CREWS ASSESSING DAMAGE, RESTORING POWER FOLLOWING POWERFUL STORM

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) crews and contractors continue to assess damage and restore power to 63,000 customers that were left without power at the height of the severe storm that swept across northern Indiana late Monday night.

NIPSCO crews working through the night, joined by additional contractor crews this morning, have restored power to approximately 11,000 of those customers as of 11:00 a.m. CST.

Lake County was the hardest hit area with 44,000 customers currently without service. Gary, Hammond, Highland, Merrillville and Munster were among the communities with the most outages, but most communities in Lake County experienced damage and power outages.

The Valparaiso and Porter County area was also hit hard and currently has 4,300 customers without service in addition to 2,000 customers in La Porte County. The Plymouth and Marshall County area also experienced storm damage and has approximately 1,000 customers without service.

Restoration efforts will continue around-the-clock. More specific restoration estimates will be available in later updates, but it is expected that crews will be working continuously over the next few days to safely make repairs and restore power as quickly as possible.

NIPSCO encourages the public to stay away from downed power lines, which should be considered energized. All power outages and downed power lines should be reported to NIPSCO at 1-800-464-7726.

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