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POWER RESTORED TO 20,000 CUSTOMERS *NIPSCO Focuses Restoration on Hardest Hit Areas*

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. –NIPSCO crews and contractors continue to assess damage from Monday night's storm, and approximately 20,000 customers have now been restored as of 3 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, leaving 44,000 still without power.

NIPSCO has more than 400 electric linemen and contractors working around-the-clock, including workers who have been released from other utilities in the Midwest to assist in restoration efforts here. In some of the hardest hit areas, particularly in Lake County, restoration efforts may take several days.

The majority of the outages are in Lake County, with approximately 36,000 customers still without power. The communities of Gary, Munster, Merrillville, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Hobart, East Chicago and Dyer are the hardest hit. In Porter County, Valparaiso has 1,800 customers without power.

The rest of the outages are very widespread, affecting communities in LaPorte, Marshall and Elkhart Counties.

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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