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## **ADDITIONAL CREWS COMMITTED TO COMPLETE RESTORATION EFFORTS IN LAKE COUNTY**

*Customers reminded to use generators safely and check for damaged weather heads*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Additional repair crews are being committed to hard hit Lake County communities as restoration efforts in other areas of NIPSCO service territory affected by Monday night's storm near completion.

As of 3 p.m. CST Wednesday, approximately 41,000 customers have now had service restored with 22,000 still without power.

The majority of the remaining outages continue to be in Lake County. The communities of Gary, Munster, Merrillville, Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Hobart continue to be the focus of restoration efforts with most customers expected to have power restored by late Thursday.

Only scattered outages remain outside of Lake County and most of these customers should have power restored by late this evening.

NIPSCO wants to remind customers using generators to power their homes to shut off their main breaker so it is not creating an unsafe condition by "back feeding" power to NIPSCO power lines when repair crews arrive.

Additionally, NIPSCO reminds customers without power to check their home's weather head – the pipe where the wire from the utility pole enters the home through the electric meter box – for damage. If the weather head is damaged, a licensed electrician will need to make repairs before NIPSCO crews can restore service.

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