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NIPSCO'S R.M. SCHAHFER GENERATING STATION REACHES RECORD HIGHS

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Extreme heat and high levels of humidity in July and early August contributed to several new electric generation records at Northern Indiana Public Service Company's (NIPSCO) R.M. Schahfer Generating Station (RMSGs) in Wheatfield, Ind.

During July, the station generated more than one million megawatt hours of electricity, which is only the third time in the station's history the monthly generation exceeded one million megawatt hours.

“These past heat waves have tested new boundaries for our fleet of generating stations and we were focused on providing our customers with a reliable supply of electricity,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “We are proud of all employees for safely meeting customer demand during some of the hottest days on record.”

Across the nation, demand for electricity reached an all-time record during the heat wave, according to the Edison Electric Institute. U.S. utilities delivered 96,314 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity for the week ending July 22, surpassing last year's record of 95,259 GWh (set during the week ending July 23, 2005). The National Climactic Data Center reported that this July was the second hottest July on record across the continental United States, breaking more than 2,300 daily temperature records.

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RMSGs also set two other records during July. On July 25, the station generated 37,511 megawatt hours of electricity. One megawatt of electricity is enough to power between 800 and 1,000 homes. On July 26, the station's coal handling department bunkered more than 21,000 tons of coal.

NIPSCO operates three electric generating stations, which include RMSGs in Wheatfield, Ind., built from 1976-1986; Bailly Generation Station in Chesterton, Ind., which was built from 1962-1968; and Michigan City Generating Station in Michigan City, Ind., built from 1950-1974.

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.

Editor's Note: An aerial photograph of R.M. Schahfer Generating Station is available as a JPEG by contacting Tom Cuddy.

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