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NIPSCO CREWS CONTINUE RESTORATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING POWERFUL STORM

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company crews continue storm restoration efforts around-the-clock following Wednesday night's storms, which knocked out power to nearly 13,000 homes in northwest Indiana.

Approximately 450 homes remain without power, primarily in the Chesterton and Porter areas where high winds and severe weather caused significant damage.

"We appreciate our customers' patience as crews continue to work hard to restore service to those remaining customers who can safely take power by the end of today," said Timothy Dehring, Senior Vice President of Energy Delivery. "There are some homes that are simply too unsafe for us to restore power. For these homes, NIPSCO will restore electric service as soon as home repairs are completed."

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

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.

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