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NIPSCO CREWS RESPOND FOLLOWING MAJOR STORM

Company Working to Restore Power

(9:30 a.m. Update)

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Electric crews from Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) are working to restore power to 10,000 customers following a series of major storm systems – which produced high winds, lightning, heavy rains and marble-sized hail – that moved through Northwest Indiana last evening and early today.

All available field crews, electric linemen and tree-trimming contractors have been dispatched to the hardest hit areas of Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties. At the height of last night's storm, nearly 23,000 customers were without power.

Downed wires are a safety hazard. NIPSCO reminds customers to treat any downed power line as if live electricity is running through it. Customers should not go near downed power lines and keep children and pets far away. Downed power lines should be reported to NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

NIPSCO will issue a second storm restoration update this afternoon.

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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