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NIPSCO CREWS WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO REPAIR DAMAGE AND RESTORE POWER

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MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) crews are working around the clock to repair damage and restore power to customers in northern LaPorte and Porter counties following a series of major storm systems that struck northern Indiana Wednesday evening and early Thursday morning.

Of the original 23,300 customers impacted by the storms, approximately 3,100 customers remain without electricity. These powerful storms brought high winds, extensive lightning, heavy rains and marble-sized hail to portions of NIPSCO's electric service area.

All available field crews, electric linemen and tree-trimming contractors continue to make progress in power restoration efforts. The hardest hit areas are in northern LaPorte and Porter counties, where NIPSCO has to rebuild portions of its electric system. This involves setting new utility poles and stringing new power lines.

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 immediately to NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO.

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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