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PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH POWER RESTORATION EFFORTS

*Company Encourages Residents with No Power to Visually
Check Power Line Feeding Homes
(4 p.m. Update)*

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that power has been restored to all but a little more than 1,000 customers in northern LaPorte and Porter counties following Wednesday’s powerful storms that knocked out power to more than 23,000 customers.

NIPSCO crews and contractors will continue to work around the clock to restore power to all customers. At this point in NIPSCO’s power restoration efforts, the company will be replacing many power lines that feed individual homes. Customers should visually check the “weather-head” – a pipe coming out of the electric meter box – for damage. If a customer suspects there is damage, an electrician should be contacted to check the outside power lines and make repairs before NIPSCO arrives.

In some areas of LaPorte and Porter counties, NIPSCO’s electric distribution system suffered extensive damage due to high winds associated with the storms. Efforts have been underway to clear trees, set new utility poles and string new power lines.

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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