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**NIPSCO ENERGY EDUCATION PROGRAM KICKS OFF
LOCAL SCHOOL TOUR ACROSS NORTHERN INDIANA**

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Today Northern Indiana Public Service Company launched the second year of THINK! ENERGY Indiana – an energy efficiency education program for students in local schools across northern Indiana.

Between Sep. 14-18, the THINK! ENERGY Indiana program will assist teachers and their students to “think!” about energy, “talk” about energy, and “take action” now about our energy for the future.

National Energy Foundation is conducting THINK! ENERGY Indiana on behalf of NIPSCO. As part of the program, NEF is providing an interactive, hands-on, classroom presentation and distributing a take-home THINK! ENERGY Indiana Take Action Kit to 23 fifth grade classrooms across northern Indiana. This unique, experiential program teaches the importance of energy, natural resources and environmental issues, and gives each participating student’s family the technologies to start making a difference.

“This program is an important part of our ongoing commitment to help customers use energy more efficiently,” said Colleen Reilly, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for NIPSCO. “It’s never too early for children to begin learning about the significance of energy conservation, and this program provides them with useful information and tools that will enable them to make a positive change in their homes and the environment.”

Contents of the NIPSCO THINK! ENERGY Indiana Take Action Kit include:

- High Efficiency Shower Head
- Filter Tone Alarm
- Kitchen Aerator
- Shower Timer
- Flow Rate Test Bag
- Digital Water and Refrigerator Thermometer
- Fun Facts Slide Chart
- Light Switch Stickers
- Scratch ‘n Sniff Natural Gas Safety Sticker

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While all available spots for participating schools have been filled for this year's program, schools that are interested in taking part in the 2010 program may contact Cindy Jackson, energy assistance and weatherization program manager for NIPSCO, at (219) 647-6375 or ccjackson@nisource.com.

Editor's Note: A list and schedule of participating schools is included below.

About NEF

National Energy Foundation is a unique 501 (c) 3 nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the development, dissemination, and implementation of supplementary educational materials, programs, and courses. These resources for education relate primarily to energy, water, natural resources, science and math, technology, conservation, and the environment. All enrich and enhance teaching and learning. They recognize the importance and contribution of natural resources to our economy, to our national security, the environment, and our quality of life.

NEF is devoted to the implementation of a variety of innovative teacher training and student programs. More than thirty years of expertise in carrying out effective educational partnerships has been supported by the education community, businesses, government agencies, and associations.

About 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 457,000 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 seven states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.

THINK! ENERGY INDIANA SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Ridge View Elementary – 10:40 a.m. CST
3333 W. Old Ridge Road
Hobart, IN 46342

Thea Bowman Leadership Academy – 1:30 p.m. CST
975 West 6th Avenue
Gary, IN 46402

Shambaugh Elementary School – 1 p.m. CST (2 p.m. EST)
5320 Rebecca Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Saint Jude Catholic School - 7:45 a.m. CST (8:45 a.m. EST)
2110 Pemberton Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Westchester Intermediate School – 9 a.m. CST
1050 South 5th Street
Chesterton, IN 46304

Little Turtle Elementary School – 8 a.m. CST (9 a.m. EST)
1710 S. State Road 9
Columbia City, IN 46725

Aboite Elementary – 9:30 a.m. CST (10:30 a.m. EST)
5004 Homestead Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Edgewood School – 11 a.m. CST
502 Boyd Circle
Michigan City, IN 46360

Coesse Elementary – 12 p.m. CST (1 p.m. EST)
2250 S. 500 E
Columbia City, IN 46725

Forest Park Elementary – 1 p.m. CST (2 p.m. EST)
2004 Alabama Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

LaSalle Academy – 8 a.m. CST (9 a.m. EST)
2701 W. Elwood Ave.
South Bend, IN 46628

Benton Elementary – 8:30 a.m. CST (9:30 a.m. EST)
68350 C.R. 31
Goshen, IN 46526

St. Charles Borromeo – 8:30 a.m. CST (9:30 a.m. EST)
4910 Trier Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Cleveland Elementary – 12 p.m. CST (1 p.m. EST)
53403 CR 1 North
Elkhart, IN 46514

St. Joseph School – 12:15 p.m. CST (1:15 p.m. EST)
216 N. Hill ST.
South Bend, IN 46617

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Clay Intermediate – 7:40 a.m. CST (8:40 a.m. EST)
52900 Lily Road
South Bend. IN 46637

Emmons Elementary School – 9:15 a.m. CST (10:15 a.m. EST)
1306 South Main Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544

Hickory Center – 8:30 a.m. CST (9:30 a.m. EST)
3606 Baird Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Walt Disney Elementary – 10:15 a.m. CST (11:15 a.m. EST)
4015 N. Filbert Rd.
Mishawaka, IN 46552

Indian Trail Elementary – 1 p.m. CST
3214 South State Road 104
La Porte, IN 46350

Hailmann – 2:15 p.m. CST
1001 Ohio St
La Porte, IN 46350

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

Kingsbury Elementary School – 9:30 a.m. CST
0802 W 400 S
LaPorte, IN 46350

Crisman Elementary – 1:15 p.m. CST
6161 Old Porter Road
Portage, IN 46368

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