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NIPSCO ANNOUNCES DECREASE IN GAS COST FOR OCTOBER

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced today that due to the change in the price of natural gas on the wholesale market, the price NIPSCO expects to pay for October 2009 is 33.87 cents per therm, down 11.2 percent from the September gas price.

Natural gas costs reflected on residential gas bills change each month dependent upon the gas prices in the wholesale market. NIPSCO does not mark up this cost.

By way of example, customers using a monthly total of 100 therms of natural gas should expect their October bill to total \$41.62, an 8.20 percent decrease from a September bill with the same usage.

Additionally, NIPSCO announced that it provided its residential gas customers the lowest gas costs in the state for September. This is the sixth consecutive month that NIPSCO was the lowest cost gas provider in Indiana. This information can be found on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's website at www.in.gov/iurc.

As a regulated utility, monthly gas costs paid by customers – which can represent a significant portion of a customer's total bill – are approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Those costs are passed through directly to the customer with no profit mark-up.

NIPSCO offers a variety of services and options aimed at helping customers manage their monthly bills. In addition, there are a number of programs available to customers, including NIPSCO's energy efficiency programs, which help customers save energy and money. To learn more, customers are encouraged to visit www.nipSCO.com or call (800) 4-NIPSCO (800-464-7726).

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Helpful consumer information on natural gas prices and managing utility bills is also available from the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor toll-free at 888-441-2494, or visit their website at www.in.gov/oucc. The OUCC is the state agency that represents the interests of all Indiana consumers in matters related to the provision of utility services.

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.

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