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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**ENERGY FAIR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOME
WEATHERIZATION AND MANAGING WINTER HEATING BILLS**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), along with United Way, Family and Children’s Center, Indiana Michigan Power, and the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) will be hosting the Second Annual Energy Fair in South Bend on Saturday, October 27. The Fair will be from 9 a.m. to noon Eastern Time at the Boys and Girls Club, 502 E. Sample Street, South Bend.

The event is free to the public and will provide families and individuals with information to help with home weatherization and managing winter heating bills. Free food and children’s activities are also included.

Family and Children’s Center, United Way, Real Services and other agencies will be on hand to explain available financial assistance that could help low-income families and individuals with paying winter heating bills. NIPSCO and Indiana Michigan Power representatives will be available to discuss budget plans and other bill payment options.

In addition, representatives from Lowes and Home Depot will be providing actual home weatherization instruction and demonstrations.

Other participants include the South Bend Fire Department and their fire safety house, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) to explain its role in representing utility customers, the St. Joseph County Board of Health, Memorial Health Systems and the 211 First Call for Help.

NIPSCO will be giving away home weatherization kits and drawings will be conducted throughout the day for prizes, including gift cards, fire and carbon monoxide detectors, programmable thermostats and more.

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 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com.