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NIPSCO ENERGY MINUTE -- ENROLL IN BUDGETPLAN

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – In an effort to help customers prepare for the winter heating season, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today releases the second in a series of ongoing public service announcements called “Energy Minute” to print and broadcast media outlets across NIPSCO’s service area. These tips are aimed to help customers manage their energy bills this winter heating season by using energy wisely.

Enroll in NIPSCO’s BudgetPlan. Contact NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO and ask to enroll in our BudgetPlan, which spreads out bills over the year, and will provide for predictable bills this winter heating season. Log onto www.nipsco.com for more tips on how to use energy wisely.

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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.

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