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NIPSCO FILES 2009 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN
Reduction in Electric Demand Eliminates Need for Short-Term Investments

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company today announced the filing of its 2009 Integrated Resource Plan with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

The IRP is a planning document that looks out 20 years to assess customer requirements for electricity and evaluates options available to meet that need. NIPSCO's goal is to reliably and cost-effectively serve its customers today and in the future. The IRP is filed every two years.

Current economic conditions have resulted in a reduction in demand for electricity – particularly from large commercial and industrial customers – and have yielded a decreased forecast for energy use over the next few years. The 2009 IRP indicates that NIPSCO has sufficient resources in its existing generating portfolio to meet the needs of its customers through 2012, thereby eliminating the need to acquire additional resources for the short term.

“Our findings are consistent with many utilities across the country. However, we will continue to monitor variables such as fuel prices, environmental regulations, general market conditions, and the recovery rate of the economy,” said Eileen O’Neill Odum, Chief Executive Officer of NIPSCO. “We are prepared to respond as changes in these factors occur that impact our need for additional resources.”

Based upon the results of NIPSCO's last IRP in 2007, NIPSCO ultimately acquired 100 MW of wind power and the 535 MW Sugar Creek natural gas generating facility that are now both providing electric service to customers.

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Additionally, NIPSCO filed a request with the IURC in 2008 to implement electric energy demand side management programs aimed at helping customers manage their energy costs and use energy efficiently. The programs are currently under review by the IURC. The expected impact in reduction of customer energy demand as a result of these pending energy efficiency programs were also considered in the IRP.

NIPSCO will continue to keep customers and stakeholders informed about its resource strategy as changes occur.

NIPSCO's next IRP will be filed in 2011 and the planning stages will begin mid-2010.

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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