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## **NIPSCO RECEIVES TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM**

*Program Expands Eligibility Requirements and Receives Increase in Contribution  
Amount from NIPSCO*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced its Winter Warmth Program has been approved to run for two years, until May 31, 2009.

“We’re pleased to be able to continue the Winter Warmth program,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “We believe that this program has been instrumental in assisting customers with their winter heating bills, and enabled families to stay safe and warm during the winter.”

The Winter Warmth Program, which began in 2004, is an energy assistance program designed to help low-income NIPSCO natural gas customers with the payment of utility bills and natural gas deposits.

Since the program’s inception, Winter Warmth has provided nearly \$14.5 million in bill and deposit assistance to 35,216 customers.

Under the program extension, approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), enhancements have been made to the Winter Warmth program guidelines. Qualifying customers will be eligible to receive up to \$450 in annual energy assistance, and NIPSCO has expanded the qualifying eligibility requirements to include those customers up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, in addition to those who have a financial hardship situation as determined by an administering Winter Warmth agency.

New this year, NIPSCO will increase its contribution amount toward the program from previous years. For the 2007-2008 winter heating season, NIPSCO will contribute 17 percent of total dollars collected from customers, and 18 percent for the 2008-2009 winter heating season. The average residential customer will contribute approximately \$0.63 per month toward the program.

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Qualifying customers may begin applying for the Winter Warmth program on Monday, November 19 by visiting one of the 32 existing energy assistance agency sites located across NIPSCO's northern Indiana service area.

**Editor's Note: A list of Winter Warmth agencies are included below.**

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 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at [www.nipsco.com](http://www.nipsco.com).

**NIPSCO 2007 Winter Warmth Agencies by County**

**Adams County**

Community & Family Services  
313 W. Jefferson, Room 142  
Decatur, IN 46733  
(260) 724-3574

**Allen County**

Community Action of Northeast Indiana  
(CANI)  
227 E. Washington  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
(260) 423-3546

**Benton County – N/A**

**Carroll County**

Area IV Agency  
700 N. Washington  
Delphi, IN 46733  
(765) 564-6466

**Cass County**

Area Five Council on Aging  
1801 Smith St.  
Logansport, IN 46947  
(574) 722-4451

**Clinton County**

Area IV Agency  
301 E. Clinton St.  
Frankfort, IN 46041  
(765) 659-1408

**Elkhart County**

Salvation Army  
300 N. Main St.  
Elkhart, IN 46516  
(574) 970-0088

Salvation Army  
1013 N. Main St.  
Goshen, IN 46527  
(574) 533-9584

Open Door, Inc.  
292 S. Main  
Nappanee, IN 46550  
(574) 773-3820

**Fulton County**

United Ministries  
625 Pontiac St.  
Rochester, IN 46975  
(574) 223-4802

**Jasper County**

Jasper County Community Services  
967 E. Leopold  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-8071

**Kosciusko County**

Combined Community Services  
110 E. Prairie St.  
Warsaw, IN 46580  
(574) 269-6019

**Lake County**

South Lake County Community Services  
1450 E. Joliet St., Suite 202  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 663-0627

**Catholic Family Services**

3901 Fir St.  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
(219) 397-5803

**Catholic Family Services**

6919 Indianapolis Blvd.  
Hammond, IN 46324  
(219) 844-4883

**Metro Corps**

1100 Massachusetts  
Gary, IN 46402  
(219) 886-3155

**Salvation Army**

8225 Columbia  
Munster, IN 46321  
(219) 838-1328

**Salvation Army**

513 W. Chicago Ave.  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
(219) 398-2939

**Salvation Army**

4800 Harrison St.  
Gary, IN 46408  
(219) 887-6588

**LaPorte County**

Salvation Army  
209 State St.  
LaPorte, IN 46352  
(219) 326-5342

**Salvation Army**

1201 S. Franklin  
Michigan City, IN 46360  
(219) 874-6885

**Marshall County**

Marshall County Neighborhood Center  
402 W. Garro St.  
Plymouth, IN 46563  
(574) 936-3388

**Miami County**

Miami County Helping Hands, Inc.  
65 S. Miami St.  
Peru, IN 46970  
(765) 472-1875

**Newton County**

Community Energy Assistance Program  
4117 S. 240 West, Suite 100  
Morocco, IN 47963  
(219) 285-2247

**Noble County – N/A****Porter County**

Porter County Council on Aging  
1005 Campbell  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
(219) 464-9736

**Pulaski County**

Pulaski County Human Services, Inc.  
115 W. Pearl St.  
Winamac, IN 46996  
(574) 946-6500

**St. Joseph County**

REAL Services  
1151 S Michigan St  
South Bend, IN 46601  
(574) 232-6501

**Steuben County**

Community Action of Northeast Indiana  
1355 S. Old US Highway 27  
Angola, IN 46703  
(260) 665-1160

**Starke County**

Community Services of Starke County  
311 E. Culver Rd.  
Knox, IN 46534  
(574) 772-7070

**Wabash County**

Youth Services Bureau  
111 S. Wabash St.  
Wabash, IN 46992  
(260) 563-5153

**Warren County** – N/A

**Wells County**

Christmas Assistance Bureau  
121 S. Johnson St.  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-4836

**White County**

Area IV Agency  
116 E. Marion  
Monticello, IN 47960  
(574) 583-6048

**Whitley County**

Whitley County Family & Children's  
Services  
115 S. Line St.  
Columbia City, IN 46725  
(260) 244-6331

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