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NIPSCO PROVIDES LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS NO-COST OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SAFETY AND LOWER ENERGY BILLS

Qualifying homes for Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program sought.

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Today, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) introduced an important new energy efficiency initiative called the Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program.

The Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program (www.nipsco.com/HES) provides low-income homeowners, who apply and meet specific qualifications, a no-cost opportunity to improve home energy efficiency, safety and potentially lower their monthly energy bills. As a benefit of the program, accepted participants will not pay for any weatherization work done on their homes.

For homes that qualify, a free energy efficiency assessment will be conducted to determine what improvements need to be made. Improvements to qualifying homes could include: replacing inefficient appliances, such as a furnace and/or water heater; adding insulation and/or air sealants; and installing energy-saving devices, such as water-saving faucet aerators and/or showerheads.

“The Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program is one of several new ways NIPSCO is encouraging our customers to make their homes more energy efficient,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “This program provides a chance to customers, who may not be able to afford them, to have energy-related home improvements done and get their energy bills down.”

All assessment and improvement work will be completed by the Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA) and its partner agencies. IN-CAA, a not-for-profit company, has been involved in home energy efficiency work for 30 years. IN-CAA is licensed and insured as both a general contractor and a heating contractor.

“We are pleased to work with NIPSCO on this important initiative,” added IN-CAA Support and Development Manager Vickie Allen-Beesen. “We are dedicated to assisting low-income families in Indiana, and the Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program perfectly aligns with our ongoing commitment.”

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A Limited Participation Program

As NIPSCO's Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program is a limited participation program, qualified homeowners are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Program details and application instructions can be obtained by visiting the Home Energy Solutions Weatherization Program web page at www.nipsco.com/HES, or by calling (800) 721-7385 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.

About IN-CAA

The Indiana Community Action Association, Inc. (IN-CAA) is a not-for-profit-corporation, incorporated in the State of Indiana in 1970. IN-CAA is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of all of the Executive Directors of the Community Action Agencies (CAA) in the State of Indiana. The functions of IN-CAA include dissemination of information throughout the Indiana CAA network, the delivery of services in areas where local operators have not been available, the development of training programs that are seen as viable for all Indiana CAA agencies, the management of training functions that have value for CAA agency and State staff. IN-CAA has been involved in providing technical training for employees and contractors of the 25 Weatherization Assistance Program Operators throughout Indiana since 1978.

About NIPSCO

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.

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