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**NIPSCO ENERGY MINUTE – DRAW THE DRAPES**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – In an effort to help customers manage winter heating bills, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today releases the ninth 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 natural gas bills this winter heating season.

**Draw the Drapes.** Close drapes and blinds when it gets dark outside. This will help cut heat loss through windows at night. For these and other tips on how to use energy wisely, connect with NIPSCO at [www.nipSCO.com](http://www.nipSCO.com).

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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](http://www.nipSCO.com)

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