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NIPSCO CREWS PREPARE FOR WINTER STORM WARNING

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – In response to the winter storm warning issued for much of northern Indiana today, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) ensures its customers that crews are prepared to restore power as quickly and safely as possible in the event that outages occur.

“Ice storms can be the most destructive type of storm for a utility, as they have the potential to cause significant damage to our electric system, resulting in widespread outages across our service territory,” said Colleen Reilly, director of communications and public affairs for NIPSCO. “We’re keeping a close watch on the weather and we plan to have extra crews on standby ready to respond as quickly as possible to restore power.”

During a storm, downed trees and ice can weigh down power lines, causing them to snap. Customers are reminded to stay away from downed electric lines, and report them as soon as possible to NIPSCO. Additionally, customers are encouraged to have a backup plan in the event that power outages are projected to last overnight or longer.

To report an outage or downed power line, customers should call NIPSCO at 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726).

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