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RICK CALINSKI JOINS NIPSCO AS PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR WEST REGION

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. - Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced today that Rick Calinski has joined the company as Manager of Public Affairs for Lake and Porter counties.

Serving as the chief of staff for Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. since 2009, Calinski will begin his new role at NIPSCO on June 20.

“We are excited that Rick will be able to continue his ability to serve the community where he grew-up in a new capacity, and we are confident that his professional and personal success as a community leader will help us to further build and strengthen the relationships with the public,” said Chuck Moran, Vice President of Communication Strategy for NIPSCO.

In addition to helping drive a number of successful local economic development projects, Calinski started working for the city in 2004 in special events and public relations and was promoted in 2005 to director of economic development where he helped create job opportunities and new investments for northwest Indiana. Calinski also participates as a board member on many organizations that benefit the local community including the Crossroads YMCA, Hammond Urban Academy Charter School and First Tee Organization, to name a few.

Calinski is a Hammond native and a 1996 graduate of Gavit High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in management and Master’s in Business Administration from Purdue University Calumet. “I am excited about this new opportunity. I have a passion for northwest Indiana and look forward to representing NIPSCO in this capacity,” added Calinski.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the nine energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With more than 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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