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NIPSCO Announces New Leadership Appointments Designed to Improve Electric and Gas Operations Efficiency and Reliability

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced new leadership appointments and other senior level management changes designed improve the efficiency and reliability of its electric and natural gas operations organizations in northern Indiana.

Effective Monday, Nov. 1, Michael J. Finissi will join the company as its Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Also effective Nov. 1, Keith G. Wooldridge will join the company as its Senior Vice President of Field Operations.

"We are pleased to welcome Mike and Keith to our senior leadership team," said NIPSCO Chief Executive Officer Jimmy Staton. "These new leaders bring strong industry experience and fresh perspectives to NIPSCO's efforts to strengthen the reliability and efficiency of northern Indiana's energy infrastructure."

As Chief Operating Officer, Finissi will be responsible for aligning the daily operations of NiSource's three Indiana-based utility companies – NIPSCO, Northern Indiana Fuel & Light (NIFL) and Kokomo Gas. He will report to Staton and be based at NIPSCO's headquarters in Merrillville, Ind.

Finissi joins NIPSCO from American Electric Power (AEP), where he most recently was Vice President of Projects and Construction. During his 25-year career at AEP, he held a number of positions of increasing scope and responsibility including Vice President of Field Services, Director of Outage and Maintenance Planning and Plant Manager of D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Mich. He began his utility career as an electric engineer for the Cleveland (Ohio) Electric Illuminating Company in 1985.

Finissi earned a Master of Business Administration degree with distinction from Capital University (Columbus, Ohio) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio). Additionally, he is a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio, earned a Senior Reactor Operator license while working at AEP's D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant and completed the executive program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

Finissi also serves on the Capital University President's Advisory Board and the Construction System Management Advisory Committee at The Ohio State University.

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As Senior Vice President of Field Operations, Wooldridge will be responsible for the safe and reliable delivery of electricity and natural gas to the 1.2 million customers in the NIPSCO, NIFL and Kokomo Gas service territories in northern Indiana. He will report to Finissi and be based at NIPSCO's headquarters in Merrillville.

During his 35-year utility career, Wooldridge's operations and management experience has ranged from the front line to the executive level. He began his career at Dominion Virginia Power in 1975 as an electric lineman.

Over the years, he held a number of positions of increasing scope and responsibility at Dominion Virginia Power including Vice President of Energy Conservation and Customer Solutions, Director of Delivery Strategic Solutions, Director of Delivery Safety and Training, and Manager of Labor Relations. After retiring from Dominion Virginia Power in 2009, he formed a utility consulting business (Onsite Insight, Inc.) specializing in safety and training programs and processes.

Wooldridge earned an Associates Degree in Business Management from Tidewater Community College (Norfolk, Va.), attended Duke University's executive education program and received a Professional in Human Resources certificate through the Society of Human Resource Managers.

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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