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NIPSCO Announces Wabash Valley Area Members for 2012 Community Advisory Panel

Local nonprofit organizations benefit from panel members' involvement

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – NIPSCO today announces the Wabash Valley area members of its 2012 Community Advisory Panel (CAP) – a diverse group of 148 local leaders representing all of NIPSCO's 33-county service area that contributes to the Company's commitment to improve service and foster open dialogue with customers and communities.

The Wabash Valley area chapter is one of five regional Panels representing all of northern Indiana – the West, Central, Fort Wayne, North Central and Wabash Valley Regions. The groups, which originated in 1990, meet three times each year to discuss current topics relative to NIPSCO's operations and customer programs. Members of the 2012 Wabash Valley area chapter include:

- Mary Alexander, Miami County Community Foundation
- Amy Beechy, The Project Matters, LLC
- Brenda Buehler, Monticello Assisted Living & Healthcare
- Sandy Chittum, Peru/Miami Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Jeb Conrad, Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance
- Mark Demchak, Miami County YMCA
- Mike Fincher, City of Logansport
- Mayor Greg Goodnight, City of Kokomo
- Kelly Karickhoff, Howard County Historical Society
- Kelly Kepner, Benton County Economic Development
- Skip Kuker, Logansport/Cass County Economic Development Foundation
- Julia Leahy, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
- Hershel Manhart, Miami County Helping Hands, Inc.
- Joyce Mayhill, United Way of Cass County
- Rep. Rich McClain, State of Indiana
- Dave McDowell, Carroll County Emergency Management Agency
- Patrick McNarny, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Inc.
- Mike Meagher, Area Five Agency on Aging
- Connie Neininger, White County Economic Development
- Brian Shafer, Logansport-Cass County Chamber of Commerce
- Ashlee Siegle, Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Cooperative
- Jason Thompson, City of Monticello

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- Rep. Heath VanVatter, State of Indiana
- Greg Vogel, Sr., Vogel Real Estate
- David Wihebrink, Logansport Savings Bank
- Marcia Worland, Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo Region

"Our Community Advisory Panel members are the eyes and ears of our local communities and the input they provide plays an important role in helping us continually improve how we serve a very diverse customer base across northern Indiana," said NIPSCO CEO Jimmy Staton.

In thanks for their time and volunteerism, NIPSCO makes a donation in each member's name to a nonprofit of his or her choice. Those donations have amounted to $82,550 to more than 200 organizations since 2004.

Year-to-date contributions for the Wabash Valley CAP totaled $13,950 since the donation program's 2004 inception. The donations support local priorities, such as health and human services; environmental stewardship; education and youth development; economic development; and faith-based services.

For more information on NIPSCO's community investments, visit NIPSCO.com/AboutUs.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the seven energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With more than 786,000 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 NIPSCO.com.

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