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NIPSCO Launches Green Power Program

Pilot program allows customers to purchase renewable energy

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has launched a pilot program that allows customers to designate a portion, or all, of their monthly electric usage to be attributable to power generated by renewable energy sources, such as wind power. The Green Power Program is a voluntary program available to all NIPSCO electric customers.

Customers can designate 25, 50 or 100 percent of their monthly electric usage to be attributable to power generated by renewable energy sources. Commercial and industrial customers would have the added flexibility to designate five or 10 percent of their monthly usage. Customers may change their participation level or cancel at any time at no added cost.

"We're proud to offer residents and businesses in northern Indiana the opportunity to purchase renewable energy," said NIPSCO CEO Jim Stanley. "The Green Power Program is a great complement to NIPSCO's other customer offerings, which include electric vehicle incentives, energy efficiency programs and options that allow customers to generate their own power."

Participating customers will pay a monthly premium in addition to NIPSCO's standard, regulated electric rate. The added costs are passed through directly to customers, with no mark up or financial return for NIPSCO. Non-participating customers are not responsible for additional charges associated with making this program available.

NIPSCO's green power rate is \$0.002163 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Green Power Designation	Monthly Premium (Based on monthly electric usage of 1,000 kWh)
25%	\$0.54
50%	\$1.08
100%	\$2.16

NIPSCO will purchase a sufficient amount of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to cover all green power designated by its electing customers. RECs are the environmental attributes associated with electricity that is generated from renewable sources.

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NIPSCO's green power purchases through this program will come from Midwestern resources.

NIPSCO Green Power Program RECs will be certified through Green-e® Energy, the nation's leading renewable energy certification and verification program, with nearly 300 participating vendors. Green-e® Energy provides independent, third-party certification to ensure that certified renewable energy meets strict environmental and consumer protection standards.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) has reviewed and approved the NIPSCO Green Power Program.

For more information and to enroll, visit <u>NIPSCO.com/GreenPower</u> or call (800) 4NIPSCO (464-7726).

In addition to offering customers the opportunity to participate in green energy programs, NIPSCO continues to make investments in environmental technology at its generating facilities that will further improve air quality. Visit NIPSCO.com/Environment for more information on what NIPSCO is doing to help protect the environment.

About Green-e and Center for Resource Solutions

A program of Center for Resource Solutions, Green-e is North America's leading independent consumer protection program for the sale of renewable energy and greenhouse gas reductions in the retail market. Green-e offers certification and verification of renewable energy and greenhouse gas mitigation products through Green-e Energy, a renewable energy certification program; Green-e Climate, a greenhouse gas emission reduction certification program; and Green-e Marketplace, a program that provides forward-thinking organizations a simple, nationally recognized logo they can use to communicate their renewable energy and climate commitment to their customers and shareholders. To learn more about Green-e Certified products and programs available in all 50 states, visit www.green-e.org.

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 www.nipsco.com.

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