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RESTORATION OF POWER EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF DAY SATURDAY

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. -- NIPSCO repair crews, joined by additional linemen from surrounding states, expect to have power restored to most customers by Friday evening and all remaining customers by end of day Saturday. More than 56,000 customers lost power as a result of the second round of storms to hit NIPSCO's northern Indiana service area in the past week on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Repair crews are now concentrating on smaller outages and individual service repairs and will be focusing Saturday on the hardest hit areas of LaPorte, Michigan City and Elkhart County.

"This has been a difficult week for many of our customers and we thank them for their patience," said NIPSCO senior vice president of Energy Distribution Tim Dehring.

NIPSCO is providing estimated restoration times by community, via the company's on-line Storm Center at www.NIPSCO.com/stormcenter and our Customer Service automated phone system. NIPSCO also encourages customers to visit the company's Web site for information about storm preparedness and safety tips.

Customers with a damaged electric service entrance on their home will need to have a qualified electrician makes repairs before NIPSCO can restore service.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 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.