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NIPSCO Announces Northwest Indiana Area Members for 2012 Community Advisory Panel

Local nonprofit organizations benefit from panel members' involvement

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – NIPSCO today announces the Northwest Indiana area members of its 2012 Community Advisory Panel (CAP) – a diverse group of 148 local leaders representing all of NIPSCO's 30-county service area that contributes to the Company's commitment to improve service and foster open dialogue with customers and communities.

The Northwest Indiana 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 Northwest Indiana chapter include:

- Rollie Brauer, Winfield Township Trustee
- Yvonne Cox, Metro Corps of Gary, Inc.
- Johnny Craig, Kaplan College
- Jim Dedelow, WJOB 1230 AM
- Jane Dudley, North Township Trustee Office
- Mary Elgin, Calumet Township
- Lincoln Ellis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana
- Alex Gariup, Gariup Construction
- Brad Harber, UBS Financial Services, Inc.
- James Harris, State Farm Insurance
- Jackie Harris, The 411
- Roosevelt Haywood, Haywood and Fleming Associates
- Richard Hulen, City of Crown Point
- Milan Kruszynski, Hammond Port Authority
- Steve Landry, Gary/Chicago International Airport
- Margo Love-Surprise, The Arc Northwest Indiana
- Brian Lowry, Shoreline Consulting
- Sandra Martinez, School City of Whiting
- Barb Morgin, Newton County Community Services
- Richard Morrisroe, Calumet College of St. Joseph
- Frank Mrvan, North Township Trustee
- Sandra Noe, Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

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- Peter Novak, Greater Northwest Indiana Association of Realtors
- Barbara O'Block, Catholic Diocese of Gary Schools
- Sarah Polman, IN-Cambridge Architects
- Daryl Pomranke, Citizens Bank
- Cynthia Rivas, Healthy East Chicago, Inc.
- Tom Silich, Hobart Township Trustee
- Rosie Thomas, Lake County Minority Health Coalition
- Harry VandeVelde, Legacy Foundation
- John Vinzant, Miller Community Fund, Inc.
- Bob Volkmann, Town of Schererville
- Tony Walker, Walker Law Group
- Angie Williams, Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

"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 Northwest Indiana CAP totaled $15,300 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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