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MICHIGAN CITY GENERATING STATION REPAIRS UNDERWAY *NIPSCO Hires Local Contractors for Project*

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. -- Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced today that work is underway to make repairs to the Michigan City Electric Generating Station's coal conveyor system, which was damaged as the result of a fire in early January.

Ten local businesses were hired to work on the project, which began with the removal of the damaged conveyor earlier this week.

"There are a number of steps involved with this project, which requires help from a variety of specialties, and we made an effort to bid these jobs to local companies within our service territory," said Jerry Weeden, Senior Vice President of Electric Generation. "This is truly a collaborative effort by all of the groups involved, and we're eager to continue moving forward."

The overall process is expected to take three to four months for completion. Local businesses include:

- BMW Constructors - Munster, Ind.
- Central Crane - Hammond, Ind.
- DLZ - Burns Harbor, Ind.
- Idlercraft - Chesterton, Ind.
- KM Plant Services - Hammond, Ind.
- Larson-Danielson Construction, Inc. - LaPorte, Ind.
- Meade Electric - Gary, Ind.
- TechWeigh - Griffith, Ind.
- ThyssenKrupp Safway, Inc. - Hammond, Ind.
- Vidimos, Inc. - East Chicago, Ind.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Photo attached of a crane removing the damaged conveyor system at Michigan City Generating Station.

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.

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