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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NIPSCO Media Hotline

219-647-6210

**POWER RESTORATION EFFORTS TO CONTINUE THROUGH
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW**

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) remains focused on restoring power to the remaining 13,000 customers whose power was interrupted when an intense storm rolled through Northern Indiana yesterday afternoon.

While crews will work around-the-clock until power is restored to all customers, NIPSCO advises those customers whose power has not yet been restored that it may be another one to two days until power is fully restored. This is due to the extent of the damage involved to NIPSCO's electric infrastructure, which in some areas may need to be completely rebuilt.

At the height of the storm, more than 52,000 customers were without power. NIPSCO recognizes that losing power is frustrating – especially during prolonged electric outages – and thanks customers for their patience.

Customers without power are encouraged to check the weatherhead – a pipe coming out the electric meter box – for damage. If a customer suspects damage, they are advised to contact a licensed electrician to make repairs before NIPSCO crews arrive to restore power.

NIPSCO encourages the public to stay away from downed power lines, which should be considered energized. All power outages and downed power lines should continue to be reported to NIPSCO at 1-800-464-7726.

Editor's Note: Recorded storm updates will resume this evening at 8:30 p.m. and tomorrow morning at 4 a.m./central time. The news media can access these updates by dialing the NIPSCO Storm Hotline at 219-647-4333.

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 445,000 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 nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com.

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