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## **NIPSCO RECEIVES HELP FROM OUT-OF-STATE CREWS TO ASSIST WITH STORM RESTORATION EFFORTS**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – While NIPSCO crews and contractors continue to work around-the-clock, additional support is being provided by electric linemen and crews from Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan and southern Illinois to offer a fresh set of crew members and assist with the storm restoration efforts in northwest Indiana.

Crews have found significant structural damage to NIPSCO electric systems as well as customer property, such as broken poles, downed wire and fallen trees and limbs. As of 8 p.m. CST on Tuesday, approximately 25,000 customers have now been restored, leaving 39,000 still without power.

The majority of the outages are in Lake County, with approximately 33,100 customers still without power. The communities of Gary, Munster, Merrillville, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Hobart and East Chicago are the hardest hit, and restoration to all customers in those communities may not be restored until late Thursday.

The Porter County, Valparaiso area still has nearly 2,000 customers without power. The remaining outages are very widespread, affecting communities in LaPorte, Marshall and Elkhart Counties. It is estimated that these customers will be restored with power by late Wednesday night.

Additional restoration updates will be available in later announcements.

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

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