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**SEVERE STORMS AGAIN CUT POWER TO OVER 56,000
NIPSCO CUSTOMERS**

*New outages come one day after repair crews complete power restored to over
100,000 customers from Friday storms*

New storms once again moved across NIPSCO's northern Indiana service area Wednesday afternoon and evening with high winds that felled trees, broke utilities poles and caused damage over a widespread area, cutting power to more than 56,000 customers. These storms hit only one day following the restoration of power to 100,000 customers affected by powerful storms that hit the area last Friday evening.

Repair crews made significant progress since beginning restoration efforts Wednesday night and had restored power to 42,000 customers by 3 p.m. CST Thursday.

NIPSCO expects to have power restored to most customers by Friday evening but does not expect to have all customers back in service until end of day on Saturday, especially in some of the hardest hit areas including LaPorte, Michigan City and many communities in the Elkhart County area.

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"We are once again dealing with damage and outages over a widespread area across our entire service area," said Dehring. "We have made good progress in repairing damaged transmission lines and substations and are now focusing on major distribution circuits needed to restore power to our cities, towns,

businesses and neighborhoods. Our repair crews can then concentrate on smaller isolated or individual outages."

NIPSCO continues to provide storm outage updates, including estimated restoration times by community, via the company's on-line Storm Center at www.NIPSCO.com/stormcenter and via Customer Service phone lines. NIPSCO 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 make 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.