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Munster Gas System Upgrade Project Near Completion

Modernization project ensures safe and reliable service for the future

Merrillville, Ind. — NIPSCO to complete the installation of a new natural gas regulator station at 510 Fisher Street in Munster - a project that interconnects a 24 inch and a 30 inch natural gas pipeline from across the Illinois border for the purpose of providing natural gas services to NIPSCO customers. This project is part of NIPSCO's broader, ongoing natural gas infrastructure modernization plan and includes a metering and filtration component as part of the new system upgrade to ensure safety and reliability of the system.

Starting Monday, November 12 through Friday, November 16 residents within a 1 mile radius of the project site may notice a natural gas odor in the air. This work is scheduled to take place for five days from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CDT, weather permitting. Customers are not expected to experience any interruptions in their natural gas service.

NIPSCO appreciates the patience of the community during this important infrastructure modernization project. We will continue to work with Munster officials to plan and minimize customer impacts.

For your safety, NIPSCO encourages anyone who may detect natural gas odors, regardless of whether or not they suspect it's related to this project, to call 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726). A service technician will be sent to check the safety of the area.

Detecting a Gas Leak

Since natural gas is colorless and odorless, NIPSCO adds a harmless, non-toxic chemical that makes it easier to detect a gas leak before it can create a hazardous situation. The chemical, called mercaptan, smells a lot like rotten eggs.

When You Smell Gas Outside

If you suspect a leak outside, NIPSCO offers the following safety reminders:

- Turn off and abandon any motorized equipment you might be using
- Leave the area quickly Warn others to stay away from the area Remain outside until NIPSCO can send someone to check on the source of the odor An odor of gas outside your home should be reported just as you would report an inside odor. Gas leaks from service lines could migrate into your home through walls or drain lines.

For more safety related information, visit NIPSCO.com/StaySafe.

About NIPSCO: Northern Indiana Public Service Company, LLC (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., has proudly served the energy needs of northern Indiana for more than 100 years. As Indiana's largest natural gas distribution company and the second-largest electric distribution company, NIPSCO serves approximately 810,000 natural gas and 460,000 electric customers across 32 counties. NIPSCO is part of NiSource's (NYSE: NI) seven regulated utility companies. NiSource is one of the largest fully regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 4 million natural gas and electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about NIPSCO and NiSource is available at NIPSCO.com and NiSource.com.

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