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North American Sustainability Designation Given to NIPSCO Parent Company NiSource
10th Year of Dow Jones Recognition Includes NIPSCO Efforts

Merrillville, Ind. — NIPSCO's parent company, NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), was named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) North America in recognition of the company's sustainable business practices and performance for the third consecutive year and the 10th time since its launch in 1999.

"We are pleased to be recognized as a leader for what we're doing in Indiana and across NiSource to improve the environment, modernize our energy infrastructure and support our communities," said Violet Sistovaris, NIPSCO's executive vice president. "It's a testament to our employees who continue to focus on serving our customers each day."

The DJSI North America Index and respective subsets track the performance of the top 20 percent of the 600 largest Canadian and United States companies in the S&P Global Broad Market Index. In the Multi and Water Utilities category, 13 North American companies were invited to participate in the assessment, and four were selected.

Transparent Sustainability Reporting

NiSource issues an annual Sustainability Report that tracks the company's progress toward building lasting customer-focused solutions, environmental stewardship and social responsibility. Information from the annual Sustainability Report is used as part of the DJSI evaluation process.

Performance highlights from NiSource's latest Sustainability Report included:

- **Industry-leading safety performance** — Last year, NiSource invested more than \$3.2 million across its companies to increase public awareness on how to avoid damage to underground systems in addition to training emergency responders on natural gas safety to ensure they know how to respond if underground facilities are damaged.
- **Top-tier customer satisfaction** — New technologies and improved processes were introduced in 2015 to make it easier for customers to do business with its companies. This includes improved appointment windows, online outage reporting, website enhancements and a new bill layout. NIPSCO is the only energy company in Indiana that offers a program to purchase renewable energy generated by its customers. Plus, NiSource companies helped customers save more than \$9.6 million through participation in energy efficiency programs in 2015.

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- **Investments that systematically and efficiently deliver service integrity** — With nearly \$1.4 billion invested in natural gas distribution system and electric operations in 2015, NiSource is enhancing safety, reliability and customer service, and improving environmental performance. From replacing aging infrastructure to upgrading substations, these investments translate into a safer, more reliable energy system to serve our customers and communities.
- **Recognized among the best places to work by all in our communities** — Focusing on training, development, employee engagement, and inclusion and diversity, NiSource is committed to being recognized as a best place to work in our communities. NIPSCO is also working to help prepare the next-generation workforce internally and externally through mentoring, a utility-specific curriculum and program with Ivy Tech, and a high-school-focused Energy Academy — a first of its kind in Indiana.

NiSource's 2015 Sustainability Report, including NIPSCO highlights and related materials, is available at <http://www.nisource.com/sustainability>.

About DJSI Indices: Identified by RobecoSAM, the DJSI evaluates corporations based on a variety of criteria including climate change strategies, energy consumption, human resources development, knowledge management, stakeholder relations and corporate governance. The indices serve as benchmarks for investors who integrate sustainability considerations into their portfolios, and provide an effective engagement platform for companies that want to adopt sustainable best practices. More information about the DJSI is available at <http://www.sustainability-indices.com/>.

About NIPSCO: Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), with headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana, 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 www.nisource.com.

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