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La Porte County to Receive Gas System Upgrade

NIPSCO project helps ensure safe and reliable service for the future

La Porte, Ind. —NIPSCO is announcing plans to begin work on a natural gas project in northern La Porte County as part of the company's long-term infrastructure modernization plan to upgrade the utility's gas and electric system.

Beginning in February, NIPSCO will start construction work to replace and upgrade about 30 miles of underground natural gas lines. The project, expected to last through 2017, will begin in La Porte County and end in Gary. Construction in La Porte will begin on W. Johnson Road and N. 400 W. and continue West ending at W. 300 N. and Highway 421.

NIPSCO is also planning an open house on Monday, February 1 to further explain the project and answer any questions about the natural gas line upgrade project. The open house will take place at the Best Western Conference Center, Riviera Meeting Room from 1 to 7 p.m. (CST).

About NIPSCO's Infrastructure Modernization Plan

Just like the country's focus on addressing the nation's aging roads, highways, bridges and transportation infrastructure, NIPSCO is working to modernize its natural gas and electric system in an effort to maintain safety, reliability and access to low-cost natural gas prices for the future.

NIPSCO's Infrastructure Modernization Plan takes a long-term look, over the next decade and beyond, at the best approach for prioritizing and identifying system investments that will provide direct benefits to homes and businesses in northern Indiana.

For more information on NIPSCO's modernization efforts, visit NIPSCO.com/future.

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.