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NIPSCO Crews Work to Keep Kokomo Gas Customers Safe
Offers Important Natural Gas and Carbon Monoxide Safety Reminders

Kokomo, Ind. — Following severe damage to numerous homes and businesses after yesterday's damaging tornado, NIPSCO wants to remind the public about important natural gas and carbon monoxide safety tips.

As of Wednesday night, natural gas service to nearly 90 homes and business needed to be temporarily shut off primarily due to secondary and some extenuating property damage. NIPSCO's natural gas infrastructure continues to remain safe.

"As we work to address the areas that were impacted, we want to be sure that all other customers stay safe and know what to do if they detect a gas leak or encounter carbon monoxide," said Andy Stone, NIPSCO vice president of gas operations.

In its natural state, natural gas is odorless and colorless. For easier detection of gas leaks, NIPSCO adds a distinctive "rotten egg" scent to natural gas. If you notice this odor, immediately take the following actions:

- Do NOT light matches, turn electrical switches on or off, or use a telephone in the building
- If you smell gas inside your home or business, get out immediately.
- From a safe place, call NIPSCO to report the leak at our 24-hour emergency number 1-800-634-3524
- Remain outside until NIPSCO can send someone to check on the source of the odor
- Do not open the windows and doors in an attempt to ventilate
- And, do not try to find the leak yourself or operate pipeline valves

If You Smell Gas Outside

- 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

NIPSCO also wants the public to be safe around Carbon Monoxide, reminding you never to use a generator inside your home, basement, garage or other enclosed or partially enclosed area. Also, do not use ovens, gas ranges or grills to heat your home.

Learn more at NIPSCO.com/StaySafe.

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 NiSource.com.

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