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NIPSCO PLEDGES IMPROVEMENTS IN PIPELINE SAFETY EFFORTS

Providing more timely and accurate underground utility locates among steps outlined in plan to address IURC findings

Merrillville, Ind. — NIPSCO reaffirmed its commitment to pipeline safety in response to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission’s (IURC) decision today regarding Notices of Probable Violations recently issued to the company.

The notices, which were issued by the Commission’s Pipeline Safety Division at the end of 2016, were centered on the timeliness and accuracy of locates for underground utilities provided by the company between mid-2015 and early 2016.

“Ensuring the safety of the public, our natural gas system and our employees is the most important responsibility we have,” said NIPSCO Executive Vice President & President Violet Sistovaris. “And, we’re committed to making improvements in the areas identified by the Commission.”

Among the steps to address the IURC findings, NIPSCO will pay a fine, expedite efforts to improve the accuracy of its maps and records, adopt a new pipeline safety management system and increase the frequency and dialogue with the IURC’s Pipeline Safety Division to further improve safety efforts.

NIPSCO also recently terminated the contract with its existing contracted utility locating company and engaged new companies with additional oversight in an effort to improve the timeliness and accuracy of locate requests.

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