



Dear Valued Stakeholders,

NIPSCO is committed to creating strong and sustainable communities where our employees and customers live and work. The NIPSCO Gives Back program, with support from the NiSource Charitable Foundation, supports various initiatives through targeted grants, catalyst project support, and impact partnerships. Our pillars focus on Safety & Basic Needs, Community Connections, Environmental Stewardship, and STEAM Education & Economic Development.

Aside from financial support, NIPSCO and NiSource employees actively participate in community service through volunteerism, board service, and donations throughout the year. Earlier this year, NIPSCO and the NiSource Charitable Foundation awarded over \$100,000 to 26 projects during our 10th year of Environmental Action Grants. Currently, we are accepting applications for our Public Safety grant, and we are seeking partners for our Charity of Choice program. To learn more about how NIPSCO gives back, please visit [NIPSCO.com/GivesBack](https://www.nipSCO.com/GivesBack)

Sincerely,

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### Public Safety Grant Now Open

NIPSCO's Public Safety Education and Training Action Grant aims to provide funding for community and youth public safety education programming and training for first responders. **Grants are available in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for eligible organization** seeking funds for public safety programming and have a direct impact on NIPSCO service area. Applications are being accepted now through July 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit, [Safety Grant - NIPSCO](https://www.nipSCO.com/GivesBack)



### Charity of Choice Kicks Off in September

NIPSCO's annual Charity of Choice campaign is an employee-driven initiative aimed at making meaningful impact through volunteer work in diverse community projects throughout NIPSCO's service area. Our goal is to exceed last year's total of 1,297 volunteer hours. If your non-profit would like to explore partnering with us, please reach out to your NIPSCO Public Affairs Manager for more information.



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*NIPSCO, with support from the NiSource Charitable Foundation, contributes time, money and resources each year to local 501(c)(3) programs and organizations. Being a responsible corporate citizen is at the core of everything we do at NIPSCO. We are privileged to serve and give back to so many communities and organizations across Northern Indiana.*



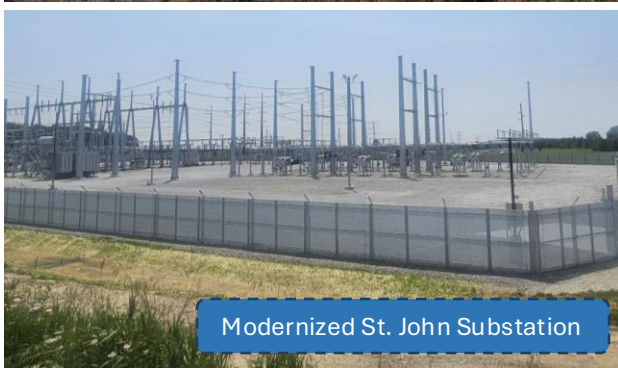
Electric Transmission Expansion to Support Regional Growth  
St. John, Schererville, Merrillville and Crown Point

### NIPSCO's St. John Electric Transmission Upgrade Complete

Over \$30 million was invested to enhance the St. John Transmission Substation in Schererville, Ind. This project included the construction of a new 138-69 kV yard which will facilitate the addition of two new 69 kV circuits extending both north and east, as well as south and west. Additionally, resources were allocated to rebuild and upgrade two existing 69 kV lines. This involved installing approximately six miles of new transmission wire and 132 steel poles. This initiative not only supports economic growth but also enhances system reliability and safety by integrating the latest technological advancements to bolster the overall electric infrastructure. This multi-year project that began in early 2024 was recently completed.



St. John Substation Rebuild



Modernized St. John Substation

### Summer Safety Tips

*Find Tips on Safely Handling Natural Gas and Electricity for DIY Projects*

- **Never install a furnace in a room where someone sleeps** – This can pose serious carbon monoxide risks, even with proper ventilation.
- **Proper installation is the key to safety** — Make sure a qualified professional determines that the equipment is properly vented and adjusted, and that it has an adequate supply of fresh air for safe, efficient combustion.
- **Be aware of long-term care guidelines** — Follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation and care for your equipment.
- **Watch for electrical safety concerns** – Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you observe warm or discolored wall outlets, a burning smell from an appliance, flickering lights or frequent problems with circuit breakers or blowing fuses.