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NIPSCO REACHES SIGNIFICANT SAFETY MILESTONE

R.M. Schahfer Generating Station Employees Work Injury-Free Since April 2007

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. -- Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced today that it has reached a significant safety milestone, as one million man-hours without a single lost-time accident was achieved at the company's R.M. Schahfer Electric Generating Station near Wheatfield, Ind.

The station's 310 employees began this record run, which took 628 days to achieve, on April 23, 2007.

"NIPSCO is firmly committed to working with our employees to ensure ongoing safe operations, and we are encouraged that at the R. M. Schahfer Generating Station, and across the company, our employees have worked together to identify and correct hazards in the workplace," said Jerry Weeden, Senior Vice President of Electric Generation. "There is also a clear understanding of the importance of maintaining a safe work environment, adhering to safety rules, practicing safe work practices and watching out for the safety of others."

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in seven states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com.

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