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NIPSCO'S UNION EMPLOYEES RATIFY NEW LABOR AGREEMENT

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company today announced that the United Steelworkers Locals 12775 & 13796, representing members of the company's physical and clerical bargaining units, ratified the tentative agreement reached earlier last month for a new labor agreement.

“We are very pleased with the outcome of the new contract, and we are confident that it represents a fair and competitive solution for the company and its union employees,” said Eileen O’Neill Odum, CEO of Northern Indiana Energy. “Our employees are the company’s most important asset, and the outcome was a direct result of the open and collaborative nature of our relationship with one another.”

The current agreement, which is set to expire at the end of this month, will be replaced with the new five-year contract extending from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2014.

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 457,000 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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