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NIPSCO Completes Superior Street Remediation Project

FORT WAYNE, Ind. --- Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced today that its environmental remediation project at 305 Superior Street has been completed. The property was the site of a former manufactured gas plant that operated from 1851 to 1948.

“The Fort Wayne remediation project demonstrates our commitment to addressing legacy environmental issues and working cooperatively with those affected by our remediation efforts,” said Tim Dehring, Senior Vice President of Energy Delivery. “We want to thank the various city, park and public safety officials and local businesses without whose cooperation we could not have completed this project.”

Work at the site, which began in early January 2009 and continued despite severe winter weather and flood related delays, required both the excavation of impacted soil from the base of a former underground storage structure and stabilization of additional subsurface soil at the site through a process utilizing cement-based material. Completion of the project will allow for the continued safe and long-term use of the site.

NIPSCO will conduct additional monitoring and assessment of the area to determine what, if any, additional remediation work might be required on adjacent properties and in the St. Mary’s River.

Work at the site was scheduled during the winter to minimize the impact to local businesses and allow for completion prior to the start of some major festivals and events scheduled to begin in Headwaters Park in June. The project required the partial closing of Barr Street and some city owned parking.

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NIPSCO conducted this project in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Voluntary Remediation Program. As required by the VRP, IDEM was required to review and approve the remediation plan for the site to assure it addressed any health and environmental protection issues.

Manufactured gas plants, common across America beginning in the early 1800s through the mid 1950s, produced "town gas" by roasting coal, coke and/or oil in a closed vessel. The gas was then stored in large natural gas holders and used early on for lighting streets, homes and businesses and later for cooking and home heating. The plant at the Superior Street site operated between 1851 and 1948.

The era of manufactured gas plants ended with the construction of the interstate pipeline system. When these plants closed, coal tar was often left on the property in underground structures which, in some cases, impacted soil and water many years later requiring environmental remediation of the property.

Additional information regarding the remediation project is available at the Allen County Public Library. A fact sheet for this project, which was distributed to government officials, community leaders and site neighbors, is also attached.

About NIPSCO

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 nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.