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NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage donates \$10,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank

LAFAYETTE, La., Jan. 11, 2011 – NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S) today announced a donation of \$10,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana to support the organization's initiative of helping those in need.

"Our vision is to establish a legacy of sustained economic growth, social responsibility and environmental stewardship in the communities surrounding our facilities. We applaud Second Harvest Food Bank for its vision in addressing the sustainable needs of southern Louisiana, and are pleased to partner with them for the benefit of our community," said Tommy Kilpatrick, vice president of Columbia Gulf Transmission operations.

Kilpatrick will present the NGT&S contribution to Second Harvest President and Chief Executive Officer Natalie Jayroe at the Food Bank's Lafayette, La. branch on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 10:00 am CST.

Second Harvest Food Bank will use this contribution for its general operations and to further its mission of leading the fight against hunger through food distribution, advocacy, education and disaster response.

"One in eight people in Louisiana struggles with hunger," said Natalie Jayroe, president and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana. "This generous gift from NGT&S will help Second Harvest provide 40,000 meals to families, seniors and children in need in the Lafayette community and across south Louisiana. We are extremely grateful for their support."

NGT&S has committed \$120,000 to local food banks within the communities it serves in 2010. It is a top priority for NGT&S to be a good neighbor within its areas of operation, and the company strives to align with organizations that focus on Human Needs, Education, Local Impact and Public Safety (HELP). Promoting strong, stable communities is one step towards being a reliable steward and building sustainable value.

For more information about NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, please visit www.ngts.com.

As units of NiSource Inc., the NGT&S companies include Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Crossroads Pipeline, Hardy Storage, Millennium Pipeline and NiSource Midstream Services. Combined, the companies operate about 15,000 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline and 37 storage fields, delivering over 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year.

About NiSource

NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), based in Merrillville, Ind., is a Fortune 500 company engaged in natural gas transmission, storage and distribution, as well as electric generation, transmission and distribution. NiSource operating companies deliver energy to more than 3.8 million customers located within the high-demand energy corridor stretching from the Gulf Coast through the Midwest to New England. Information about NiSource and its subsidiaries is available via the Internet at www.nisource.com.

About Second Harvest Food Bank

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is leading the fight against hunger in south Louisiana through food distribution, education, advocacy and disaster response. Annually, Second Harvest serves approximately 263,000 people through 240 nonprofit and faith-based agencies across 23 south Louisiana parishes – from the Mississippi border to the Texas state line. In any given week, nearly 42,000 people access emergency food services through Second Harvest Food Bank member agencies.

Second Harvest Food Bank is an affiliate corporation of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans and a member of Feeding America. To learn more or donate food, money or time, please visit www.no-hunger.org. Fan us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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