



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Chairman James F. Huston  
Commissioners Bennett, Freeman, Veleta and Ziegner

FROM: Commission Technical Divisions

DATE: April 19, 2024

RE: 30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on *Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.*

The following thirty-day filings have been submitted to the Commission. Each item was reviewed by the appropriate Commission Technical Divisions and all regulations were met in accordance with 170 IAC 1-6 Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines. Therefore, the following filings listed below and attached hereto are recommended to be considered by the Commission at the next conference:

Attachment Number	30-Day Filing No.	Name of Utility Company	Type of Request	Date Received
1	50730	Northern Indiana Public Service Co. - Electric	Proposed revision to rule 15 - miscellaneous and non-recurring charges of its electric service tariff.	3/22/24
2	50731	Northern Indiana Public Service Co. - Gas	Proposed revision to rule 1, definitions, and rule 17, miscellaneous and non-recurring charges of its gas tariff.	3/22/24

*Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer*  
*Director, Energy Division*

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**Filing Party:** Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (“NIPSCO”)

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50730

**Date Filed:** March 22, 2024

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6

**Request:** NIPSCO proposes to revise its IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 14 (“Electric Tariff”) to modify Rule 15 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges and, more specifically, Rule 15.5 – AMI Opt-Out Charge to eliminate the Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) drive-by read option and related charges.

Under its Rule 15.5, residential customers receiving electric service who do not permit Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) installation may request the AMI meter on the customer’s premise be set to “Opt-Out” mode (which turns off communication capabilities). Customers who elect to have their AMI meter set to Opt-Out mode will then be required to either (a) provide a monthly Self-Read usage from the AMI device and be subject to a recurring monthly AMI Self-Read Charge, or (b) allow NIPSCO to momentarily turn on communication capability in order to virtually read one on-demand usage per month from the AMI meter with no monthly recurring charge.

**Customer Impact:** Residential customers receiving electric service who elect to use the Self-Read option will be subject to a recurring monthly AMI Self-Read Charge of \$7.00. Residential Customers receiving both Self-Read Electric AMI service and Self-Read Gas AMI service will incur one \$7.00 Opt-Out Charge per service location each month. Customers currently receiving both Self-Read Electric AMI service and Gas AMR Opt-Out will incur one \$15.00 charge per service location per month.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Electric Tariff, Original Sheet Nos. 46, 47, and 48.

**Staff Recommendations:** 170 IAC 1-6-3(3) states that changes to rules and regulation are an allowable type of filing and the proposed revisions are a change to the operating rules in the Electric Tariff. 170 IAC 1-6-3(5) states that changes to rates and charges, so long as the change is revenue neutral within a specific rate schedule. NIPSCO’s proposed revisions are revenue neutral, as the opt-out charges are less than NIPSCO’s costs. Therefore, Staff believes this is an allowable filing pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-3 and we recommend approval.

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**Filing Party:** Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (“NIPSCO”)

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50731

**Date Filed:** March 22, 2024

**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6

**Request:** NIPSCO proposes to revise its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 9 (“Gas Tariff”) to modify its (1) Rule 1 – Definitions to include a definition for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”), and (2) Rule 17 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges to detail the recurring charge for AMI opt-out in Rule 17.5.

Under its Rule 17.5, residential customers receiving gas service who do not permit AMI installation will be offered a Self-Read option, where NIPSCO would turn off AMI communication capabilities and require the customers to provide Self-Read usage from the AMI device.

**Customer Impact:** Residential customers receiving gas service who elect to use the Self-Read option will be subject to a recurring monthly AMI Self-Read Charge of \$7.00. The AMI Self-Read Charge shall cease on the customer’s next bill once a gas AMI device is set to standard AMI mode and NIPSCO receives the first over the air reading from the gas AMI device. Residential Customers receiving both Self-Read Gas AMI service and Electric AMI opt-out service will incur one \$7.00 Charge per service location each month. Customers who are currently Gas Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) Opt-Out will continue to be charged \$15.00 per month until an AMI device is installed, at which point the charge will drop to \$7.00 per month for customers who opt for the Self-Read Gas AMI service.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Gas Tariff, Original Sheet Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; First Revised Sheet No. 46; and Original Sheet No. 46.1.

**Staff Recommendations:** 170 IAC 1-6-3(3) states that changes to rules and regulation are an allowable type of filing and the proposed revisions are a change to the operating rules in the Gas Tariff. 170 IAC 1-6-3(5) states that changes to rates and charges, so long as the change is revenue neutral within a specific rate schedule. NIPSCO’s proposed revisions are revenue neutral, as the opt-out charges are less than NIPSCO’s costs. Therefore, Staff believes this is an allowable filing pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-3 and we recommend approval.