



## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Commission Technical Divisions

**DATE:** July 21, 2023

**RE:** 30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on *Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 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	50660	Northern Indiana Public Service Co. - Electric	Proposed revision to its Rule 1 – Definitions and Rule 15 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges of its IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 14.	6/22/23
2	50661	Northern Indiana Public Service Co. – Gas	NIPSCO’s proposed revision to its Rule 17 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 9.	6/22/23

Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer  
Director, Energy Division

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

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50660

**Date Filed:** June 22, 2023

**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 (1) Rule 1 – Definitions to include a definition for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”), and (2) Rule 15 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges to detail the one-time and recurring charges for AMI opt-out in Rule 15.5. The revisions impact Residential Customers who decline installation of an AMI upgrade to the electric meter(s) to measure and report usage. If a Residential Customer chooses to continue to use an Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) meter for electric service, the customer will be subject to a one-time opt-out charge in addition to a monthly recurring opt-out charge. The one-time and recurring monthly opt-out charges will recover a portion of NIPSCO’s incremental costs of either continuing manual meter reads or conducting and recording on-demand AMI reads. These charges provide a market signal to customers choosing to opt-out of the AMI upgrade. Customers who choose to opt out of both Gas AMR and Electric AMI will receive one recurring monthly Opt-Out Charge per service location each month.

**Customer Impact:** Residential Customers who decline installation of an AMI upgrade will be subject to a one-time opt-out charge in addition to a monthly recurring opt-out charge, as detailed below.

Electric AMI Opt-Out Service Option*	Monthly Recurring Electric Opt-Out Charge	Monthly Recurring Gas AMR Opt-Out Charge	One-Time Electric AMI Opt-Out Charge
Continue AMR drive by reads (AMI Opt-Out Service)	\$18.50	N/A	\$64.00
Customer reads usage from AMI meter in Opt-Out mode, subject to conditions (Self Read)	\$ 7.50	\$15.00**	N/A
Company pulls one On Demand read per month from AMI meter in Opt-Out mode (On Demand, Company Read)	N/A	\$15.00	N/A

\*To avoid electric service disconnection, all opt-out residential customers must have either a previously installed AMR device or an AMI device in Opt-Out mode.

\*\*Customers receiving both Self Read Electric AMI service and AMR opt-out Gas service will incur one \$15.00 Opt-Out Charge per service location each month.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Electric Tariff, Second Revised Sheet No. 8, First Revised Sheet No. 9, First Revised Sheet No. 10, First Revised Sheet No. 11, First Revised Sheet No. 12, First Revised Sheet No. 13, First Revised Sheet No. 14, First Revised Sheet No. 15, First Revised Sheet No. 45, Original Sheet No. 45.1, and Original Sheet No. 45.2.

**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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*Director, Energy Division*

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**Request:** NIPSCO proposes to revise its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 9 (“Gas Tariff”) to modify Rule 17 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges to detail how recurring monthly opt-out charges will be applied to customers who choose to opt out of both Gas Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) and Electric Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) in Rule 17.5. The revisions impact Residential Customers receiving both Gas and Electric service who decline installation of an AMI upgrade to the electric meter(s) to measure and report usage. Residential Customers who choose to opt out of both Gas AMR and Electric AMI will receive one recurring monthly Opt-Out Charge per service location each month, which will recover a portion of NIPSCO’s incremental costs of continuing manual meter reads and will provide a market signal to customers choosing to have their meter(s) manual read.

**Customer Impact:** Residential Customers receiving both Gas and Electric service who decline installation of an AMI upgrade will be subject to a monthly recurring Opt-Out Charge. The amount of the Opt-Out Charge will be either \$15.00 per month or \$18.50 per month, depending upon which Electric AMI opt-out option the Customer selects.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Gas Tariff, First Revised Sheet Nos. 45 and 46.

**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.