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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Commission Chairman James F. Huston

Commissioners Freeman, Krevda, Ober, and Ziegner

FROM:

Commission Technical Divisions

DATE:

February 5, 2021

RE:

30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on Wednesday February 10, 2021 @ 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:

1	achment umber	30-Day Filing No.	Name of Utility Company	Type of Request	Date Received
	1	50390	Indiana Michigan Power Company	Requesting approval of revised options to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) under the IM Green Rider.	12/16/2020

Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer

Director, Energy Division

Filing Party: Indiana Michigan Power (I&M)

30-Day Filing ID No.: 50390

Date Filed: December 16, 2020

Filed Pursuant To: 170 I.A.C. 1-6

Request: Approval of revised options to purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs) under the

IM Green Rider.

Customer Impact: The proposed new option ("National Program") will provide customers with a lower cost

option under the IM Green Rider and makes a distinction between RECs derived from I&M's own renewable generation and those purchased on the open market. Interested customers can purchase RECs from either the Local or National Program or both. The

Local Program REC price remains unchanged in this filing.

IM Green Rider Options				
Program Option	Charge			
Local	\$0.0095 for each kWh consumed			
National (new)	\$0.002 for each kwh consumed			

Tariff Page(s) Affected:

IURC No. 18: Second Revised Sheet Nos. 37 – 37.2

OUCC Objection:

The OUCC filed an objection on January 15, 2021 in which it alleged I&M's filing was prohibited under 170 IAC 1-6-4(1), (4), (7), (8), and (9) and listed 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(B) and (C) as the bases for its objections. Specifically, the OUCC stated the information in the filing is inaccurate pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(B) and the filing is incomplete or prohibited under 170 IAC 1-6-4 pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(C). The OUCC recommended I&M file a docketed proceeding explaining and vetting the open issues in this filing instead of seeking approval of its proposed program changes in this 30-day filing.

General Counsel Findings and Analysis:

The OUCC made no allegation and provided no support indicating that I&M's filing is inaccurate pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(B). Therefore, that objection is not compliant with the 30-day Filing Rule.

While the OUCC asserted numerous concerns about which it would like additional information, it did not specifically assert that I&M's filing is incomplete pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(C)(i). Instead, it indicated certain information is "missing" or otherwise not provided, including explanations regarding cost recovery, non-separation of inventories, and future adjustments. However, I&M is not changing any cost recovery as part of this 30-day filing, separation of inventories does not appear to be a requirement, and future adjustments will be made in future filings. As a result, I&M's filing does not appear to be incomplete, and the OUCC's purported objection under 170 IAC 1-6-7(b)(2)(C)(i) is not compliant with the 30-day Filing Rule.

Finally, I&M's filing is not a prohibited filing. It does not include an increase to any rates, class rate restructuring, or confidential information pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-4(1), (4), or (8). Regarding 170 IAC 1-6-4(7), as noted by the OUCC and I&M, the Commission's Final Order in Cause No. 44511 specifically provides for rate adjustments to I&M's GPR tariff to be made through the 30-day filing process, which is exactly what I&M is doing in this filing. Under 170 IAC 1-6-4(9), it is the Commission that makes a determination that a filing should not be processed under the 30-day Filing Rule.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff agrees with General Counsel's analysis and finding that the OUCC's objections to the filing are not compliant with Commission rules. Filing requirements have been met. Recommend approval.