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Indiana American Water

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<u>Written consumer comments</u> are invited in the <u>Indiana American Water Co.</u> rate case through July 14. Comments the OUCC receives by then will be included with the agency's testimony and filed with the IURC on June 21.

Additionally, an IURC <u>public field hearing</u> is set for Thursday, July 6 in Gary. It will start at 6:00 p.m. local time at the Gary Public Library and Cultural Center – Roma K. Ivey Community Room (220 W. 5th Avenue). Comments presented at the field hearing will carry the same weight as written consumer comments.

Indiana American Water is requesting an \$86.7 million rate increase, which would raise annual revenues by approximately 31%. The utility provides service in numerous communities throughout the state.

AES Rate Case

AES Indiana has filed a new <u>base rate case</u> seeking \$134 million in new annual revenues. It would increase the monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh by \$17.49. The monthly service charge for most residential customers would rise from \$16.75 to \$25.00.

Written consumer comments are invited through Oct. 5.

The OUCC's attorneys, accountants, engineers, and additional analysts are reviewing AES Indiana's request and anticipate filing testimony in mid-October. A Commission order is expected next spring.

Additional Cases

Energy

- OUCC testimony on CenterPoint Energy's \$454 million electric transmission and distribution infrastructure plan is due Aug. 16. Consumer comments are invited through Aug. 9.
- Recommendations from the OUCC would reduce the monthly bill impact of CenterPoint Energy's proposed fuel adjustment.
- OUCC witnesses are recommending approval of Indiana Michigan Power's (I&M's) proposed gas generation facility.
- In the Citizens Thermal Energy rate case, the OUCC's <u>recommendations</u> would reduce proposed increases to steam utility rates in downtown Indianapolis.
- The OUCC is scheduled to file testimony in the <u>Midwest Natural Gas</u> rate case on Aug. 23 and in the <u>Indiana Natural Gas Corp.</u> rate case on Aug. 30.

Water/Wastewater

• Written comments are invited in the Ellettsville Water rate case through Aug. 22.

- All filings and hearings in the Marion water rate case are complete.
- An evidentiary hearing in the East Chicago water rate case is scheduled for July 24.

Smart Irrigation Month

July is <u>Smart Irrigation Month</u>. If you water the lawn at your home or business, keep the following tips in mind:

- Avoid watering in the middle of the day.
- · Remember that some plants require less water than others.
- If you have an irrigation system, be sure to check it for leaks and adjust the schedule regularly to compensate for seasonal changes.
- Be aware of the technology that may keep the irrigation system from "overwatering."



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