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Consumer comments invited on proposed energy efficiency plans

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written comments from Duke Energy, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), and Vectren customers on proposed energy efficiency plans for their Indiana electric utilities.

The state's five investor-owned electric utilities are offering energy efficiency programs under orders the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved last year. Senate Enrolled Act 412, which passed the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year, requires those utilities to file proposed energy efficiency plans for upcoming years for IURC approval by the end of 2017. The law also allows electric utilities to recover the costs of the energy efficiency plans through rates.

Plans proposed by Duke Energy, NIPSCO and Vectren are now pending and are under OUCC review as the agency prepares to file testimony in the respective cases. At www.in.gov/oucc/2612.htm, the OUCC offers:

- Information on the legal requirements for the plans,
- An overview of the issues the OUCC is reviewing in the cases, and
- Links to pages where consumers can review the specific plans and utility filings.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments on the plans may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email or fax:

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Written comments the OUCC receives at least two days in advance of its testimonial due dates will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to the specific utility.

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

Duke Energy provides service to approximately 810,000 customers in 69 central, north-central, and southern Indiana counties. Its plan is pending as **IURC Cause No. 43955-DSM3**.

- The three-year plan is available for review at www.in.gov/oucc/2819.htm.
- It includes 11 residential programs: energy efficiency incentives, agency assistance portal, appliance recycling, energy efficiency education for schools, low income neighborhoods, low income weatherization, multi-family energy efficiency products & services, home energy reports, energy assessments, air conditioner cycling for homes, and air conditioner cycling for apartments.

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- The plan's 4 commercial & industrial programs include: prescriptive rebates, custom incentives, small business energy saver, and air conditioner cycling for businesses.
- According to Duke Energy's testimony, the proposed plan would raise a residential customer's monthly bill (for 1,000 kWh) by \$1.00 in 2016.
- Consumer comments should be submitted to the OUCC no later than September 1, 2015.
- The OUCC is scheduled to complete its review and file testimony on September 3, 2015.
- The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC), Nucor Steel-Indiana, and a group of additional industrial customers (including Eli Lilly & Company, Haynes International, Inc., Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC, and Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas, Inc.) have intervened. The intervening parties are also scheduled to file testimony on September 3.
- An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled for October 13, 2015.

NIPSCO's electric service territory covers more than 468,000 customers in 20 northern Indiana counties. Its plan is pending as **IURC Cause No. 44634**.

- The plan is available for review at www.in.gov/oucc/2817.htm.
- The proposed two-year plan includes seven programs for residential customers: residential HVAC, residential lighting, appliance recycling, income-qualified appliance replacement, home energy assessments, school education, and home energy reports.
- 5 programs are included for commercial and industrial customers: prescriptive rebates, custom incentives, new construction, retro-commissioning, and small business direct install.
- According to information provided by NIPSCO, the proposed plan would raise a residential customer's monthly bill (for 1,000 kWh) by \$4.59.
- Consumer comments should be submitted to the OUCC no later than August 17, 2015.
- The OUCC is scheduled to complete its review and file testimony on August 19, 2015.
- The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC) and a group of industrial customers (including Arcelor Mittal USA, Cargill, Inc., Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC, United States Steel Corporation, and USG Corporation) have intervened. They are also scheduled to file testimony on August 19.
- An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled for September 15, 2015.

Vectren Energy Delivery's electric utility provides service to about 140,000 customers in six southwestern Indiana counties. Its plan is pending as **IURC Cause No. 44645**.

- The plan is available for review at www.in.gov/oucc/2818.htm.
- 11 residential customer programs are included in the proposed three-year plan: residential lighting, home energy assessments & weatherization, income qualified weatherization, appliance recycling, energy efficient schools, residential efficient products, new construction, multi-family direct install, home energy reports, smart thermostat demand response, and conservation voltage reduction.
- The plan's six programs for commercial & industrial consumers include: small business direct install, prescriptive rebates, new construction, custom incentives, multi-family energy efficiency retrofit, and conservation voltage reduction.
- According to Vectren's testimony, the proposed plan would raise a residential customer's monthly bill (for 1,000 kWh) by \$1.10 in 2016.
- The OUCC is scheduled to complete its review and file testimony on October 7, 2015.
- The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC) has intervened and is also scheduled to file testimony on October 7.
- An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled for November 13, 2015.

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is expected to file an energy efficiency plan by the end of this year. **Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL)** is expected to file a plan in 2016. (IPL received approval of its current two-year plan in 2014, while all other current utility plans were approved only for this year.)

(IURC Cause Nos. 43955-DSM3, 44634, 44645)

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