

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC. FOR)
APPROVAL OF (1) ITS PROPOSED DEMAND SIDE)
MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)
FOR 2016-2018, INCLUDING COST RECOVERY, LOST)
REVENUES AND SHAREHOLDER INCENTIVES; (2))
AUTHORITY TO DEFER COSTS INCURRED UNTIL SUCH)
TIME THEY ARE REFLECTED IN RETAIL RATES; (3))
RECONCILIATION OF DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT)
AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COST)
RECOVERY THROUGH DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC.)
STANDARD CONTRACT RIDER 66A; AND (4) REVISIONS)
TO STANDARD CONTRACT RIDER 66A)

CAUSE NO. 43955 DSM 03

APPROVED: DEC 30 2015

INTERIM ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers:

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

David E. Veleta, Administrative Law Judge

On May 28, 2015, Duke Energy Indiana, Inc. ("Petitioner") filed its Verified Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter.

A Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing was held on July 8, 2015, at which time the parties agreed upon a procedural schedule for this Cause that included an evidentiary hearing on October 13, 2015. After the evidentiary hearing, Petitioner indicated that because the procedural schedule agreed upon by the parties may not provide sufficient time for the issuance of an order in this Cause by December 31, 2015 (i.e., the date upon which its current demand side management ("DSM") program authority is set to expire), it may request an interim extension of its current DSM program authority.

On November 25, 2015, Petitioner filed an Unopposed Motion for Interim Authority to Continue Offering Energy Efficiency Programs and Associated Cost Recovery ("Motion"). In support of its Motion, Petitioner included the affidavit of Michael Goldenberg, Senior Strategy and Collaboration Manager.

1. Commission Jurisdiction. Petitioner is a public utility as defined in Ind. Code § 8-1-2-1 and subject to the Commission's jurisdiction related to its DSM offerings and associated cost recovery pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-4, -42, -48, -61, Ind. Code ch. 8-1-8.5, and 170 IAC 4-8. Accordingly, the Commission has jurisdiction over Petitioner and the subject of this Cause.

2. Motion for Interim Authority. Petitioner requests interim authority to continue offering its current DSM programs and recovering the associated costs as approved in the

Commission's December 30, 2014 Order in Cause No. 43955 DSM-2 until such time as the Commission issues its final order in this Cause. Specifically, Petitioner requests that its current authority continue through February 17, 2016 and requests authority to spend program costs for the interim period in the amount of \$2.6 million. Should the Commission not issue an Order by February 17, 2016, Petitioner requests that the Commission approve program spending in the amount of \$1.3 million per month until such time as a final order is issued.

Mr. Goldenberg explained that should Petitioner be required to stop offering its programs during this interim period, customers would be deprived of the ability to participate in energy efficiency programs in Petitioner's service territory. Further, it would inhibit Petitioner's ability to meet its 2016 targets. Finally, a temporary cessation of energy efficiency programs is difficult to manage.

3. Commission Discussion and Findings. Based on the evidence provided, the Commission finds that in the event an order is not issued in this Cause prior to December 31, 2015, continuance of Petitioner's current DSM programs and associated cost recovery is supported as reasonable and in the public interest. Therefore, Petitioner is authorized, on an interim basis and without reaching any conclusions as to the issues considered at the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding, to continue offering its current DSM programs and recovering the associated costs as approved in the December 30, 2014 Order in Cause No. 43955 DSM-2 until February 17, 2016. Should the Commission not issue an Order by February 17, 2016, the Commission approves program spending in the amount of \$1.3 million per month until a final order is issued.

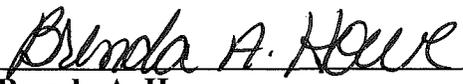
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. Petitioner is authorized on an interim basis to continue offering its current DSM programs and recovering the associated costs as approved in the December 30, 2014 Order in Cause No. 43955 DSM-2 until such time as the Commission issues a final order in this Cause.
2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

STEPHAN, MAYS-MEDLEY, HUSTON AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; WEBER NOT PARTICIPATING:

APPROVED: DEC 30 2015

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.



Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission