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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

November 22, 2017

Mary M. Becerra Secretary of the Commission Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission 101 West Washington St., Suite 1500 E Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Thirty – Day Filing for Citizens Gas Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6

Dear Ms. Becerra:

In compliance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in Cause No. 41605 ("Settlement Agreement"), Citizens Gas is requesting Commission approval of this Customer Benefit Distribution ("CBD") filing under the Commission's Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines ("Guidelines") pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6 in order to be effective January 1, 2018. This filing is an allowable request under the Guidelines because it is a filing for which the Commission already has approved the procedure for the change. Notice of Citizens Gas' intent to make this filing was provided to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor on October 10, 2017.

Enclosed for review and approval by the Commission, please find the following:

Seventh Revised Page No. 503 Customer Benefit Distribution

Also enclosed are supporting schedules 1 through 3 and Exhibit A.

The Settlement Agreement established the CBD for the purposes of (1) distributing to Citizens Gas customers available funds from its unregulated businesses and affiliates or subsidiaries and (2) providing a means for Citizens Gas to recover certain agreed to FAS106 and FAS71 costs incurred by Citizens Gas.

The CBD filing shows the amount of available funds Citizens Gas received during the preceding fiscal year from unregulated businesses and affiliates or subsidiaries, and the net amount of those funds that Citizens Gas' management and its Board of Directors, by resolution, have determined will be provided for the benefit of gas customers through the CBD. The calculation of the CBD, based upon expected calendar year 2018 throughput to gas customers is provided on schedules 1 through 3.

Citizens Gas affirms that a notice regarding the filing in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A



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was published on November 15, 2017 in the Indianapolis Star, a newspaper of general circulation in the Indianapolis metro area, where the largest number of Citizens Gas customers is located. Citizens Gas also affirms that this notice has been posted on the Utility's website and in the Utility's customer service lobby.

Upon approval of the enclosed tariff sheet, please return one (1) file-marked copy of the enclosed thirty —day filing and an approved stamped copy of the tariff sheet to me for our files. Any questions concerning this submission should be directed to:

Michael T. Mootz Rates & Regulatory Analyst 2020 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46202

Email: <a href="mmootz@citizensenergygroup.com">mmootz@citizensenergygroup.com</a>
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Sincerely,

/s/ Michael T. Mootz Michael T. Mootz Rates & Regulatory Analyst

**Enclosures** 

cc: Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Effective: January 1, 2018

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### **CUSTOMER BENEFIT DISTRIBUTION**

The Delivery Charges specified in Gas Rate Nos. D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D7 and D9 shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the Final Order of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in Cause No. 41605 to reflect funds made available from the non-regulated activities of the Utility.

**APPLICABLE RATE:** \$ (0.0007) per Therm

Schedule 1

\$0.007 /Dth

# Citizens Gas 2018 Customer Benefit Fund Customer Benefit Distribution Calculation For Distribution During 2017

Customer Benefit Tracking Factor per Dth (In 13 / In 14)

1	Cash Available for Customer Benefit Policy Consideration at 9/30/17 ( Schedule 2 In 14)			\$0					
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	Cash Used for Customer Benefit Policy								
	Projected Uses FY2018								
2	Philanthropy	\$750,000							
3 4	Trust Image FAS 106 Recovery - Gas Div. Expense	1,301,500 410,000							
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5	Total Uses ( ln 2 + ln 3 + ln 4)		\$2,461,500						
	<b>Customer Benefit Policy Funds to Customers</b>								
6	FAS106 Matching	\$410,000							
7	Additional Customer Benefit	0							
8	Customer Benefit Policy Funds to Customers (In 6 + In 7)		\$410,000						
9	Total Cash Used by Customer Benefit Policy (In 5 + In 8)			2,871,500					
10	Cash Held for Long-Term Trust Needs (In 1 - In 9)			\$0					
	Customer Benefit Distribution Calculation								
11	Customer Benefit Policy Funds to Customers (In 8)				\$410,000				
12	Undistributed Customer Benefit Funds at 12/31/16 (Sch. 3, In 3	)		_	(\$2,948)				
13	Total Funds to Customers (In 11+In 12)				\$407,052				
14	Projected Sales for Calendar Year 2018			_	54,482,119 Dth				

## Citizens Gas 2018 Customer Benefit Fund Cash Available for Customer Benefit Policy Consideration

	ens Resources (Parent) Cash Available at 10/1/16 ed Water Division Cash Available at 10/1/16		\$1,777,675 34,648,041	
	I Non-regulated Cash Available at 10/1/16 (In 1 + In 2)	•	34,040,041	36,425,716
Non-regulated Sources FY2017:				
4	Citizens Resources (Parent)	14,333,934		
5	Chilled Water	13,781,867		
6	Total Non-regulated Sources (In 4 + In 5)			28,115,801
No	n-regulated Uses FY2017:			
7	Citizens Resources (Parent)	(14,341,114)		
8	Chilled Water	(7,982,247)		
9	Total Non-regulated Uses (In 7 + In 8)		_	(22,323,361)
10	Total Available Non-regulated Cash (ln 3 + ln 6 + ln 9)			42,218,156
Fu	unding Needs:			
11	Chilled Water minimum cash balance			\$20,000,000
12	Chilled Water funding requirements			24,097,842
13	Total funding needs (ln 11 + ln 12)			\$44,097,842
	Non-regulated Cash Available for Customer Benefit Policy			
14	Consideration @ 9/30/17 (In 10 - In 13)			\$0
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# Schedule 3

### Citizens Gas 2018 Customer Benefit Fund Reconciliation of Calendar Year 2016

1	Undistributed Customer Benefit funds as of 12/31/16	\$387,024
•	Less: Total Customer Benefit funds provided in fiscal year	000.070
2	2016 to be refunded to customers during calendar year 2017	389,972
	Variance of calendar year 2016 funds to be included in	
3	the 2018 Customer Benefit Distribution (In 1 - In 2)	(\$2.948)

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on or before November 22, 2017, the Board of Directors for Utilities (the "Board") of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis d/b/a Citizens Gas (the "Utility") intends to file with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") a proposed change to the Utility's Customer Benefit Distribution ("CBD"). The CBD is used to (1) distribute to the Utility's customers certain funds from the Board's unregulated affiliates or subsidiaries; and (2) provide a means for the Utility potentially to recover through a CBD credit mechanism certain FAS106 and FAS71 costs incurred by the Utility. The proposed CBD will be applicable to the Utility's customers served under Gas Rate Nos. D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D7 and D9. Approval of the proposed CBD is expected no later than December 29, 2017. The proposed CBD, if approved by the Commission, will become effective January 1, 2018. This notice is provided to the public pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-6. Contact information, to which an objection should be made, is as follows:

Secretary Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission PNC Center 101 West Washington Street Suite 1500 E Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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Date: November 15, 2017

Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

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