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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT )  
OF UNITED STATES STEEL )  
CORPORATION AGAINST NORTHERN )  
INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY )  
FOR MISAPPLICATION OF TARIFF )  
RATE 832, VIOLATION OF FILED RATE )  
DOCTRINE AND REFUSAL TO PROVIDE )  
SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH )  
COMMISSION APPROVED RATE )  
SCHEDULE. )  
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RESPONDENT: NORTHERN INDIANA )  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY )

CAUSE NO. 43675

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

APPROVED: JUN 10 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:  
David E. Ziegner, Commissioner  
Angela Rapp Weber, Administrative Law Judge

On April 23, 2009, United States Steel Corporation ("Complainant") filed its complaint with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held in Room 224 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana at 11:00 a.m. on May 28, 2009. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. The Complainant, the Respondent, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which should become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. Complainant's Prefiling Date. The Complainant should prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before August 21, 2009. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
  
2. OUCC, Respondent, and Intervenors' Prefiling Date. The OUCC, Respondent and all Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits

constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before October 9, 2009. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

3. **Complainant's Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Complainant should prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before November 6, 2009. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled the cases-in-chief of the Complainant, the Respondent, the OUCC and any Intervenors should be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on December 1, 2009 in Room 222 of the National City Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Complainant should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the Respondent, the OUCC's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement should be submitted to the Commission five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.

5. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding should be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the Evidentiary Hearing, the prefiled testimony should be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

6. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request.

7. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party should concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same should also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

8. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** With the exception of work papers, the parties shall file with the Commission an original and five (5) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

Parties may also elect to file documents with the Commission using the Commission's Electronic Filing System in lieu of filing paper documents. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Electronic Filing System, documents filed electronically are deemed filed the date they are submitted, subject to verification and acceptance by the Commission, and will receive an electronic

file stamp. For filings greater than thirty (30) pages in length, a party shall file with the Commission an original and one (1) paper copy within two (2) business days of the electronic filing. When supplying such copies, the party must provide a copy of the email reflecting the electronic filing was accepted by the Commission.

9. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

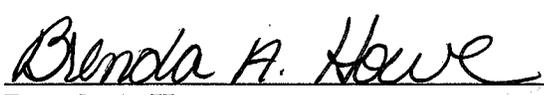
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.
2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**HARDY, GOLC, LANDIS, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:**

**APPROVED: JUN 10 2009**

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

  
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**Brenda A. Howe**  
**Secretary to the Commission**