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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR )  
UTILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC )  
UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS )  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF A PUBLIC CHARITABLE )  
TRUST, D/B/A CITIZENS GAS FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO )  
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS )  
UTILITY SERVICE AND APPROVAL OF A NEW )  
SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE )  
THERE TO, (2) AUTHORITY, TO THE EXTENT )  
NECESSARY AS AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY )  
PLAN, TO CONTINUE ITS LOW-INCOME CUSTOMER )  
BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE )  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM, (3) APPROVAL, TO )  
THE EXTENT NECESSARY AS AN ALTERNATIVE )  
REGULATORY PLAN, OF CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS )  
TO THE CITIZENS ENERGY SELECT PROGRAM AS SET )  
FORTH IN ITS TARIFF AND GENERAL TERMS AND )  
CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE, (4) APPROVAL OF )  
CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES TO ITS GENERAL TERMS )  
AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE, AND (5) )  
APPROVAL OF NEW DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL RATES )

CAUSE NO. 43975

PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE ORDER

APPROVED FEB 02 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

James D. Atterholt, Chairman  
Aaron A. Schmoll, Senior Administrative Law Judge

On December 16, 2010, Petitioner, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility (“Petitioner”) filed its petition 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 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana at 3:00 P.M., on January 19, 2011. Proof of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference has been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. The Petitioner and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“Public” or “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 shall become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. **Test Year and Accounting Method.** The test year for determining Petitioner's actual and pro forma operating revenues, expenses and operating income under present and proposed rates shall be the twelve (12) months ended June 30, 2010 adjusted for changes that are fixed, known and measurable for ratemaking purposes and that occur within twelve (12) months following the end of the test year.

2. **Cutoff date.** The rate base cutoff shall reflect used and useful property at the end of the test year.

3. **Petitioner's Prefiling Date.** The Petitioner prefiled with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on December 16, 2010 and December 29, 2010.

4. **Field Hearing.** A public field hearing to provide interested ratepayers with an opportunity to offer comments concerning this Cause shall be held in the City of Indianapolis, the largest municipality served by Petitioner, at a date, time, and location to be determined later by the Commission.

5. **Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** Public and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before May 10, 2011. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

6. **Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling and Parties' Cross-Answering Testimony.** The Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before May 31, 2011. The Public and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission any cross-answering testimony and exhibits responding to the cases-in-chief prefiled by parties other than Petitioner on or before May 31, 2011. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

7. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, Public and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 A.M., on June 20, 2011 in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties shall be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner shall present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of Public's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement and supporting testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.

8. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request. After May 10, 2011, discovery shall be responded to within five (5) business days.

9. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence within two (2) business

days after the prefiling of such technical evidence. Copies of same shall also be served on the other parties to this Cause. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

**10. 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 (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.

**11. Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.** Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record no less than two (2) business days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

**12. Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall 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.

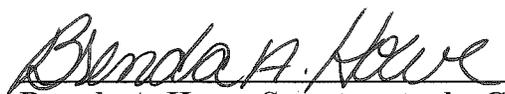
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

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.

**ATTERHOLT, LANDIS, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; MAYS NOT PARTICIPATING:**  
**APPROVED: FEB 02 2011**

**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**