

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA UTILITY )  
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION )  
INTO EXISTING GAS COST ADJUSTMENT )  
PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES UTILIZED BY )  
GAS DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES WITHIN THE )  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
RESPONDENTS: ALL JURISDICTIONAL GAS )  
DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES )

CAUSE NO. 44374

APPROVED:

SEP 11 2013

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

**Presiding Officers:**

**Kari A.E. Bennett, Commissioner**

**Gregory R. Ellis, Administrative Law Judge**

On July 31, 2013, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") opened its investigation in this Cause, naming all Indiana jurisdictional gas distribution utilities as Respondents. In addition, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") was included on the service list and shall participate in this proceeding pursuant to Ind. Code ch. 8-1-1.1.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held at 9:30 a.m., on August 29, 2013, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The proofs of publication of the notices of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. Respondents: Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Inc.; Indiana Gas Company, Inc. and Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.; Midwest Natural Gas Corporation; Indiana Utilities Corporation; South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Company, Inc.; Fountaintown Gas Company, Inc.; Community Natural Gas Company, Inc.; Boonville Natural Gas Corporation; Indiana Natural Gas Corporation; Switzerland County Natural Gas Company, Inc.; Aurora Municipal Gas Utility; the Board of Directors for Utilities of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis, as Trustee of a Public Charitable Trust d/b/a Citizens Gas; Westfield Gas, L.L.C. d/b/a Citizens Gas of Westfield; Ohio Valley Gas Corporation; Ohio Valley Gas, Inc.; Sycamore Gas Company; and the OUCC appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference.

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. **Technical Conferences.** A series of two technical conferences will be scheduled regarding matters relevant to this proceeding. The initial technical conference will be held at 9:30 a.m., on October 25, 2013, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The second technical conference will be held, if necessary, at 9:30 a.m., on November 18, 2013, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. In the initial technical conference, participants should be prepared to discuss relevant issues and any need for revisions to the existing gas cost adjustment (“GCA”) processes. Parties to this Cause shall prefile their lists of issues relevant to this proceeding by September 27, 2013. The Presiding Officers will issue an agenda for the initial technical conference by October 17, 2013.

2. **Direct Case Prefiling Date.** Each of the Parties shall prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before December 18, 2013. Copies of same shall be served upon all other parties of record.

3. **Responsive Prefiling Date.** The Parties shall prefile with the Commission any prepared testimony and exhibits responding to the prefiled direct testimony and exhibits on or before January 22, 2014. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties’ Cases-In-Chief.** The cases-in-chief of the Respondents, the OUCC and any Intervenor shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., on February 11, 2014, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the testimony and exhibits of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. The parties shall present their evidence in the following order: Respondents, the OUCC and Intervenor. Respondents shall proceed alphabetically, unless they agree to a different order.

5. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall 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 shall 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 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 December 22, 2013, discovery shall be responded to within seven (7) business days.

7. **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 the technical evidence. Copies of same shall also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document shall 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. **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.

10. **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:**

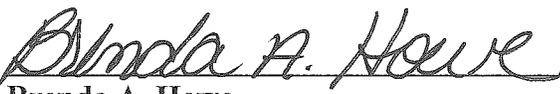
1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**ATTERHOLT, BENNETT, LANDIS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; MAYS NOT PARTICIPATING:**

APPROVED: **SEP 11 2013**

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

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