

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA )  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO AND )  
AN EXTENSION OF ITS ELECTRIC )  
RENEWABLE FEED-IN TARIFF )  
PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF )  
ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY )  
RESOURCES PURSUANT TO IND. CODE )  
CH. 8-1-8.8 AND FOR THE CONTINUED )  
RECOVERY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED )  
WITH THOSE PURCHASES UNDER IND. )  
CODE 8-1-2-42(a) OR SUCCESSOR )  
MECHANISMS IN ACCORDANCE AND )  
CONSISTENT WITH THE INDIANA )  
UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S )  
ORDER DATED JULY 13, 2011 IN CAUSE )  
NO. 43922 )

CAUSE NO. 44393

APPROVED: OCT 23 2013

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER AND INTERIM ORDER  
OF THE COMMISSION

**Presiding Officers:**

**James D. Atterholt, Chairman**

**Jeffery A. Earl, Administrative Law Judge**

On September 11, 2013, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("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 at 9:30 a.m. on October 15, 2013, in Hearing Room 222, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. 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. Petitioner 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 shall become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. **Petitioner's Prefiling Date.** The Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before January 10, 2014. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

2. **OUCC's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** The OUCC and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before March 7, 2014. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

3. **Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before March 28, 2014. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Witness Order.** Parties shall submit their intended order of witnesses to the Commission and the parties in writing at least 72 hours in advance of the evidentiary hearing.

5. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** The cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2014, in Hearing Room 222, 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, Petitioner should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the OUCC'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.

6. **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.

7. **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. The parties have agreed to conduct service and discovery by electronic means.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **Administrative Notice.** The Commission initially approved NIPSCO's Feed-In Tariff in its July 13, 2011 Order in Cause No. 43922. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Commission ordered NIPSCO to file annual compliance filings. On July 13, 2012, and July 15, 2013, NIPSCO filed annual reports in Cause No. 43922. The Commission takes Administrative Notice of these annual reports, and incorporates them into the official record of this Cause.

13. **Interim Order.** Petitioner's Feed-In Tariff, which was approved in Cause No. 43922 is set to expire on December 31, 2013. Because the procedural schedule in this case extends beyond that date, Petitioner requested that the Commission issue an interim order authorizing Petitioner to continue to offer the existing Feed-In Tariff pending a final order in this Cause. No party objected to the issuance of an interim order. NIPSCO's July 15, 2013 annual report shows that the FIT is currently at maximum subscription for large bio mass, solar, and wind and small solar. The small wind carve out is 3.4% subscribed.

The evidence in the annual reports shows that there is high interest and participation in NIPSCO's Feed-In Tariff. Therefore, we authorize NIPSCO to continue to offer its current Feed-In Tariff on an interim basis after December 31, 2013, pending a final order in this Cause.

**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. NIPSCO is authorized to continue offering its Feed-In Tariff on an interim basis pending a final order in this Cause or other further order of the Commission.
3. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**ATTERHOLT, BENNETT, LANDIS, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:**

**APPROVED:        OCT 23 2013**

**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**