

February 27, 2015

Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings - Electric

Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: NIPSCO 30 Day Filing Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-1 et seq.

Dear Ms. Howe:

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-1, enclosed please find NIPSCO's (1) Fourth Revised Sheet No. 127 and (2) Fourth Revised Sheet No. 128 – to Rider 678 – Purchases from Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities. The referenced filing consists of NIPSCO's proposed revisions to update its energy and capacity rate schedule for purchases from cogeneration and small power production facilities pursuant to 170 IAC 4-4.1 *et seq.* The revisions are shown in the attached redlined tariff sheet. NIPSCO notes that although NIPSCO's most recently submitted IRP in 2014 identifies a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine ("CCGT") as NIPSCO's avoidable or deferrable unit, NIPSCO has based the rates for capacity purchases on the cost estimates for a Combustion Turbine ("CT") by operation of 170 IAC 4-4.1-9(c). The revisions impact any cogeneration and/or small power production facilities that qualify under the IURC Rules (170 IAC 4-4.1 *et seq.*) ("Qualifying Facilities") and that have executed a contract with NIPSCO setting forth all terms and conditions governing the purchase of electric power from the Qualifying Facility.

The proposed revisions are intended to revise the purchase rates applicable to participating customers under Rider 678. 170 IAC 1-6-3(6) states that a filing for which the Commission has already approved or accepted the procedure for the change is an allowable filing under the referenced procedures. NIPSCO is filing this tariff revision pursuant to 170 IAC 4-4.1, the Cogeneration and Alternate Energy Production Facilities Rule. Specifically, Rule 10 requires that on or before February 28 of each year a

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generating electric utility shall file with the Commission a standard offer for purchase of energy and capacity at rates derived from the appropriate sections of this rule. Thus, this filing is an allowable request under 170 IAC 1-6-3. This filing does not require confidential treatment nor does it seek any other relief identified in 170 IAC 1-6-4, so it is not prohibited under the Commission's Rule.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(2), contact information for the utility regarding this filing is:

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In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(3), the proposed tariff sheet is attached. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(4), the work papers supporting this filing are attached.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5), I have verified this letter as to these representations in compliance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5). A copy of this filing is being provided via electronic mail to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC").

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-6, NIPSCO has posted notice of this change in its local customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana and has placed the notice on its website under pending tariffs (see <http://www.nipsco.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>). A copy of the notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of NIPSCO customers affected by this filing is attached hereto. A copy of the proof of publication will be provided immediately upon its receipt.

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Please let me know if the Commission Staff has any questions or concerns about this submission.

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Caister
Director, Regulatory Policy

Encl.

cc (w/ encl. – via email transmission)

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NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
IURC Electric Service Tariff
Original Volume No. 12
Cancelling All Previously Approved Tariffs

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 127
Superseding
Third Revised Sheet No. 127

RIDER 678
PURCHASES FROM COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES

No. 1 of 4 Sheets

TO WHOM AVAILABLE

Available to cogeneration and/or small power production facilities which qualify under the IURC Rules (170 IAC 4-4.1 *et seq.*). A contract shall be required between the Company and each cogenerator or small power producer (Qualifying Facility), setting forth all terms and conditions governing the purchase of electric power from the Qualifying Facility.

INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS

The cogenerator or small power producer shall comply with the interconnection standards as defined in Rider 679 Interconnection Standards Rider.

PURCHASE RATES

	<u>Current Rate Per KWH</u>
Summer period (May - Sept.)	
on-peak ⁽¹⁾	\$0.04054
off-peak ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.02697
Winter period (Oct. - Apr.)	
on-Peak ⁽³⁾	\$0.03946
off-Peak ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.03151

(1) Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

(2) Monday through Saturday 11 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8 a.m. and all day Sunday.

(3) Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

(4) Monday through Friday 11 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8 a.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday.

(5) The twenty-four (24) hours of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day will be included in the Off-Peak period.

For those qualifying facilities for whom metering not capable of recognizing different rating periods is installed:

	<u>Current Rate Per KWH</u>
Summer Period	\$0.03419
Winter Period	\$0.03500

Energy metered during any month more than half of which is in any month of May to September, inclusive, shall be calculated under the summer rates listed above. Energy credited during other periods of the year shall be calculated under the winter rates listed above.

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4/1/2015

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PURCHASES FROM COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES

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Current Capacity Component

\$9.16 per KW per month.

The monthly capacity component shall be adjusted by the following factor:

$$F = \frac{E_p}{K(T_p)}$$

Where F = Capacity component adjustment factor.

E_p = Kilowatt-hours delivered to the Company during the on-peak period
defined as:

Summer - Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Winter - Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The twenty-four (24) hours of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day will not be included in the On-Peak period.

K = Kilowatts of capacity the qualifying facility contracts to provide.

T_p = Number of hours in the peak period.

The KW capacity available and the kilowatt-hours in the peak period shall be determined by a suitable recording type instrument.

For intended purchases of 72,000 kilowatt-hours or more per month from a Qualifying Facility, the Company and the Qualifying Facility may agree to increase or decrease the rate for Energy purchase in recognition of the following factors:

1. The extent to which scheduled outages of the qualifying facility can be usefully coordinated with scheduled outages of the Company generation facilities; or
2. The relationship of the availability of Energy from the Qualifying Facility to the ability of the Company to avoid costs, particularly as is evidenced by the Company's ability to dispatch the qualifying facility; or
3. The usefulness of Energy from the qualifying facility during system emergencies, including the ability of the Qualifying Facility to separate its load from its generation.

The Company and Qualifying Facility may negotiate a rate for Energy or capacity purchase which differs from this filed rate.

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TO WHOM AVAILABLE

Available to cogeneration and/or small power production facilities which qualify under the IURC Rules (170 IAC 4-4.1 *et seq.*). A contract shall be required between the Company and each cogenerator or small power producer (Qualifying Facility), setting forth all terms and conditions governing the purchase of electric power from the Qualifying Facility.

INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS

The cogenerator or small power producer shall comply with the interconnection standards as defined in Rider 679 Interconnection Standards Rider.

PURCHASE RATES

	<u>Current Rate Per KWH</u>
Summer period (May - Sept.)	
on-peak ⁽¹⁾	\$0.04 <u>054218</u>
off-peak ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.02 <u>697584</u>
Winter period (Oct. - Apr.)	
on-Peak ⁽³⁾	\$0.03 <u>946754</u>
off-Peak ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$0.03 <u>1512986</u>

(1) Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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For those qualifying facilities for whom metering not capable of recognizing different rating periods is installed:

	<u>Current Rate Per KWH</u>
Summer Period	\$0.034 <u>1939</u>
Winter Period	\$0.03 <u>500326</u>

Energy metered during any month more than half of which is in any month of May to September, inclusive, shall be calculated under the summer rates listed above. Energy credited during other periods of the year shall be calculated under the winter rates listed above.

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RIDER 678

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Current Capacity Component

\$9.~~160~~2 per KW per month.

The monthly capacity component shall be adjusted by the following factor:

$$F = \frac{E_p}{K(T_p)}$$

Where F = Capacity component adjustment factor.

E_p = Kilowatt-hours delivered to the Company during the on-peak period
defined as:

Summer - Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Rate Schedule For Purchases From Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities

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Purchase Rates (Continued)

YEAR 2015
Rate Per kWh

Summer Period (May - Sept.)

On-Peak (1)	4.054	cents
Off-Peak (2) (5)	2.697	cents

Winter Period (Oct. - Apr.)

On-Peak (3)	3.946	cents
Off-Peak (4) (5)	3.151	cents

- (1) Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 11 PM
- (2) Monday - Saturday, 11 PM - midnight & midnight - 8 AM & all day Sunday
- (3) Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 11 PM
- (4) Monday - Friday, 11 PM - midnight & midnight - 8 AM & all day Saturday & Sunday
- (5) 24 hours of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day will be included in the Off-Peak period.

B. For those qualifying facilities for whom metering not capable of recognizing different rating periods is installed:

YEAR 2015
Rate Per kWh

Summer Period	3.419	cents
Winter Period	3.500	cents

YEAR 2015

Capacity Component

\$ 9.16 per KW per month

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SUMMARY OF AVOIDED ENERGY COSTS

YEAR 2015

<u>Period</u>	Avoided Cost Without Start-Up & Econ. (mils/kWh)	Avoided Cost With Start-Up & Econ. (mils/kWh)	Avoided Cost Adjusted For Losses (mils/kWh)
<u>Summer</u>			
Peak Period	39.58	39.58	40.54
Off-Peak Period	26.33	26.33	26.97
Average	33.37	33.37	34.19
<u>Winter</u>			
Peak Period	38.53	38.53	39.46
Off-Peak Period	30.76	30.76	31.51
Average	34.17	34.17	35.00
Annual Average	33.84	33.84	34.66

The avoided costs have been adjusted for losses of 1/2 of: **4.87%**
The above costs are based on estimated **YEAR 2015** utilizing **YEAR 2015** fuel budget.

<u>t</u>	D	A	B	A/B	E	D*V*A/B*E	O*F	C
<u>Year</u>	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	(Col. 4)	(Col. 5)	(Col. 6)	(Col. 7)	(Col. 8)
1	1.33702	0.062062	0.853709	0.072697378	1.000000	94.37922	12.84	\$ 9.16
PV of carrying costs =			D =	1.33702		Column 2 = A = 1 -	$\left[\frac{(1+ip)}{(1+r)} \right]$	
Investment =			V =	\$ 971				
Life of Plant =			n =	30				
Plant Cost Inflation =			ip =	0.0177				$\left[\frac{(1+ip)}{(1+r)} \right]^n$
O & M Inflation =			io =	0.0177		Column 3 = B = 1 -	$\left[\frac{(1+ip)}{(1+r)} \right]$	
After tax Rate of Return =			r =	0.085040175				
O & M in first year =			O =	\$ 13.69				
Average Annual Losses =			I =	4.87%				(t - 1)
Year of Contract =			t =	1 to 25		Column 3 = B = 1 -	(1 + ip)	
C = Unadjusted Monthly Capacity Payment per KW							F =	$\left[\frac{(1+ip)}{(1+r)} \right]^{(t-1)}$
=	$\frac{(1/12) * ((D * V (A/B) * E) + (O * F))}{1 - (I/2)}$						* (1 + io)	

**Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by February 27, 2015 30-Day Filing**

Northern Indiana Public Service Company complied with the Notice Requirements under 170 IAC 1-6-6 in the following manner:

- The attached notice was posted in a public place at NIPSCO's customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana;
- The same notice was posted on NIPSCO's website under 30-Day Filings (see <http://www.nipSCO.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>).
- A legal notice was published in the Post Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of the utility's customers affected by the filing on February 18, 2015. A copy of the Publisher's Affidavit will be submitted promptly upon receipt; and

I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2015.



Timothy R. Caister
Director, Regulatory Policy

NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING

On or about February 27, 2015, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (“NIPSCO”) will submit to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval under its 30-Day Filing procedures, 170 IAC 1-6-1, *et seq.* a revised Rider 678 – Purchases from Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities (“Cogen Rider”). The referenced filing will consist of NIPSCO’s proposed revisions to update its energy and capacity rate schedule for purchases from cogeneration and small power production facilities. A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the February 27, 2015 filing date. Any objection to the filing should be directed to (a) the Secretary of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or (b) the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.