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Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings - Electric

Brenda A. Howe  
Secretary to the Commission  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street  
Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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

Dear Howe:

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-1, enclosed please find a redlined and clean version of NIPSCO's proposed revision to its Rule 6.6 – Excess Facilities, IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 12 ("Electric Tariff"). The revisions impact Residential or Non-Residential Customers requesting extension of lines and services beyond standard installation. The referenced filing consists of NIPSCO's proposal to modify Rule 6.6.3 to clarify the existing two available options for the Customer to pay the cost to install excess facilities and the cost to reserve any excess capacity, if required, on the transmission and distribution systems greater than that provided by standard service and to add a new third option to allow for a one-time payment that will cover both the cost of facilities and the cost to reserve excess capacity. NIPSCO is proposing the new third option in response to a request from a customer that would prefer to make one up-front payment for excess facilities in order to avoid a monthly recurring charge. The proposed three payment options are (1) an up-front contribution equal to the cost to install the new excess facilities plus a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the cost to reserve any excess capacity; or (2) a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the total cost to install the excess facilities plus a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the cost to reserve any excess capacity; or (3) an up-front contribution equal to the cost to install the excess facilities plus an up-front onetime reservation fee to reserve any excess capacity. For further clarity, these options can be summarized as follows:

|          | <b>Cost of excess facility</b>                       | <b>Cost of excess capacity (reservation)</b>         |
|----------|--|--|
| Option 1 | Up-front contribution cost                           | 2% of total cost through recurring, monthly payments |
| Option 2 | 2% of total cost through recurring, monthly payments | 2% of total cost through recurring, monthly payments |
| Option 3 | Up-front contribution                                | Up-front onetime reservation fee                     |

170 IAC 1-6-3(3) states that changes to rules and regulations are an allowable type of filing and the proposed revision is a change to the operating rules of the Electric Tariff. Thus, this filing is an allowable filing under the 30-day filing procedures. 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:

Timothy R. Caister  
Director, Regulatory Policy  
Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
317-684-4908  
317-684-4918 (Fax)  
[tcaister@nisource.com](mailto:tcaister@nisource.com)

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(3), the proposed tariff sheet is 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

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("OUCC"). NIPSCO has shared and discussed this filing with the OUCC, and we have resolved the OUCC's preliminary questions.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Caister

Director, Regulatory Policy

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cc: (w/ encl. – via email transmission) to A. David Stippler and Jeffrey M. Reed, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ([dstippler@oucc.in.gov](mailto:dstippler@oucc.in.gov), [jreed@oucc.in.gov](mailto:jreed@oucc.in.gov), [infomgt@oucc.in.gov](mailto:infomgt@oucc.in.gov))

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**Applicable to Electric Service**

- 6.6.3 The Customer shall agree to pay the cost to install such excess facilities and the cost to reserve any ~~associated~~ excess capacity, if required, on the transmission and distribution systems greater than that provided by standard service, to be determined by the Company in its sole discretion, ~~as is required as a result of the excess facilities. The~~. In order to extend such facilities, the Customer may elect one of three payment options to the Company to pay these costs either through: (1) an up-front contribution equal to the cost to install the new excess facilities to the Company plus a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the cost to reserve any excess capacity; or (2) a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the total cost to install sum of the installed cost of the excess facilities plus a monthly recurring charge equal to two percent (2%) of the cost to reserve any excess capacity; or (3) an up-front contribution equal to the cost to install the excess facilities plus an up-front onetime reservation fee to reserve any excess capacity;
- 6.6.4 If in accordance with Rule 6.6.3, the Customer elects the monthly rental option, then such monthly rental amount shall be appropriately adjusted if a change is made in the excess facilities provided by the Company;
- 6.6.5 The Customer shall provide power as specified by the Company, if so required, to operate such service facilities; and
- 6.6.6 Such other conditions as are reasonably necessary due to special conditions of service.

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**Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by April 3, 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 (Lake County), a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of the utility's customers affected by the filing, on March 7, 2015; and
- I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015.



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Timothy Caister  
Director, Regulatory Policy

## **NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING**

On or about March 10, 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 Rule 6.6 – Excess Facilities of NIPSCO’s IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 12, which was approved by the Commission on December 21, 2011 in Cause No. 43969. The revisions impact Residential or Non-Residential Customers requesting extension of lines and services beyond standard installation. A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the March 10, 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.

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