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## Consumer News... For You! The OUCC's January 2020 Newsletter

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CONSUMER NEWS... FOR YOU!  
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### A NEW YEAR AND A NEW DECADE

If you didn't make a new year's resolution, it's not too late. A great idea is to check your home or business for water leaks regularly. Checking a toilet is especially easy and may save you a large amount of water and money. The [OUCC's website](#) has more information. Our [energy savings tips](#) also offer helpful ideas for the new year.

### CASE UPDATES

A settlement agreement between the OUCC and Vectren will lead to the remediation of the [A. B. Brown ash pond](#). The agreement includes removal of the coal ash, the sale of the ash to an out of state cement manufacturer, and use of the proceeds to offset excavation costs that could otherwise be recovered through rates. An IURC settlement hearing is scheduled in late February.

The IURC evidentiary hearing on [Duke Energy's](#) rate request is set to start on Jan. 22 and continue into February.

All filings and hearings are complete in the [Indiana Michigan Power](#) (I&M) rate case and [Indianapolis Power & Light](#) (IPL) infrastructure case. Orders are expected in the coming weeks.

Commission orders were recently issued in the [NIPSCO electric](#), [Brown County Water](#), and [Community Natural Gas](#) rate cases.

An IURC public field hearing in the [LMH Utilities](#) case is scheduled for Feb. 13 in Dearborn County. A field hearing request in the [Aqua Indiana - Darlington](#) case is pending.

### BROADBAND GROWTH

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch recently opened the second round of Indiana's Next Level Connections Broadband Grant program. Broadband providers and utility cooperatives have until Feb. 6 to submit letters of intent to the [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#). The initiative's total first round investment of more than \$51 million will expand high-speed internet to homes and businesses in 18 counties.



### STATEHOOD DAY

On Dec. 11, we enjoyed celebrating Indiana's 203rd birthday with more than 300 fourth grade students from throughout the state. Our staff participates in Indiana's Statehood Day celebration each year. We are also [available](#) for additional events and to speak to groups at no charge.

### OUR MISSION

To represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, and creative problem solving.

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