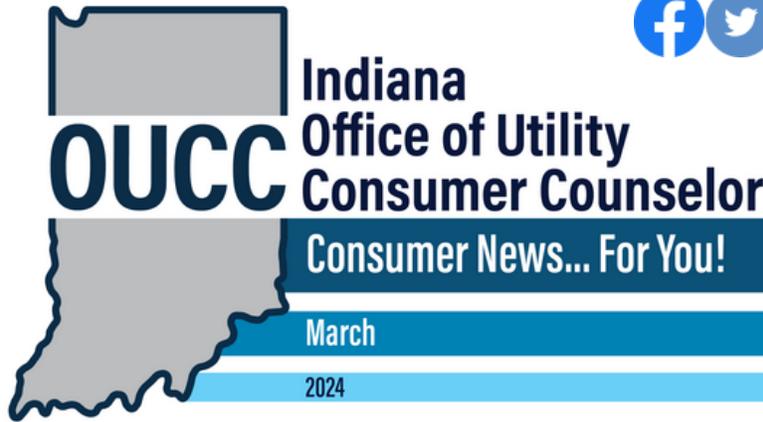


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# Winter Moratorium

Mar. 15 is the last day of Indiana's [winter disconnection moratorium](#) for electric & natural gas utilities under state law.

Any consumers who cannot pay bills in full and on time are urged to contact their utilities as soon as possible to make payment arrangements. If you need financial assistance with bills, Indiana's [2-1-1 help line](#) is reachable any time.

# CenterPoint Electric Rates

The OUCC and additional consumer parties have until Mar. 12 to file testimony in the pending CenterPoint Energy electric rate case. OUCC testimony will be based on the agency's technical and legal analysis of the utility's request, and will include [public comments](#) the agency has received.

CenterPoint Energy's proposed \$118.8 million increase would raise annual revenues over three phases to be fully implemented in 2026.

A number of [additional steps](#) are required in the case process before the Commission makes a final decision this fall.

# NIPSCO Generation Case

NIPSCO's [electric utility](#) is requesting IURC approval to build and operate a 400-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, and approval to recover the costs through rates. The utility's testimony estimates the construction and financing would cost about \$643.7 million.

The facility would be built at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station site near Wheatfield. It would replace a portion of capacity from the coal-fired Schahfer facility, which is set for retirement in 2025. NIPSCO is seeking Commission approval to recover costs as they are incurred, adjusting electric rates as frequently as every six months.

An IURC public field hearing is [scheduled](#) for Thursday, Mar. 14, 2024, at the La Porte Civic Auditorium (1001 Ridge Street). The hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. local time.

Comments offered at the field hearing will carry the same weight as written consumer comments the OUCC receives by Apr. 9.

# Additional Cases

- An IURC evidentiary hearing in the [NIPSCO Gas](#) rate case is scheduled to start Mar. 18. A final order is expected this summer.
- The OUCC's testimonial deadline in the [Boonville rate case](#) has been moved to Mar. 27.
- [Public comments](#) are invited in the [Ohio Valley Natural Gas](#) rate case. OUCC testimony is due in mid-May.

#### Water/Wastewater

- The IURC has issued a final order in the [Indiana American Water](#) rate case, [approving](#) an increase of \$66 million. The utility had initially requested to raise rates by over \$86 million.
- The OUCC and [Community Utilities of Indiana \(CUII\)](#) have reached a settlement that if approved, would set the utility's Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) charge at \$0.67 per month. The utility initially requested a \$1.47 charge.
- The City of Evansville has filed updates to its pending [financing request](#). OUCC testimony is due May 2.
- [Elkhart's municipal water utility](#) has filed its first rate case since 2007. OUCC testimony will be due on a future date to be determined.

## Fix A Leak Week

Did you know that a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water each day? A dripping faucet can also waste more water - and more money - than you might realize.

[Fix a Leak Week](#) is Mar. 18-24. It's an annual reminder to check your home or business for any water leaks & get them repaired quickly. Many repairs are simple and inexpensive.

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

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