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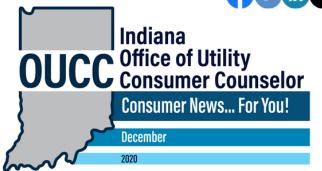
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VECTREN SOUTH RATE CASE

Vectren is seeking a <u>natural gas rate increase</u> for customers in its southwestern Indiana service territory. The utility's request would raise annual revenues by \$29.6 million and includes a proposed monthly residential customer service charge of \$35.00. Most of the requested increase is due to \$347 million in investments since 2007. The OUCC is reviewing the request and has until Feb. 19 to file testimony. <u>Written consumer comments</u> are invited in the meantime.





SMALL UTILITY CUSTOMER CREDITS

Customers of 8 small natural gas utilities in southern and central Indiana will receive more than \$1.06 million in bill credits under a November <u>IURC order</u>. The OUCC argued the utilities should be required to provide the credits in this case, which focused on energy efficiency programs, charges collected from customers between 2012 and 2015, and related accounting matters.

ADDITIONAL CASE UPDATES

- Closing briefs on Vectren's proposed solar energy $\underline{\text{tariff}}$ are due on Dec. 18.
- Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL) will implement a new smart meter opt-out tariff under a settlement agreement that received recent IURC approval.
- The OUCC is scheduled to file testimony this month in the <u>Columbus</u> water and <u>Crawfordsville</u> electric rate cases.

HEATING SEASON IS HERE

Consumers needing financial assistance with winter heating bills should contact the state's 2-1-1 help line and their local Energy Efficiency Program (EAP) intake offices as soon as possible. Indiana's winter



shutoff moratorium for gas and electric services only applies under specific conditions.

Many utilities continue to offer extended payment plans, as well. A customer receiving a bill that cannot be paid on time and in full should contact the utility immediately to seek an affordable payment arrangement.



BE SAFE!

When you are putting lights up for the holidays, lots of safety pitfalls are very easy to overlook. Take just a minute to review these 12 tips to make your season safer and happier.

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