

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY (“NIPSCO”) FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS)
RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE;)
(2) APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND)
CHARGES APPLICABLE THERETO; (3) APPROVAL OF)
REVISED DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL RATES; (4) INCLUSION)
IN ITS BASIC RATES AND CHARGES OF THE COSTS)
ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)
QUALIFIED POLLUTION CONTROL PROPERTY PROJECTS;)
(5) AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A RATE ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-2-42(a) TO (A))
TIMELY RECOVER CHARGES AND CREDITS FROM)
REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS AND)
NIPSCO’S TRANSMISSION REVENUE REQUIREMENTS; (B))
TIMELY RECOVER NIPSCO’S PURCHASED POWER COSTS;)
AND (C) ALLOCATE NIPSCO’S OFF SYSTEM SALES)
REVENUES; (6) APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CHANGES TO)
NIPSCO’S ELECTRIC SERVICE TARIFF INCLUDING WITH)
RESPECT TO THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS,)
THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY MECHANISM)
AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE MECHANISM; (7))
APPROVAL OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF NIPSCO’S)
FACILITIES AS TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION IN)
ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY)
REGULATORY COMMISSION’S SEVEN-FACTOR TEST; AND)
(8) APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN)
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-2.5-1 ET SEQ. TO THE)
EXTENT SUCH RELIEF IS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE)
RATEMAKING MECHANISMS PROPOSED BY NIPSCO)

CAUSE NO. 43526

INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR’S NOTICE OF CONTEST

On August 25, 2010, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued its final order (“Order”) in this Cause. As part of the ordering paragraphs contained therein, Petitioner Northern Indiana Public Service Company (“NIPSCO”) was ordered to file a new schedule of rates

and charges and “proofs of revenues” within thirty (30) days of the Order. As further set forth in that ordering paragraph, the Commission stated:

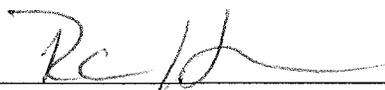
That “proof of revenues” filing shall include the billing determinants and the allocation of the revenue increase as found appropriate within this Order. At such time, NIPSCO shall also file a revised cost of service study demonstrating that the new rates are consistent with the findings made herein...Any party contesting the derivation of the rates and charges shall file its notice within ten (10) ten business days of the filing of the new rates schedules, proof of revenues and cost of service study. In the event any party files such a notice, the Commission shall then establish a procedural schedule regarding the compliance filing.

Order, at p. 130, ordering paragraph 2.

On September 14, 2010, NIPSCO made its compliance filing with the Commission in conformity with Ordering Paragraph 2 as set forth above. As ordered by the Commission, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) hereby submits its notice that it is contesting the derivation of the rates and charges as filed by NIPSCO on September 14, 2010, and requests that the Commission establish a procedural schedule as set forth in the August 25, 2010 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing **INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S NOTICE OF CONTEST** has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service, with paper copies available upon request, on September 24, 2010.

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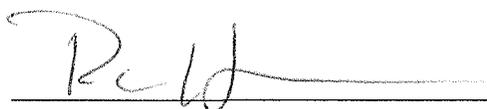
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