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IPL Rate Case: Public Hearing March 16

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) encourages Indianapolis Power & Light Co. (IPL) customers to comment on the utility's pending rate request, either by:

1. Speaking at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's (IURC's) public field hearing on Monday, March 16, 2015, or
2. Sending written comments to the OUCC by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

The March 16 IURC public field hearing will be held at the Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School Auditorium (1140 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St.) at 6:00 p.m. The OUCC will conduct an informational meeting at 5:30 p.m., immediately before the field hearing.

- Oral and written consumer comments will be accepted during the hearing.
- Comments carry equal weight whether they are oral or written, and will become part of the case's evidentiary record.
- Commissioners are not allowed to answer questions during the field hearing. However, OUCC and IURC staff will be available before, during and after the hearing.

IPL provides electric service to about 470,000 customers in Marion County and portions of nine surrounding counties. Its request would raise a monthly residential bill for 1,000 kWh from \$97.82 to \$103.95, according to the OUCC's calculations.

- This would include increasing the flat, monthly customer charge from \$11.00 to \$17.00.
- The "energy charge," or the part of the base rate that varies by usage, would also rise.
- The current residential base rate of \$66.50 for 1,000 kWh received IURC approval in IPL's last base rate case in 1995.
 - However, bills have increased since then due to rate recovery mechanisms – or "trackers" – which allow rate increases for specific items on a regular, expedited basis.

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- Trackers are separate from base rates and are subject to OUCC review and IURC approval, with all Indiana investor-owned utilities using them to varying degrees.
- IPL uses trackers to recover costs for generating fuel, energy efficiency programs, and environmental mandates.
- The request would give IPL a \$67.8 million increase in overall annual operating revenues.
- IPL states in testimony that it is seeking the new rates due to increases in operating and maintenance costs, and to pay for capital improvements.

The OUCC, the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is reviewing IPL's request and is scheduled to file testimony on April 6, 2015.

A number of additional parties have formally intervened in this case and are also scheduled to file testimony on April 6, 2015. They include the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, The Kroger Co., and several of IPL's industrial customers (including Allison Transmission, Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, Ingredion, Inc., Linde LLC, Rolls Royce Corporation, and Vertellus Agriculture & Nutrition Specialties, LLC).

Consumers who are unable to attend the field hearing but wish to submit written comments may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email, or fax:

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Written comments the OUCC receives by the close of business on March 31, 2015 will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to "IURC Cause No. 44576." Consumers with questions about submitting written comments may call the OUCC toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

For more information on this case, including links to IPL's testimony, please visit www.in.gov/oucc/2723.htm.

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(IURC Cause No. 44576)

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