

August 20, 2018

Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings - Gas

Ms. Mary M. Becerra
Secretary to the Commission
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

***RE: Northern Indiana Public Service Company – 30 Day Filing Pursuant to
170 IAC 1-6-1 et seq.***

Dear Ms. Becerra:

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-1, enclosed please find Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC's ("NIPSCO") Second Revised Sheet No. 137 of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7. NIPSCO is proposing revisions to Rider 473 – Universal Service Fund Rider to define "Low-Income Customer" and "Hardship Customer" so that changes made in the administration of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program dollars within the State of Indiana do not impact NIPSCO's Universal Service Fund Rider.¹

The revisions impact the eligibility of NIPSCO Customers receiving gas service under NIPSCO's IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7. The proposed revisions are shown in the attached redlined tariff sheet.

170 IAC 1-6-3(3) states that changes to rules and regulations are an allowable type of filing and the proposed revision is a change to add definitions applicable to Rider 473. Thus, this filing is an allowable request under 170 IAC 1-6-3. This filing does not require confidential treatment nor does it seek any other relief identified in 170 IAC 1-6-4, so it is not prohibited under the Commission's Rule.

¹ In currently pending Cause No. 44988, the name of this rider was changed to Universal Service Program Rider. While the reference to specific rates is eliminated in the proposed tariff in that proceeding, the language of the rider itself remains materially unchanged.

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In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(2), contact information for the utility regarding this filing is:

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Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC
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In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(3), a clean and redlined version of the proposed tariff sheet is attached. There are no work papers necessary to support this filing as required in 170 IAC 1-6-5(4).

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5), I have verified this letter as to these representations in compliance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5). A copy of this filing is being provided via electronic mail to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"). Furthermore, NIPSCO has shared this filing with the OUCC prior to its filing.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-6, NIPSCO provided notice to its customers in Lake County on August 17, 2018. A copy of the proof of publication will be submitted as soon as it is received. NIPSCO has posted notice of this change in its local customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana and has placed the notice on its website under pending tariffs (see <http://www.nipsco.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>).

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Please let me know if the Commission Staff has any questions or concerns about this submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia C. Jackson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cynthia C. Jackson
Manager, Regulatory Policy

Encl.

cc (w/ encl. – via email transmission)

William Fine and Heather Poole, Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
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RIDER 473
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND RIDER

No. 1 of 1 Sheet

TO WHOM AVAILABLE

This Rider shall be applicable to the Rate Schedules as defined in Appendix A and are taking service under the following:

1. Rate 411 – Residential Sales Service
2. Rate 415 – Multiple Family Housing Service
3. Rate 421 – General Service – Small
4. Rate 425 – General Service – Large
5. Rate 428 – Large Transportation and Balancing Service
6. Rate 430 – Large Volume Negotiated Sales Service
7. Rate 434A – Off-Peak Commercial and Industrial Interruptible Negotiated Service
8. Rate 438 – General Transportation and Balancing Service
9. Rate 440 – Liquefied Natural Gas Service
10. Rate 451 – Fixed Gas Bill Service

DESCRIPTION

The Universal Service Fund Rider shall recover the cost of providing an assistance program for Low-Income and Hardship Customers throughout the Company's Cities, Towns and Unincorporated Communities Furnished Gas Service.

For purposes of this Rider, "Low-Income Customer" shall mean a customer who qualifies and is approved for federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") assistance as determined by the State of Indiana, and "Hardship Customer" shall mean a customer who does not qualify for such assistance but who falls at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines as issued annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The charge under the Universal Service Fund Rider shall be the rates stated in Appendix D.

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**Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by August 20, 2018 30-Day Filing**

Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC complied with the Notice Requirements under 170 IAC 1-6-6 in the following manner:

- The attached notice was posted in a public place at NIPSCO's customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana;
- The same notice was posted on NIPSCO's website under 30-Day Filings (see <http://www.nipsco.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>).
- A legal notice was published in the Post-Tribune (Lake County), a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of the utility's customers affected by the filing, on August 17, 2018; and
- I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2018.



Cynthia C. Jackson
Manager, Regulatory Policy

NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING

On or about August 17, 2018, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (“NIPSCO”) will submit to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval under its 30-Day Filing procedures, 170 IAC 1-6-1, *et seq.* a revised Rider 473 – Universal Service Fund Rider in NIPSCO’s IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7. The referenced filing will consist of NIPSCO’s proposed revisions to modify Rider 473 to define “Low-Income Customer” and “Hardship Customer.” The revisions impact Customer eligibility under Rider 473. A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the August 17, 2018 filing date. Any objection to the filing should be directed to (a) the Secretary of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or (b) the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 115 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.