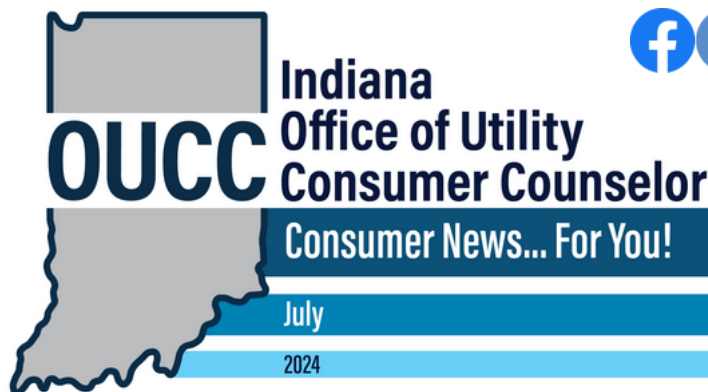


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Duke Energy Rates

The OUCC is inviting written [public comments](#) in the [Duke Energy](#) rate case through July 5.

Duke Energy's request would raise annual revenues for its Indiana electric utility by nearly \$492 million. The utility's testimony and exhibits project that an average monthly residential bill for 1,000 kWh would be \$170.67 when new rates are fully implemented in March 2025.

OUCC technical analysts and attorneys are reviewing Duke Energy's proposal with testimony due on July 11. A final Commission order is expected in January 2025.

Natural Gas Cases

A settlement agreement in the [Boonville Natural Gas Corporation](#) rate case would reduce the utility's requested increase from more than \$1 Million to approximately \$735,000. The OUCC recommended capping the increase at nearly \$716,000.

The agreement is pending before the IURC which can accept, modify, or deny any settlement it considers.

In a separate case, the OUCC has reached an agreement in principle with [Ohio Valley Gas](#) on its pending rate request. The parties expect to file a formal settlement agreement and supporting testimony on July 10.

Additional Cases

- The OUCC is scheduled to file testimony on July 19 in opposition to a proposed settlement agreement in the [CenterPoint Energy](#) electric rate case.
- [Public comments](#) are invited on the pending rate requests from [South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Co.](#) and [Indiana Utilities Corporation](#).
- OUCC staff have filed testimony recommending denial of [Citizens Water of Westfield's](#) requested rate increase.
- The OUCC and [City of Evansville's](#) water utility have reached a [settlement agreement](#) on the utility's financing proposal.
- [Eastern Heights Utilities](#) is requesting a water rate increase in a newly filed rate case before the IURC. [Written comments](#) are invited for the record through Sept. 11.

Smart Irrigation Month

July is [Smart Irrigation Month](#). If you water the lawn at your home or business, it's important to keep the following tips in mind:

- Do not water in the middle of the day, or with a sprinkler that sprays a fine mist.
- Avoid "overwatering" and be aware of the technology that can help.
- Remember that some plants require less water than others.
- If you have an irrigation system, be sure to check it for leaks and adjust the schedule regularly to compensate for seasonal changes.

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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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