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Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings – Gas
Mary M. Becerra
Secretary to the Commission
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
101 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: NIPSCO 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 a clean and redlined version of NIPSCO's proposed revisions to the (1) Table of Contents, and (2) Rule 6 – Service Extensions and Modifications of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7 ("Gas Tariff"). NIPSCO's proposed changes impact residential customers requesting the installation of an Excess Flow Valve. Specifically, NIPSCO is (1) updating its Table of Contents to reflect changes in pagination, and (2) adding Rule 6.5 – Excess Flow Valve ("EFV") Installation.

The addition of Rule 6.5 is being made to meet the requirements issued by the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ("PHMSA") in a Final Rule: Pipeline Safety: Expanding the Use of Excess Flow Valves in Gas Distribution Systems to Applications Other Than Single-Family Residences ("2017 EFV Rule").

Currently, EFVs are required for new or replaced gas service lines servicing single-family residences. The 2017 EFV Rule goes into effect on April 14, 2017 and expands the requirement to include new or replaced branched service lines servicing single-family residences, multifamily residences and certain small commercial entities. Additionally, the 2017 EFV Rule requires operations like NIPSCO to notify customers of their right to request the installation of EFVs.

Because PHMSA does not have jurisdiction over the costs incurred due to the installation of an optional EFV at the customer's request, in this filing, NIPSCO requests authority to charge the cost to install an EFV to all customers who request to have an optional EFV installed on their service line, as per the 2017 EFV Rule established by PHMSA.

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 the operating rules of the Gas Tariff. Thus, this filing is an allowable filing under the 30-day filing procedures. 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.

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

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In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(3), the proposed tariff sheets are attached. There are no work papers necessary to support this filing in compliance with 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"). NIPSCO shared a draft of the proposed tariff changes with the OUCC prior to filing.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-6, 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). A copy of the notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of NIPSCO customers affected by this filing is attached hereto. A copy of the proof of publication will be provided immediately upon its receipt.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Caister
Vice President, Regulatory Policy

Encl.
cc: (w/ encl. – via email transmission) to William Fine and Jeffrey M. Reed, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (wfine@oucc.in.gov, jreed@oucc.in.gov, infomgt@oucc.in.gov)

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In the event a customer requests the installation of an EFV, the Company will install an EFV, subject to the following conditions:

6.5.1 The timing of the installation of the EFV shall be determined by agreement between the Company and the Customer, subject to consideration of Company's current, scheduled and/or anticipated workload;

6.5.2 The EFV shall be the property of the Company;

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Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by April 13, 2017 30-Day Filing

Northern Indiana Public Service Company 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 April 12, 2017; and
- I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2017.

Timothy Caister
Vice President, Regulatory Policy

NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING

On or about April 13, 2017, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("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 Table of Contents, and Rule 6 – Service Extensions and Modifications of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7. The revisions impact customers who request installation of an Excess Flow Valve ("EFV"). A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the April 13, 2017 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, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.