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<u>*Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings - Electric*</u>
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's ("NIPSCO") First Revised Sheet No. 157 – Rider 780 – Net Metering (Sheet No. 1 of 9). The revision impacts NIPSCO's Customers participating in Rider 780 that are receiving electric service under Rates 711, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 732, 733, 734, or 741 of IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 13. The proposed revision is shown in the attached redlined tariff sheet. These updates are necessary to address recent changes in Ind. Code Ch. 8-1-40.

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 Rider 780. 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.

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), 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 December 7, 2017. 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).

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.
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RIDER 780
NET METERING

TO WHOM AVAILABLE

This Rider shall be applicable to the Rate Schedules as identified in Appendix A to a Customer that installs an eligible net metering facility.

REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with 170 IAC 4-4.2, the IURC Rules applicable to net metering, as the same may be revised from time to time by the Commission, all Customers may operate a solar, wind, hydro, or biomass electrical generating facility ("Facility") and may be considered an eligible net metering Customer if the Customer is in good standing and the Facility:

1. has a total nameplate capacity less than or equal to one MW;
2. is located on the eligible net metering Customer's premises and operated by the Customer;
3. is connected in parallel with the Company's electric Distribution and Transmission system; and
4. is used primarily to offset all or part of the eligible net metering Customer's own electricity requirements

If Customer has a total nameplate capacity in excess of the amount designated as being subject to this Rider, Customer may apply for treatment under the Company's Rate 765, Renewable Feed-In, to the extent available.

The Company may offer net metering to other Customers at the Company's discretion.

An eligible net metering Customer whose account is not more than thirty (30) days in arrears and who does not have any legal orders outstanding pertaining to any account with the Company is qualified as an eligible net metering Customer in good standing.

The aggregate amount of net metering capacity allowable to all eligible Customers under this Rider shall be determined by the sum of each Facility's nameplate capacity treated under this Rider and shall not exceed one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the Company's most recent summer peak load, with forty percent (40%) of such capacity reserved solely for participation by residential customers; and fifteen percent (15%) of such capacity reserved solely for participation by customers that install a net metering facility that uses a renewable energy resource described in Ind. Code § 8-1-37-4(a)(5). .

Before the Company will allow interconnection with an eligible net metering Customer's Facility and before net metering service may begin, the Customer will be required to enter into an interconnection agreement applicable to the Facility as set forth in Rider 779 – Interconnection Standards.

The eligible net metering Customer shall install, operate and maintain the Facility in accordance with the manufacturer's suggested practice for safe, efficient and reliable operation interconnected to the Company's electric system.

RIDER 780
NET METERING

TO WHOM AVAILABLE

This Rider shall be applicable to the Rate Schedules as identified in Appendix A to a Customer that installs an eligible net metering facility.

REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with 170 IAC 4-4.2, the IURC Rules applicable to net metering, as the same may be revised from time to time by the Commission, all Customers may operate a solar, wind, ~~or~~ hydro, or biomass electrical generating facility ("Facility") and may be considered an eligible net metering Customer if the Customer is in good standing and the Facility:

1. has a total nameplate capacity less than or equal to one MW;
2. is located on the eligible net metering Customer's premises and operated by the Customer;
3. is connected in parallel with the Company's electric Distribution and Transmission system; and
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The Company may offer net metering to other Customers at the Company's discretion.

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Before the Company will allow interconnection with an eligible net metering Customer's Facility and before net metering service may begin, the Customer will be required to enter into an interconnection agreement applicable to the Facility as set forth in Rider 779 – Interconnection Standards.

The eligible net metering Customer shall install, operate and maintain the Facility in accordance with the manufacturer's suggested practice for safe, efficient and reliable operation interconnected

Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by December 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 December 7, 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 December, 2017.

Timothy Caister
Vice President, Regulatory Policy

NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING

On or about December 11, 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 Rider 780 – Net Metering. The referenced filing will consist of NIPSCO's proposed revisions to modify Rider 780 in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-40. The revisions impact Customers participating in Rider 780 that are receiving electric service under Rates 711, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 732, 733, 734, or 741 of NIPSCO's IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 13. A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the December 11, 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, 115 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.