Indianapolis, Indiana 1 August 18, 2009 9:30 A.M. (EDT) 2 3 4 JUDGE STORMS: This is a 5 Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing 6 before the Indiana Utility Regulatory 7 Commission in a cause docketed before the 8 Commission as Cause No. 43743 captioned as 9 "Petition of Duke Energy Indiana, Incorporated 10 11 for approval of authority for deferred 12 accounting treatment for operating expenses associated with the restoration of extensive 13 14 system damage resulting from the January 27, 2009 ice storm." 15 Notice of the time and place of 16 the hearing was given as provided by law by 17 18 publication in Marion County in the 19 Indianapolis Star and in Hendricks County in The Weekend Flyer and the Hendricks County 20 Each of said newspapers is a 21 Republican. 22 newspaper of general circulation, printed and 23 published in the English language in their respective counties, and said publications 24 25 were made ten days prior to the date of the

Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing. 1 2 The proofs of publication of the notices have been received by the Commission and are now 3 incorporated into the record of this cause by 4 reference and placed in the official files of 5 the Commission. Notice has also been given to 6 the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor and 7 other interested parties. 8 9 May we have appearances of 10 counsel, please? 11 MS. PRICE: Thank you, Your Honor. On behalf of Duke Energy Indiana, Melanie D. 12 Price, Plainfield, Indiana. 13 14 MR. REED: And appearing on behalf of the Public, Jeff Reed, Indiana Office of 15 Utility Consumer Counselor. 16 17 JUDGE STORMS: Okay. Prior to 18 going on the record, the parties had a 19 discussion and have reached an agreement on a procedural schedule. 20 Ms. Price, can you read the 21 22 parties' agreement into the record, please? 23 MS. PRICE: Yes, Your Honor. 24 On August 27, 2009, Duke Energy 25 Indiana will file its testimony and exhibits

constituting its case-in-chief. 1 On October 22, the OUCC and any 2 intervenors will file their testimony and 3 exhibits constituting their cases-in-chief. 4 On November 5, Duke Energy Indiana 5 will file rebuttal, if needed. 6 As to the discovery, the parties 7 have agreed that prior to the OUCC and any 8 intervenors filing testimony will be ten 9 10 calendar days for discovery. 11 Once the OUCC files its testimony, it will be five business days, and once Duke 12 13 Energy Indiana files its rebuttal, it will be 14 five calendar days. 15 JUDGE STORMS: Is that your understanding as well, Mr. Reed? 16 17 MR. REED: Likewise, Your Honor, 18 as has been our history in the past, discovery 19 served after noon on Friday will be considered received the following Monday morning. 20 We will -- the parties will 21 22 provide all filings including discovery all 23 electronically, Your Honor. 24 JUDGE STORMS: Okay. The hearing date in this matter is scheduled, by agreement 25

of the parties, for November 12, 2009 at 1:30 P.M. in Room 222. Anything else? If there's nothing further, we're hereby continued to November 12, 2009 at 1:30 P.M. in Room 222. Thank you. (PREHEARING CONFERENCE ADJOURNED) (HEARING SET FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2009 AT 1:30 P.M. (EST) IN ROOM 222 OF THE NATIONAL CITY CENTER, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA) A-4