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Secretary of the Commission Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission PNC Center 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

March 3, 2015

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6, I&M submits this thirty-day filing requesting approval of amendments to I&M's Tariff COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service) which is being submitted pursuant to 170 Ind. Admin. Code 4-4.1-10.

Enclosed for the Commission's review and approval, please find the following documents:

- 1. Indiana Michigan Power Company's proposed updates to Tariff COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service) in clean and redline format.
- 2. Supporting workpapers, and
- 3. Verified Statement of Publication.

If you have any questions regarding I&M's request please contact me at (260) 408-3503 or wwhix@aep.com.

Sincerely,

William W. Hix

Regulatory Consultant Staff

**Enclosures** 

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Brad Borum-IURC
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### THIRD REVISED SHEET NO. 27.2 CANCELS SECOND REVISED SHEET NO. 27.2

### TARIFF COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service)

(Cont'd from Sheet No. 27.1)

#### Additional Charges.

There shall be additional charges to cover the cost of special metering, safety equipment, and other local facilities installed by the Company due to COGEN/SPP facilities, as follows:

#### (1) <u>Metering Charges</u>

The additional charge for special metering facilities shall be as follows:

#### (a) Option 1

Where the customer does not sell electricity to the Company, a detent shall be used on the energy meter to prevent reverse rotation. The cost of such meter alteration shall be paid by the customer as part of the Local Facilities Charge.

#### (b) Options 2 & 3

Where energy meters are required to measure the excess energy and average on-peak capacity purchased by the Company or the total energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the customer's COGEN/SPP facilities, the cost of the additional metering facilities shall be paid by the customer as part of the Local Facilities Charge. In addition, a monthly metering charge shall be as follows to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of such additional facilities:

	Single Phase	<u>Polyphase</u>	
Standard Measurement	\$0.85	\$1.15	II
TOD Measurement	\$0.95	\$1.20	II

Under Option 3, when metering voltage for COGEN/SPP facilities is the same as the Company's delivery voltage, the customer shall, at his option, either route the COGEN/SPP totalized output leads through the metering point or make available at the metering point for the use of the Company and as specified by the Company metering current leads which will enable the Company to measure adequately the total electrical energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities, as well as to measure the electrical energy consumption and capacity

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### TARIFF COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service)

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#### (2) Local Facilities Charge

Additional charges to cover the cost of special metering facilities, safety equipment, and other local facilities installed by the Company shall be determined by the Company for each case and collected from the customer. The customer shall make a one-time payment for such charges upon completion of the required additional facilities or, at the customer's option, 12 consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge equal to the maximum rate permitted by law not to exceed the prime rate in effect at the first billing for such installments.

#### Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries.

#### (1) Energy Credit

The following credits or payments from the Company to the customer shall apply for the electrical energy delivered to the Company:

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	4.28¢

#### (2) Capacity Credit

If the customer contracts to deliver a specified average capacity during the on-peak monthly billing period (on-peak contract capacity), then the first-year monthly capacity credit or payment from the Company to the customer shall be \$8.56/kW times the lowest of:

- (a) monthly on-peak contract capacity, or
- (b) current month on-peak metered average capacity, i.e., on-peak kWh delivered to the Company divided by 305, or

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	Single Phase	<u>Polyphase</u>		
Standard Measurement	\$ <del>0.80</del> 0.85	\$ <del>1.05</del> <u>1.15</u>		
TOD Measurement	\$ <del>0.85</del> <u>0.95</u>	\$ <del>1.05</del> <u>1.20</u>		
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#### Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries.

#### (1) Energy Credit

Standard Meter

The following credits or payments from the Company to the customer shall apply for the electrical energy delivered to the Company:

All kWh 3.453.55¢

TOD Meter
On-peak kWh 4.104.28¢
Off-peak kWh 2.993.03¢

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I.

Indiana Michigan Power Company Calculation of COGEN/SPP Charges/Credits Per Final Rule in IURC Cause No. 37494

Assumpti	<u>ons</u>					<u>Variable</u>	<u>Value</u>
A)	Capital Cost per kW of Cap	pacity				V	\$825 /kW
B)	Weighted Cost of Capital *	*				R	7.90%
		Balance * Last Case	Capitalization Ratio **	Current Cost Rate	Weighted Cost of Debt		
	1) Long Term Debt 2) Preferred Equity 3) Common Equity 4) Total	(\$) 1,563,320,246 8,072,400 1,721,707,204 3,293,099,850	47.47% 0.26% 52.28% 100.00%	5.68% 0.00% 9.95%	2.70% 0.00% 5.20% 7.90%		
C)	Carrying Charge Rate					CCR	12.76%
D)	Operation & Maintenance	Cost per Year (Fix	red & Variable)			0	\$20.65 /kW
E)	Line Losses					L	5.80%
F)	Estimated Unit Life					N	30 years
G)	Present Value of Carrying	Charge for \$1 Inv	estment for N yea	rs		D	1.4502
H)	Fixed Operation and Maint	enance Cost Esca	alation Rate			Ю	2.00%
I)	Construction Cost Escalati	on Rate				IP	2.00%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Per Commission order in IURC Cause No. 44075, page 44.

#### II. Calculation of Present Value of Carrying Charge

$$D = CCR \times \frac{(1+R)^{N} - 1}{R \times (1+R)^{N}}$$

<sup>\*\*</sup> I&M agreed to use 100% embedded capital cost

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#### III. Calculation of Unadjusted Monthly Avoided Cost of Capacity

$$C = \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) \times \left[\frac{\left(D \times V \times \frac{S1}{S2} \times S3\right) + \left(S4 \times S5\right)}{S6}\right]$$

Where:

$$S1 = 1 - \frac{1 + IP}{1 + R}$$

$$S2 = 1 - \left(\frac{1 + IP}{1 + R}\right)^N$$

$$S3 = (1 + IP)^{(T-1)}$$

$$S4 = O \times \left(\frac{1 + IO}{1 + R}\right)$$

$$S5 = (1 + IO)^{(T-1)}$$

$$S6 = 1 - \frac{L}{2}$$

#### **Calculation for First Year**

$$C = \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) \times \left[\frac{\left(1.4502 \times 825 \times \frac{0.0547}{0.8149} \times 1\right) + \left(19.5209 \times 1\right)}{0.9710}\right]$$

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#### Cost Calculations (Support Page 1, Assumptions A & D)

#### Fixed Operations & Maintenance Cost per kW (2015 Dollars)

Fixed Operations & Maintenance Cost		14.73 mills/kWh
Hours per Year	X	8,760 hours
Unit Size	X	171,000 kW
Capacity Factor	X	10.00%
Total Fixed O&M Cost		\$2,206,495 /year
Unit Size	/	171,000 kW
Per Unit Fixed O&M Cost		\$12.90 /kW

#### Variable Operations & Maintenance Cost per kW (2015 Dollars)

Variable Operations & Maintenance Cost		8.85 mills/kWh
Hours per Year	Х	8,760 hours
Unit Size	Х	171,000 kW
Capacity Factor	Х	10.00%
Total Variable O&M Cost		\$1,325,695 /year
Unit Size	/	171,000 kW
Per Unit Variable O&M Cost		\$7.75 /kW

#### Total Operations & Maintenance Cost per kW (2015 Dollars)

Fixed O&M Cost		\$12.90 /kW
Variable O&M Cost	+	7.75 /kW
Total O&M Cost (Page 1, Assumption D)		<b>\$20.65</b> /kW

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I.	Calculation of Annual Carrying Charge Rate (Page 1, Assumption C)		<u>Variable</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Weighted Cost of Capital		R	7.90%
	Property Tax Rate:  Account 4081005 - State of Indiana, 12/14  Electric Plant in Service - State of Indiana, 12/14 /  Property Tax Rate	16,647,597 4,054,810,127	а	0.41%
	Insurance Rate:  Account 9240000, 12/14  Electric Plant in Service - Total Company, 12/14 /	4,600,367 7,433,676,522		0.1170
	Insurance Rate		p	0.06%
	Depreciation Rate		d	1.70%
	Composite Tax Rate		ct	39.48%
	Book Depreciation		bd	3.33%
	Rate on Debt Capital		b	5.68%
	Debt Ratio from last filed rate case (IURC Cause No. 43306)		dr	47.47%
	$CCR = R + a + p + d + \left[ \left( \frac{ct}{1 - ct} \right) \times \left( R + d - bd \right) \times \left( \frac{R - (b \times dr)}{R} \right) \right]$			

CCR = 12.76% I.

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Energy	y Payment Calculation *		On-Peak	Off-Peak	Non-TOD
Α.	Potential Loss Savings				
	Primary Losses				5.20%
	Divided by 2		/		2
	Loss Adjustment (Potential Loss Saving	js)			2.60%
В.	Time-of-Day Energy Payments				
	Avoided Energy Costs		4.17	2.95	¢/kWh
	Divided by (1 - Loss Savings)	/	0.9740	0.9740	
	Time-of-Day Energy Payments		4.28	3.03	¢/kWh
C.	Non-Time-of-Day Energy Payment				
	Time-of-Day Energy Payments		4.28	3.03	¢/kWh
	Hours per Year	X	3,654	5,106	hours
	Weighted Average of Hourly TOD Payments Hours Per Year		15,639	15,471	31,110 8,760
	Non-Time-of-Day Energy Payment				<b>3.55</b> ¢/kWh
	,				

<sup>\*</sup> On-Peak Period is 7am - 9pm, Monday through Friday Off-Peak Period is all other hours

#### II. Demand and Energy Loss Calculations \*\*

<u>System</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<b>Energy</b>
Transmission	2.914%	2.293%
Subtransmission	0.649%	0.798%
Primary Transformer Line	0.713% 1.419%	0.759% 1.286%
Compound Loss Factor	5.8%	5.2%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assuming COGEN/SPP Service at Primary

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I.	Annual Carrying Charge Rates	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Fixed Costs O&M		0.0% 1.6%
	Carrying Costs	СС	1.6%
II.	<u>Charges</u>		
	Contingencies		5%
	Stores Expense		18%
	Total Charges on Materia	MC MC	23%
	Labor		53%
	Transportation Expense		20%
	Total Charges on Labor	LC	73%
III.	<u>Overheads</u>		
	Company Construction O	verheads <b>OC</b>	27%

#### IV. Monthly Charge on Incremental Material

IM = Incremental Material Cost

IL = Incremental Labor Cost (50% of Material) = 0.5 x IM

$$MonthlyCharge on IM = (1+O\dot{Q}) \times [(1+M\dot{Q}) \times IM + (1+L\dot{Q}) \times II] \times \frac{C\dot{Q}}{12}$$

Monthly Charge on IM =

0.35% of Incremental Material Cost

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Monthly Meter Charges	Incremental Material (IM)	Monthly <u>Charge</u> 0.35%		Average <u>Charge</u>
Standard Measurement				
Single Phase				
Option 2-1 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	\$1.37		
Option 2-3 - Secondary - Self-Contained	38	0.13		
Option 3-1 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	1.37		
Option 3-3 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	391	1.37		
Option 3-5 - Secondary - Self Contained	38	0.13		
Total		\$ 4.37 /	5 =	\$0.87
		Us	e:	\$0.85
<u>Polyphase</u>				
Option 2-2 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	\$1.37		
Option 2-4 - Secondary - Self-Contained	230	0.81		
Option 3-2 - Primary - Transformer Rated (or Sec. >200 Amps)	391	1.37		
Option 3-4 - Secondary - Transformer Rated (Below 200 Amps)	391	1.37		
Option 3-6 - Secondary - Self Contained (Below 200 Amps)	230	0.81		
Total		\$ 5.73 /	5 =	\$1.15
		Us	e:	\$1.15
Time-of-Day Measurement				
Single Phase				
Option 2-5 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	\$1.40		
Option 2-7 - Secondary - Self-Contained	96	0.34		
Option 3-7 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	1.4		
Option 3-9 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	400	1.4		
Option 3-11 - Secondary - Self Contained	38	0.13		
Total		\$ 4.67 /	5 =	\$0.93
		Us	e:	\$0.95
<u>Polyphase</u>				
Option 2-6 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	\$1.40		
Option 2-8 - Secondary - Self-Contained	239	0.84		
Option 3-8 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	1.4		
Option 3-10 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	400	1.4		
Option 3-12 - Secondary - Self Contained	239	0.84		
Total		\$ 5.88 /	5 =	\$1.18
		Us		\$1.20

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#### **Diversity Ratio Development \***

Annual Total GS-Secondary Billing Demand	9,029,951	kW
Divided by 12	12	months
Average Monthly Billing Demand	752,496	kW
Average Monthly Coincident Peak Demand	390,036	kW
Diversity Ratio	1.929	

<sup>\*</sup> Data from Rate Design & Cost-of-Service in IURC Cause No. 44075 (WP-DMR-17)

#### II. **Back-Up Service Rate Calculation**

Current GS - Secondary Demand Charge	\$4.695 /kW
Diversity Ratio	1.929
Coincident Peak Demand Cost	\$9.057 /kW
Typical Unavailability Rate	15%
Back-Up Service Rate	<b>\$1.359</b> /kW

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ASSUMED COGENERATION PURCHASE LEVEL

Section 292.302(b)(1)

#### INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY ESTIMATED "AVOIDED COSTS" OF ENERGY FOR ASSUMED LEVELS OF COGENERATION PURCHASES 2015 - 2020

(Cents Per Kilowatt-Hour)

	10	First 100-MW Block		Second 100-MW Block	
	<u>Peak</u>	Off-Peak	<u>Peak</u>	Off-Peak	
2015	4.17	2.95	4.17	2.95	
2016	5.67	3.55	5.67	3.55	
2017	5.91	3.87	5.91	3.87	
2018	5.98	3.97	5.98	3.97	
2019	6.05	4.06	6.05	4.06	
2020	6.24	4.21	6.24	4.21	

Note:

The peak costing period is 0700 to 2100 local time Monday through Friday. All other hours comprise the off-peak costing period. Energy costs are expressed in currentyear dollars.

# Received: March 3, 2015 STATE OF INDIANA IURC 30-Day Filing Noril 3323 UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

#### VERIFIED STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

William W. Hix, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that:

- 1. I am a Regulatory Consultant Staff for Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M).
- 2. Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-5(a), I affirm that affected customers have been notified of I&M's thirty-day filing of updated Tariff COGEN/SPP as required under 170 IAC 1-6-6.
- 3. Notification of the thirty-day filing of updated Tariff COGEN/SPP was made by publication of a Legal Notice in a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of I&M's customers, and posting the notice on I&M's website.
  - 4. A true and correct copy of I&M's Legal Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Date: 3-2-15

William W. Hix

Regulatory Consultant Staff

Indiana Michigan Power Company

STATE OF INDIANA )
) ss:
COUNTY OF ALLEN )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State this 21% day of March 2015.

Regiana M. Sistevaris, Notary Public

I am a resident of Allen County, Indiana. My commission expires: January 7, 2023

# LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF INDIANA INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Indiana Michigan Power Company, an Indiana corporation, gives notice that on or about March 2, 2015, it will submit for approval under the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's thirty-day filing process an updated Tariff COGEN/SPP and a standard form contract for purchase of energy and capacity at rates derived from the application of regulations. The referenced filing will consist of Indiana Michigan Power Company's proposed 2015 Tariff COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service) and standard contract forms. Customers potentially affected by this filing include alternate energy production facilities, cogeneration facilities, or small hydrofacilities located in the Indiana Michigan Power Company service territory. Those customers may be affected by changes in metering charges related to special metering facilities, and by monthly credits or payments for energy and capacity deliveries. A decision on the 2015 Tariff COGEN/SPP filing is expected from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on or before May 1, 2015.

Please direct inquiries to:

Indiana Michigan Power Company Attn: Director of Regulatory Services P.O. Box 60 Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Objections to this filing can be made to the following:

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Attn: Commission Secretary PNC Center 101 West Washington Street Suite 1500 East

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor PNC Center 115 W. Washington Street Suite 1500 South Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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#### **PERFECTION**

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deduct, and she didn't make any mistakes — absolutely, breathtakingly perfect."

And everyone in the Bishop Dwenger gym had a sense they were watching something special. After sticking her landing, Roche collapsed into the arms of her teammates, and posting the score was an afterthought. Everyone accepted and understood they had just seen perfection.

Gymnastics is unique because every competitor starts out with a 10 and deductions bring down the final score. That means a perfect score is possible and each gymnast has the same opportunity. Instead of building up to perfection, gymnastics try to maintain

"If you sat and tried to add up all the things that they are doing correctly, what a mess!" said Durant, a 39-year gymnastics judge. "Everybody starts out perfect, and we just chip away."

Durant was one of the two judges for each of the four perfect scores. It's not because she has a particular bias or has weaker standards. She has an exemplary reputation and was just incredibly lucky to be in the chair sitting closest to these amazing performances.

"We are all here for the girls, and we all have a job to do," she said. "We hope this is going to pay off for the children. In the end, they are competing against the rule book.'

Usually, the crowd understands immediately what it has watched and waits for the affirmation of the judge's score. No one expects perfection, and it's so rare that it's also not something that it pays to aim for.

"Sometimes I'd look at the routine and think, there's nothing wrong with it, but they'd get a 9.8 or whatever," Nix said. "I always think, how can any-

body be perfect? Who determines perfection? In these circumstances the routines were perfect. They had no flaws."

Because of the timing, maybe the easiest event to reach perfection is the vault, which is over in seconds. A bars routine may last 30 seconds, a floor exercise 90 seconds and a balance beam routine 60 to 90 seconds. That's a lot of time to avoid any wobble or slip even for the most talented, experienced athlete with the highest expectations. They can't think of or even dream of perfection.

"If you put that pressure on them, it will just crumble and work in reverse," Nix said. "If you try too hard to get a 10, then it would backfire. You would be focusing on that as opposed to your

That's one reason why Roche was so successful that night. She was so sick she had to focus totally on the skills and rely on her muscle memory to carry her through the routine. She couldn't think; she simply had to do. It was truly a miraculous moment.

All four perfect performers were state-level competitors who were named The News-Sentinel Gymnast of the Year, but Durant said Szczepanski was a classic gymnast who always seemed to control the apparatus, the crowd and the moment. She was the only one of the four who competed in college, and Nix said that when Szczepanski competed, no one could take their eves off her.

"There are things that people do where they have this magic quality, this spark that other people just don't seem to have, and Laura had that," Durant said. "When Laura stepped up to any event, she looked like she could not make a mistake. She just had that

Because she was a perfectionist who was trained to always strive for better,



News-Sentinel file photos

Despite battling the flu, Bishop Dwenger senior Alicia Roche reached perfection on the uneven bars beam in a meet Feb. 6, 2008, against Concordia Lutheran.

Szczepanski thought a perfect score was possible, but only just.

'Whenever you finish, anything it's human nature to think, 'I could have done this or that better," she said. "I remember the beam routine thinking, 'OK, your leaps could be higher' or whatever, but I remember thinking I didn't have a bobble or a step."

The beam routine was harder, she said, and she thought the floor routine was a better chance for a 10.

"You kind of get in a zone when you go out there, and you've practiced it so many times and done so many repetitions you get to that point in the season where you are going to peak," she said. You go out there to do the best you can, but I wasn't going out there to get a 10. It feels like there have been times even in practice and you think that would be a

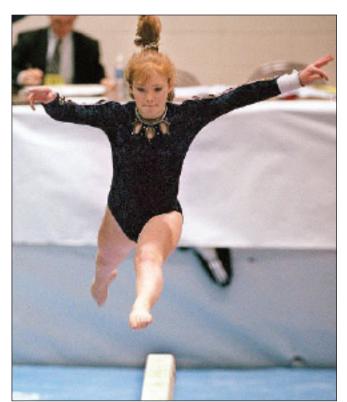
perfect score, but it's very, very rare. To even be perfect in your own mind and have that score come up doesn't seem real. It was a dream that I never thought would happen. It was just an overwhelming feeling of 'Wow.'"

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And then she almost immediately changed her floor routine, tried to improve it by adding more twists and more combinations, because even perfect can be done better and must be chased. Even athletes who have achieved perfection can never be satisfied.

"You're trying to get better," Szczepanski said. "If you don't, the person next to you is. It's not enough to stay where you are. It's adding more difficulty or another twist. You have to think the impossible."

For more on gymnastics, follow Blake Sebring on Twitter at blakesebring.



As a sophomore, Bishop Dwenger's Betsy Minix scored a 10.0 on the vault during a meet Feb. 24, 1994, at Homestead.

### KOMETS

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have rallied from two goals down to win. It also puts the Komets back up five points on the second-place Walleye in the division, three points up on Reading for the Eastern Conference lead and two points behind Allen for the overall ECHL lead.

Throughout the first two periods, the Komets couldn't control the puck in the Evansville zone, wouldn't get to the front of the IceMen net and made uncharacteristically inept mistakes. The IceMen just played a smart, conservative strategy and scored on a few opportunities the Komets gave them.

"We maybe thought it was going to be an easy game, but we had to come back and it was a good sign for this weekend," forward Christian Ouellet said. "We just put pressure on their 'D' and played harder.'

The first break came when defenseman Will Lacasse blasted a slap shot from the point with Brock Higgs battling in front to beat Komm 5:31 into the third period to give the Komets hope in a 3-2 deficit. That



By Blake Sebring of The News-Sentinel

Defenseman Will Lacasse's goal early in the third period cut the Evansville margin to 3-2 and gave the Komets new hope.

changed the momentum completely, and the Komets dominated the shot count 20-3 the rest of the period.

Ouellet scored the tying goal with 4:42 left in regulation, and two minutes later Matthew Pistilli jumped on a turnover from Cody Sol to rip a wrist shot past Komm for the game-winning goal. The shocked IceMen never mounted an offensive threat the rest of the game.

"You have to out-will teams almost," Graham said. "It's almost just as (important) to be mentally stronger than your opponent to be physically stronger. What I'm proud of the most is the mental side of things. We've been a mentally tough group under tight situations, under adversity, starting with the opening game in Indianapolis. This group has shown the ability to be that type of team where we don't feel like we're out of any game."

They were almost out of this one, and against someone other than a last-place

team that had gone 2-8 over its last 10 games, they likely would have been.

We stayed positive all the time in here, and I think that's the key for us all year," captain Kaleigh Schrock said. "We're pretty even-keeled. We know we're in any game. We know we have to play better ... . It's tough, too, because guys are banged up and we know if we don't get off to a good start we have to bring it in the second and third. We have to put Indy on their heels, though. We can't keep doing this.'

Heading into Friday's home game, the Fuel are 8-2-1 over their last 11 games. They need every point possible in an attempt to catch up to a playoff position.

While allowing only 28 goals over their last 13 games, the Komets are 9-3-1, 5-0-1 over the last six. They are 17-5-3 at home, including 3-0-1 in the first four games of a seven-game homestand. They are 18-4-4 in one-goal games this season.

For more on the Komets, follow Blake Sebring on Twitter at blakesebring and at his blog, tailingthekomets.com.

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KOMETS 4, ICEMEN 3 Evansville 210 - 3013 - 4Fort Wayne First period

Scoring: 1. E-Justin MacDonald (unassisted) 9:04; 2. E-Braden Pimm (Dan Sova, Danny Hobbs) 17:59.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARY

Penalties: C-Colin Murray (tripping) 4:42.

Second period

Scoring: 3. FW-Cody Sol (J.M. Rizk) 3:08; 4.

E-Hobbs (unassisted) 12:17. Penalties: E-Murray (tripping) 12:01; FW-Mike mbach (interference) 14:06.

Third period Scoring: 5. FW-Will Lacasse (Matthew Pistilli.

Drew Daniels) 5:31; 6. FW-Christian Ouelle (Embach, Rizk) 15:18: 7. Pistilli (Sol) 17:18. Penalties: E-Brandon Martell (delay of game) 6:38; E-Phil Bushbacher (hooking) 8:58. Shots on goal: E/10-12-3 – 25; FW/11-20-20 – 51. Goaltenders: E/Branden Komm; FW/ Roman Will. **Power-play opportunities:** E/O of 2; FW/O of 4. **Officials:** Referee-Frederic Leblanc; Linesmen: Ryan Daisy, Jesse Pletsch. Attendance: 5.290.

# LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF INDIANA INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Indiana Michigan Power Company, an Indiana corporation, gives notice that on or about March 2, 2015, it will submit for approval under the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's thirty-day filing process an updated Tariff COGEN/SPP and a standard form contract for purchase of energy and capacity at rates derived from the application of regulations. The referenced filing will consist of Indiana Michigan Power Company's proposed 2015 Tariff COGENICSPP (Copeneration and/or filing will consist of Indiana Michigan Power Company's proposed 2015 Tar-iff COGEN/SPP (Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production Service) and standard contract forms. Customers potentially affected by this filing include alternate energy production facilities, cogeneration facilities, or small hydrofacilities located in the Indiana Michigan Power Company service territory. Those customers may be affected by changes in metering ice territory. Those customers may be affected by changes in metering charges related to special metering facilities, and by monthly credits or payments for energy and capacity deliveries. A decision on the 2015 Tariff COGEN/SPP filing is expected from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Com-COGEN/SPP filing is expected from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on or before May 1, 2015.

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### COUGARS

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gave the Cougars momentum and allowed them to take a 34-27 lead into the

Saint Francis (25-6) built up its advantage after halftime thanks to a stifling defense. The Knights hit just 32 percent (8 of 25) of their shots in the second half while the Cougars shot 59 percent (13 of 22).

Saint Francis' Bryce Lienhoop finished with 13 points and Josh Hogan had

"Defense wins games, and that's what happened tonight," Fox said.

LaCross believes his team is entering the postseason with a different mindset than last year's

"I think our focus over the last month is just different," said LaCross, whose team has now won seven straight games. "We want to win a championship. That takes the kind of effort defensively we had in the second half. We locked them up, we made them work for everything, we contested shots and

rebounded."

Saint Francis will host third-seeded Bethel at 3 p.m. Saturday. The Pilots defeated Goshen 84-77 on Wednesday.

Saturday's game will be the third between the two teams this season. Saint Francis beat Bethel by nine earlier this month on the road, while the Pilots routed the Cougars by 22 in January at the Hutzell Athletic Center.

For more on the Crossroads League Tournament, follow Justin Kenny on Twitter at jkenny\_ns.

### **Men's Crossroads** League **Tournament**

Indiana Wesleyan 71, Spring Arbor 64 Grace 86 Saint Francis 71, Marian 52 Bethel 84, Goshen 77 Semifinals

**Saturday** Mount Vernon Nazarene (19-12) at Indiana Wesleyan (29-2), 3 p.m.

Quarterfinals Wednesday

Mount Vernon Nazarene 92,

Bethel (26-5) at Saint Francis (25-6), 3 p.m.