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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMPANY LLC FOR APPROVAL OF)
WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT) CAUSE NO. 45967 WNA 2
FACTORS TO BE APPLICABLE DURING THE)
BILLING MONTHS OF OCTOBER 2026) APPROVED: SEP 16 2026
THROUGH MAY 2027, PURSUANT TO IND.)
CODE § 8-1-2-42.)

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers:

Bob Deig, Commissioner

Jon D. Williams, Administrative Law Judge

On July 7, 2026, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (“NIPSCO” or “Petitioner”) filed its Verified Petition for Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) approval of Weather Normalization Adjustment (“WNA”) factors to be applicable for gas service rendered on or after October 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 (the “8-month period”). Also on July 7, 2026, Petitioner prefiled the direct testimony and attachments of Thomas P. Harmon, Manager of Regulatory for NiSource Corporate Services Company (“NCSC”).

On July 28, 2026, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) filed the testimony of Sara F. Marichal, Utility Analyst.

On August 14, 2026, Petitioner filed its Notice of Intent Not to File Rebuttal Testimony.

The Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this Cause at 10:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026, in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. NIPSCO and the OUCC, by counsel, participated in the evidentiary hearing, and the testimony and exhibits of NIPSCO and the OUCC were admitted without objection.

Based upon the applicable law and the evidence of record, the Commission now finds:

1. Notice and Jurisdiction. Notice of the hearing in this Cause was given as required by law. Petitioner is a limited liability company under the laws of Indiana and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission as provided in Indiana Code ch. 8-1-2. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 8-1-2-42, the Commission has jurisdiction over rates and charges for utility service, including tracking mechanisms. Thus, the Commission has jurisdiction over NIPSCO and the subject matter of this Cause.

2. Petitioner’s Characteristics. Petitioner’s principal office is located at 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana. Petitioner renders natural gas utility service in Indiana and owns, operates, manages, and controls, among other things, plants and equipment within Indiana used for the distribution and furnishing of such service to the public. Petitioner is a “public utility”

under Ind. Code § 8-1-2-1 and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission in the manner and to the extent provided by the Public Service Commission Act, as amended, and other pertinent laws of the State of Indiana.

3. Background and Requested Relief. The Commission’s July 31, 2024 Order in Cause No. 45967 (“45967 Order”) approved, among other things, NIPSCO’s Rider 392 – Weather Normalization Adjustment and Appendix H – Weather Normalization Adjustment Factors to reconcile historical or actual base rate revenues to the NIPSCO Authorized Test Year Weather Normalized Revenues approved in the 45967 Order. The 45967 Order became effective August 20, 2024 with the implementation of Step 1 rates and provides for an annual adjustment to factors for bills rendered in October through May.

In this proceeding, Petitioner requests approval of WNA factors to be applicable and made effective for gas service rendered during the 8-month period, pursuant to provisions of the Public Service Commission Act, as amended.

4. Summary of the Evidence.

A. Billing Period. Mr. Harmon testified that the WNA factors proposed in this proceeding and reflected in Petitioner’s Exhibit 1 are for gas service rendered by NIPSCO during the 8-month period. He testified this filing includes actual customer count amounts, the number of actual heating degree days (“HDDs”) for the period October 2025 through May 2026 (the “reconciliation period”), and the adjustments needed to reconcile actual base rate revenues during this period with the test year weather normalized revenues from the 45967 Order.

B. Calculation of Total Weather Normalization Adjustment. Mr. Harmon described the calculation of the total weather normalization adjustment to be collected or refunded by eligible rate class. He sponsored Schedules 1 through 3, included in Attachment 1-A, Attachment A of Petitioner’s Exhibit 1. He explained that Schedule 1 shows the total weather normalization adjustment to be collected or refunded by eligible rate class; Schedule 2 shows the reconciliation of the revenue requirement; and Schedule 3 shows the calculation of the total revenue requirement and resulting WNA factors.

Mr. Harmon stated NIPSCO first calculates the variance to Normal HDDs by month. The Normal HDDs are based upon the weather normalization process sponsored by NIPSCO Witness Bartos in NIPSCO’s most recent gas rate case in Cause No. 45967. The actual HDDs reflect NIPSCO’s actual monthly experience. The difference between the normal and actual HDDs is the variance. He stated the next input into the calculation is the actual customer count amounts by month and eligible rate class and then the monthly heating coefficient by month and eligible rate class. Mr. Harmon testified the calculated therm impact is derived from multiplying the actual customer count by the difference in HDDs times the monthly heating coefficient, and that product is multiplied by the applicable rate class delivery charge by month and eligible rate class to arrive at the monthly WNA by month and eligible rate class. He testified the total weather normalization adjustment to be collected or refunded, by eligible rate class, is then calculated.

Mr. Harmon testified Schedule 2 shows the total WNA variance, reconciling the revenue requirement for the reconciliation period.

Mr. Harmon testified Schedule 3 shows, by eligible rate class, the calculation of the

proposed WNA factors. He explained that Column D shows the total revenue requirement from Column B plus or minus the over / under recovery for the reconciliation period from Column C. He testified Column F then divides the total revenue requirement by the estimated sales for the 8-month period to determine the proposed WNA factors shown in Column F.

Ms. Marichal analyzed NIPSCO's WNA calculations, and determined they contain the necessary elements for calculating the WNA rate factors. She stated NIPSCO's Attachment A, Schedule 1 through Schedule 3, contained in Petitioner's Exhibit 1, accurately reflects the calculations and flow of data inputs from NIPSCO's source documentation.

Ms. Marichal stated NIPSCO's Attachment B includes the new proposed WNA factors and the Appendix H WNA factors, and that the rate factors in Appendix H accurately reflect the rate factors calculated. She testified she has no objections to NIPSCO's requested WNA rate factors.

5. **Commission Discussion and Findings.** Based upon the record evidence, the Commission finds Petitioner's calculation of the total WNA to be consistent with the 45967 Order and approves Petitioner's proposed WNA factors for the 8-month period. Based on the factor for Rate 311, the estimated average monthly bill impact for a typical residential customer using 71 therms per month is a charge of \$1.27.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. Petitioner's requested WNA factors to be applicable for gas service rendered on or after October 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, are approved.

2. Prior to implementing the rates, Petitioner shall file the tariff and applicable rate schedules under this Cause for approval by the Commission's Energy Division. Such rate(s) shall be effective on or after the Order date subject to Division review and agreement with the amounts reflected.

3. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

SWINGER, BAIN, DEIG, JERRELLS, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED: SEP 16 2026

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

Dana Kosco
Secretary of the Commission