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CEL&P rate case: Consumer comments invited December 1 public hearing scheduled in Crawfordsville

Do you want to voice your opinion on the rate increase Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power (CEL&P) is requesting? Here's your chance.

Consumers are invited to comment for the formal case record in either or both of two ways:

1. By sending written comments to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) by December 31, 2015.
2. By speaking at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's (IURC's) public field hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

The IURC's December 1 public field hearing will be held in the Crawfordsville High School Auditorium (1 Athenian Dr.) at 6:30 p.m. An OUCC informational meeting on field hearing procedures and the regulatory process will start at 6:00 p.m.

During the public field hearing:

- Consumers will be able to speak directly to the Commission, under oath and on the record.
- Consumers will also be able to submit written comments for the case record.
- Comments will carry equal weight whether they are oral or written.
- Commissioners are not allowed to answer questions. However, OUCC staff will be available before, during, and after the hearing to address questions about the process.

CEL&P is seeking IURC approval of a \$3.96 million increase in its annual operating revenues. The utility's request would raise the monthly residential electric rate for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) from \$100.98 to \$109.84, including increasing the flat, monthly customer charge from \$15.00 to \$20.50. CEL&P's current rates received IURC approval in 2010.

According to the testimony and exhibits it has filed, CEL&P is requesting the rate increase due to higher operating and maintenance costs, and to pay for capital improvements including a new metering system, a new substation, and various upgrades throughout its electric distribution system and facilities.

For more information on the case, including the utility's testimony, please visit www.in.gov/oucc/2584.htm.

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the IURC – is reviewing the utility's request and has not yet taken a position in this case. The OUCC is scheduled to complete its review and file testimony with the Commission on January 12, 2016.

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Consumers who wish to submit written comments may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email or fax:

- Mail: Consumer Services Staff
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The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments no later than December 31, 2015 so that it can: 1) Consider them in preparing its testimony and 2) File them with the Commission to be included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's **name**, **mailing address**, and a reference to "**IURC Cause No. 44684**."

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

CEL&P is one of nine municipal electric utilities under IURC jurisdiction.

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(IURC Cause No. 44684)

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