

NIPSCO Electric Rate Case

IURC Public Field Hearing - Cause #46120



**Indiana Office of Utility
Consumer Counselor**



Two separate state agencies are involved in this hearing:

The **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)** is holding the hearing to receive public comments on the pending case. It will make a final decision early next year.

The **Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)** represents the public in Commission cases & facilitates public participation in field hearings.

This hearing's purpose is to receive public testimony.
To speak, fill out the top half of a speaker form & return it to the OUCC table.

Field Hearing Basics

- One purpose: To let consumers speak directly to the IURC under oath & on the record.
- No utility presentation. Utilities make their cases through written filings.
- The judge & Commissioners cannot answer questions. This is a legal proceeding, & they are bound by the same ethical rules as a judge in court.
- OUCC staff are available to answer questions.
- No final decision tonight.

Important Reminders for Speakers

- This is a formal, legal hearing. Before speaking, you will be sworn in.
- Speak directly into the microphone so your comments can be clearly heard and transcribed by the court reporter.
- You will be asked to state and spell your name before you state your comment.

**NIPSCO natural gas rates & charges
are not at issue in this case.**

Please focus comments on electric rates or services.



**Written consumer comments
carry the same weight as oral
testimony at field hearings.**

Provide Written Comments

You may provide written comments at today's hearing or you can submit comments online:

www.IN.gov/OUCC/Contact-Us

**All comments must be received by
the end of day on Thursday, Dec. 12.**

**Consumer comments will be filed
as public documents. Please do not
include any sensitive, personal
information.**

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NIPSCO Electric Rate Case Overview

NIPSCO's request would raise annual revenues for its electric utility by approximately \$368.7 million. The flat, monthly connection charge for each residential customer would rise from \$14.00 to \$25.00. The volumetric portion of the bill would also rise. The utility's testimony and exhibits project that an average monthly residential electric bill would rise to \$166.90 for customers using 714 kWh and to \$223.61 for customers using 1,000 kWh when new rates are fully implemented in March 2026.*

In its testimony, the utility states it is seeking the increase to pay for new generation facilities and infrastructure projects throughout its transmission and distribution system.

The utility's current base rates were approved in August 2023.

NIPSCO serves more than 487,000 electric customers in 20 counties. *Natural gas rates are not at issue in this case.*

Several additional parties have intervened in this case, including the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, NLMK Indiana, United States Steel Corporation, RV Industry User's Group, Walmart, and Union Locals 12775 and 13796. Any testimony they file will be due on Dec. 19, 2024.

**IURC Cause No. 46120, Petitioner's Exhibit 16-1*

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Case Timeline

All dates are subject to change.
A settlement is possible in any legal proceeding.

Dec. 5, 2024

Public Field Hearings in Hammond & Gary
Hammond at 12:30pm & Gary at 5pm

Dec. 12, 2024

Public Comment Deadline
Consumers can submit comments online & by mail.

Dec. 19, 2024

OUCC Testimony
*OUCC attorneys & technical experts
will file recommendations.*

Jan. 16, 2025

Rebuttal Testimony
Utility may file testimony in response.

Feb. 5, 2025

IURC Evidentiary Hearing Starts
*Attorneys for the OUCC, the utility, & intervenors may
cross examine each other's technical witnesses.*

March / April 2025

Closing Briefs
*The OUCC, the utility & intervenors may file closing
briefs in the weeks following the evidentiary hearing.*

Summer 2025

IURC Order
*The IURC issues a final order after
considering all evidence.*