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### **Fox Chase Farms sewer rate case: Consumer comments invited**

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written comments on 1<sup>st</sup> American Management Co., Inc.'s request for a sewer rate increase. 1<sup>st</sup> American Management Co. is the court-appointed receiver for MTA, LLC, doing business as Centurian Utilities. It provides wastewater disposal service to 88 homes in the Fox Chase Farms subdivision near Valparaiso and is seeking implementation of the rate increase on an emergency basis.

The OUCC, the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is reviewing the utility's request and has not yet taken a position in this case. The OUCC anticipates completing its review and filing testimony with the Commission on a future date to be determined.

Current sewer rates for Fox Chase Farms were approved in 1995. The company's request would increase its monthly residential sewer bill from \$65.00 to \$95.00 on an emergency basis. In its petition before the IURC, the company states that several other entities have submitted proposals to acquire and operate the utility. However, 1<sup>st</sup> American Management Co. says immediate infrastructure improvements are necessary in the meantime due to numerous problems discovered with the utility's operating system.

More information on this case, including the utility's testimony, is available online at [www.in.gov/oucc/2797.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2797.htm).

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

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Written comments the OUCC receives in the near future will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's **name**, **mailing address**, and a reference to "**IURC Cause No. 44475.**"

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

(IURC Cause No. 44475)

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