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IPL Rate Settlement Receives Approval

A comprehensive settlement agreement in the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. (IPL) rate case received Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approval this afternoon.

The agreement was negotiated by the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and numerous additional parties. Among the benefits:

- The \$17.00 fixed, monthly residential customer charge for most customers, those using more than 325 kilowatt hours (kWh), will remain unchanged. IPL's original proposal in the case would have raised the charge to \$27.00.
- For residential customers using 325 kWh or less per month, the monthly customer charge will rise from \$11.25 to \$12.50. IPL had proposed raising the charge to \$16.00.
- IPL will contribute \$150,000 in shareholder funds for expansion of low-income weatherization projects, and an additional \$650,000 in shareholder funds to start a three-year pilot program to forgive low-income customer arrearages.
- IPL will contribute \$100,000 in shareholder funds to operate its new "roundup" program on a three-year pilot basis. The program will be similar to those offered by many rural electric membership cooperatives (REMCs), allowing customers to round bill payments up to the next dollar, with the difference going to low-income customer assistance.

The approved agreement will allow IPL's overall operating revenues to increase by \$43.9 million. By comparison, IPL requested a \$124.5 million increase at the beginning of this case in December 2017. The settlement agreement was reached and filed with the Commission in July 2018.

"We are pleased that this agreement has received approval, significantly reducing the utility's request," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine. "Keeping the monthly customer charge at its current level is a priority for this office and a major victory for IPL's customers, and sends a strong message to all utilities about the need to hold the line on these fixed charges."

All formal parties to the IPL rate case either joined in the agreement or agreed not to oppose it. Settling parties in addition to the OUCC and IPL include the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC), the City of Lawrence, Indiana Coalition for Human Services, Indiana Community Action Association, IPL Industrial Group (Allison Transmission, Cargill, Eli Lilly and Company, Indiana University Health, Ingredion, PepsiCo, Praxair Surface Technologies, and Vertellus Integrated Pyridenes), the Kroger Company, Rolls-Royce Corporation, the Sierra Club, the University of Indianapolis, and Wal-Mart Stores and Sam's East.

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