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Consumer News...For You! July 2026

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AES Indiana Rate Case

OUCC staff has reviewed the June 19 IURC order and filed a [petition](#) for reconsideration & rehearing on July 7.

The OUCC [opposed](#) both AES Indiana's initial request, and the subsequent settlement agreement. The OUCC stands by its recommendations to reduce current base rates and is respectfully requesting that the IURC reconsider its decision in the case.

The OUCC's petition requests reconsideration of the case with special attention to essential affordability issues such as lowering utility shareholder profits, ensuring ratepayers are not solely responsible for rate case expenses, and other unreasonable expenses.



Case Updates

- [Anderson Municipal Power & Light](#) has filed for a 12.58% rate increase. This is the utility's first rate case since March 2014. The OUCC's testimony is due July 31. [Comments](#) are invited through July 24.
- The IURC launched [two investigations](#) last week looking into ratemaking items affected by [HEA 1002](#) for all five Indiana IOUs.
 - The [first investigation](#) will consider return on equity (ROE) and how it will be affected by the new ratemaking structure. A technical conference is scheduled August 7 at 10:00 AM.

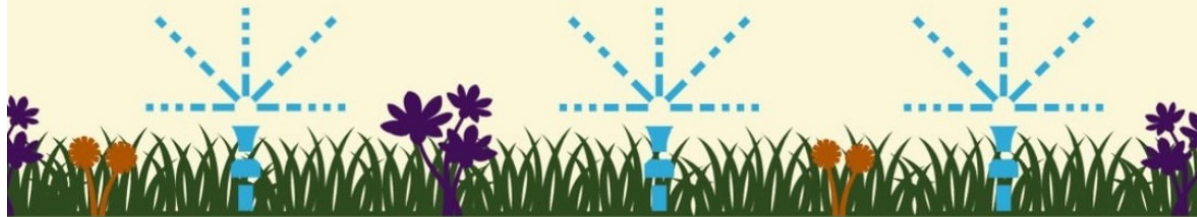
- The [second investigation](#) will review trackers and their necessity within multi-year rate plans (MYRPs). A technical conference will be held August 7 at 1:00 PM.
 - [Crossroads Utilities](#) proposed a 174% increase and the OUCC recommended an across-the-board increase of 27.12%.
 - The OUCC filed its testimony on July 17, 2026, recommending a reduction of [Michigan City's](#) three-phase rate increase from 65.74% to 42.10%. The OUCC's recommendation would save ratepayers \$1,653,838 annually. An evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for September 2.
 - An evidentiary hearing for the [American Suburban Utilities](#) rate case is scheduled for July 30.
 - [Aqua Indiana](#) has filed a rate case for its water and wastewater utilities. The utility is requesting a 2-step rate increase for the wastewater utility which will total a 32.55% system average increase. It is requesting a 3-phase 58.25% system average increase for the water utility. The OUCC will be filing its testimony and recommendations on a date that is still to be determined. [Comments](#) are invited.
 - The [NIPSCO Gas investigation](#) has been extended and the OUCC's testimony will be due September 3. [Comments](#) are invited through August 27.
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Smart Irrigation

July is Smart Irrigation Month. If you water the lawn at your home or business, keep these tips in mind.

- Avoid watering in the middle of the day.
- Remember that some plants need less water than others.
- If you have an irrigation system, be sure to check it for leaks and adjust the schedule regularly to compensate for seasonal changes.
- Be aware of [technology](#) that may keep the system from "overwatering."

Is your irrigation system ready?



A system with a small leak (as thin as a dime)
can waste roughly 6,300 gallons each month.



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