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*Electrical Safety Month * Case Updates*

Electrical Safety Month

This is May.

As every Hoosier knows, it's the month of the 500, Mother's Day, graduations, and unpredictable weather. May is also National Electrical Safety Month. It's an annual reminder to everyone to look for any warning signs in your home, make sure your light fixtures are using the right bulbs, have loose outlets repaired, and throw away any cracked or frayed extension cords.

Review these [tips](#) to learn much more.



Case Updates

- An evidentiary hearing for the [City of Bloomington](#) rate case will be held on June 2. OUCC, the Intervening Parties, and Bloomington negotiated a settlement agreement which, if approved, will result in a reduction of the overall rate increase from 30.5% to 25%, which saves ratepayers \$1.17 million annually. The parties also agreed that residential customers will receive a lower 13.1% rate increase.
- The OUCC filed its report recommending a reduction of [Crossroads Utilities'](#) proposed rate increase from 174.12% to 27.12%. The OUCC's recommendations would save ratepayers \$1.1 million annually. Crossroads filed rebuttal testimony on April 6, 2026, agreeing to several of the OUCC's recommendations and reducing its proposed rate increase to 109.3%. The Commission conducted an evidentiary hearing on May 18, 2026.
- [Michigan City](#) has filed for a three-phase rate increase. The phases cumulatively represent a 65.74% increase. [Comments](#) are invited.
- A final order for the pending [AES Indiana](#) rate case is expected by June 24, 2026. The OUCC has recommended a rate **reduction** of \$21.2 million.
- The OUCC recommended full denial of [Duke Energy's](#) nearly \$300 million Demand Side Management (DSM) plan. The evidentiary hearing for the case was held on April 24.
- The timeline in the ongoing [NIPSCO Gas investigation](#) has been extended. [Comments](#) are invited.

- [Anderson Municipal Power & Light](#) has filed for a 12.58% increase in rates. This is the utility's first rate case since March 2014. [Comments](#) are invited.
- The OUCC recommended a 5.39% increase in the [American Suburban Utilities](#) (ASU) rate case. ASU's initial request was for a 26.23% increase in revenue. ASU's rebuttal testimony will be filed on June 15, and an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for July 9

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To represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education and creative problem solving.



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