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Duke Energy Cayuga Generating Facility: Public Comments Invited *IURC Hearings Scheduled for April 17 in Bloomington & Terre Haute*

If you would like to comment on Duke Energy's proposal to build a new natural gas-fired generating facility in Vermillion County, you have the chance to do so.

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), is inviting written consumer comments for the official case record through May 1, 2025.

In addition, the IURC will hold public field hearings on Apr. 17, 2025 in Bloomington and Terre Haute.

Written Consumer Comments

Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case record may do so via the OUCC's website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, by email at uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov, or by mail at:

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments **no later than Thursday, May 1, 2025**, so that it can: 1) Consider comments in preparing its testimony and 2) File them with the Commission to be included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name and a reference to either **"IURC Cause No. 46193"** or **Duke Energy Generation**. Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

Public Field Hearings

The IURC has scheduled two public field hearings on Thursday, Apr. 17, 2025:

- **Bloomington:** From 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm - Monroe Convention Center Great Room (302 S. College Avenue)
- **Terre Haute:** Starting at 6:00 pm - Ivy Tech Community College Oakley Auditorium (8000 S. Education Drive)

Consumers are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early for an overview of field hearing procedures. Attendees are required to comply with all local health and safety regulations. **No final decisions about the case will be made at the hearings.**

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The sole purpose of a field hearing is to receive public testimony. A final decision in this case is expected later this year.

- Consumers can speak directly to the Commission under oath and on the record.
- Oral comments presented during the field hearings will become part of the case record. They will carry the same weight as written consumer comments submitted to the OUCC by May 1, 2025.
- Utilities do not make presentations or answer questions during field hearings. The focus, again, is on public input. In this case, Duke Energy filed testimony and exhibits in February 2025.
- Commissioners are not allowed to answer questions about the case. They will ultimately render a decision after weighing evidence from the utility, the OUCC, and intervening parties.

Case Overview

Duke Energy is seeking IURC approval to build a new natural gas-fired power plant at the site of its coal-fired Cayuga Generating Station in Vermillion County. The request includes permission to recover costs through future rates.

According to the utility's testimony and exhibits:

- The proposed new plant would include two natural gas-fired combined cycle generating units with a total capacity winter rating of 1,476 megawatts (MW).
- The new units would be placed in service by September 2029 and May 2030. They would replace two coal-fired units that have been in use since the 1970s, with a total capacity winter rating of 1,005 MW.
- Duke Energy estimates project costs at approximately \$3.33 billion*.

Duke Energy initiated this case in February 2025. In its review, the OUCC is focused primarily on whether the proposed facility would provide the most cost-effective means for the utility to meet its generation needs for current and future customers, is consistent with the utility's long-term generation planning, is consistent with the "Five Pillars of Electric Utility Service" as defined in Indiana law, and whether Duke Energy's proposed future rate recovery is reasonable.

Several additional parties have intervened in this case, including the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Reliable Energy, Inc., Vote Solar, and industrial customers including Nucor Steel, Marathon Petroleum Company, International Paper Company, Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Stellantis, and USG Corporation. Any testimony the intervening parties may file is due on May 8, 2025.

A settlement agreement is possible in any legal proceeding. If an agreement is reached, the settling parties are required to present evidence showing it to be in the public interest. The IURC may approve, deny, or modify any settlement it considers.

Duke Energy serves approximately 900,000 electric customers in 69 Indiana counties.

The OUCC is posting case updates online at www.in.gov/oucc/electric/key-cases-by-utility/duke-energy-rates/cayuga-generating-station-cpcn/. Case updates are also available through the agency's monthly electronic newsletter. Consumers can subscribe at www.in.gov/oucc/news.

(IURC Cause No. 46193)

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