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Consumer News...For You!

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Winter Moratorium Ends March 15

If you are behind on your gas or electric bills and need to make payment arrangements, now is the time to contact your utilities. Indiana's [statutory moratorium](#) on energy utility disconnections ends on Mar. 15. If you need financial assistance with bills, Indiana's [2-1-1 helpline](#) is available every day, night, and weekend.

Duke Energy Generating Station

Duke Energy is proposing to build a new 1,476-megawatt [gas-fired generating facility](#) in Vermillion County, at the site of its coal-fired Cayuga Generating Station that is scheduled for retirement by 2030. The request includes authority to recover construction and financing costs through rates in future cases. Project costs are currently estimated at approximately \$3.3 Billion.

The OUCC is reviewing Duke Energy's request and will file testimony on a date to be determined. Written [public comments](#) are invited in the meantime. In addition, the OUCC has asked the IURC to schedule public field hearings in a pending motion.

Other Case Updates

Energy

- A settlement agreement setting parameters for [Indiana Michigan Power's](#) (I&M's) new, large-load electric customers has received IURC approval within the past month. The OUCC, additional consumer advocates, major technology companies, and I&M reached the agreement. It will ensure service availability to large-use customers while preventing the costs of serving them from being shifted to current customers.

- IRC settlement hearing in the [NIPSCO](#) electric rate case is scheduled for Mar. 25, with a Commission order expected this summer.
- [CenterPoint Energy](#) has proposed new energy efficiency plans for its Indiana natural gas utilities. The OUCC is reviewing the proposed plans and will file testimony on a date to be determined.
- A settlement agreement on [Indiana Utilities Corporation's](#) rates has received Commission approval. The utility provides natural gas service in Harrison and Floyd Counties.

Water/Wastewater

- OUCC testimony recommends a significant reduction to [Stucker Fork Conservancy District's](#) proposed water rate increase. The district includes Scott County and portions of additional southern Indiana counties.
- A settlement agreement between the OUCC and City of [Elkhart](#) has received Commission approval. It will allow the average residential water rate to rise from \$12.36 to \$17.38.
- Consumer comments are invited on municipal water rate requests for [Anderson](#) and [Columbus](#).

Fix a Leak Week

If a leaky showerhead drips 10 times each minute and goes unrepaired for a year, it will waste more than 500 gallons of water. That's literally money down the drain on your bill.

March 17-23 is Fix A Leak Week. Spring cleaning is the perfect opportunity to look for leaks around the home and repair them as quickly as you can. Fortunately, most leaks are easy and inexpensive to fix. Several tips for [adults](#) and [kids](#) can help.



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