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*NIPSCO TDSIC * Case Updates * 8-1-1 Before You Dig*

NIPSCO TDSIC

TDSIC (transmission, distribution and storage system improvement charge) plans are used to submit infrastructure improvement plans for IURC approval. This tracker allows the utility to recover 80 percent of the costs as they are incurred. The remaining costs are deferred until the utility's next base rate case, which must be filed before the end of the plan's term.

In December 2025, NIPSCO's gas utility filed for a 7-year TDSIC plan. After revisions, NIPSCO requested \$741 million for gas service extensions, capital

investments, and other various system improvements.

On August 5, the IURC issued a final order denying the entire plan, noting a lack of justification for costs with projects listed.



Case Updates

- The IURC launched [two investigations](#) last week looking into ratemaking items affected by [HEA 1002](#) for all five electric investor-owned utilities. Recommendations from all parties are due to the IURC by August 21.
 - The [first investigation](#) will consider return on equity (ROE) and how it will be affected by the new ratemaking structure of multi-year rate plans (MYRPs).

- The [second investigation](#) will review trackers and their necessity within multi-year rate plans.
 - A hearing for [Anderson Municipal Power & Light](#) has been scheduled for September 21.
 - The OUCC filed testimony recommending a reduction of [Crossroads Utilities'](#) proposed rate increase from 174% to 27.12%, which would save ratepayers \$1.1 million annually if approved.
 - The OUCC filed 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.
 - [American Suburban Utilities'](#) proposed order is due to the IURC by September 11.
 - [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 October 5. [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.
 - At the end of July, Marion Municipal Water Works filed for a 39.21% rate increase to its currently approved rates. [Comments](#) are invited.
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