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INDIANA UTILITY
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**CAUSE NO. 43114 IGCC 4S1** 

VERIFIED PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC. SEEKING (1) APPROVAL OF AN ONGOING REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-8.5 AND 8-1-8.7; (2) AUTHORITY TO REFLECT COSTS INCURRED FOR THE EDWARDSPORT INTEGRATED GASIFICATION COMBINED CYCLE **FACILITY** ("IGCC PROJECT") GENERATING PROPERTY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITS RATES AND AUTHORITY TO RECOVER APPLICABLE RELATED COSTS THROUGH ITS INTEGRATED GASIFICATION **COMBINED CYCLE** COAL GENERATING FACILITY COST RECOVERY ADJUSTMENT, STANDARD CONTRACT RIDER NO. 61 PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-8.8-11 AND -12, (3) OF SUBDOCKET **ESTABLISHMENT** A PROCEEDING TO REVIEW THE COST ESTIMATE FOR THE IGCC PROJECT; AND (4) APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FILED SEPTEMBER 17, 2010, INCLUDING A REQUEST TO UPDATE ITS DEPRECIATION RATES FOR **PRODUCTION** TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND GENERAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

The Presiding Officers, having further considered this matter and recognizing that the continuing need for the Edwardsport IGCC project is a foundational issue to Petitioner's requested relief in this proceeding, find that a Technical Conference should be convened to ensure the Commission and all parties have a full and complete understanding of Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.'s ("Petitioner") Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), as updated in the prefiled testimony submitted in this Cause and related to the continuing need for the Edwardsport IGCC Project.

Therefore, a Technical Conference will be convened at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2010 in Room 222, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At the Technical Conference, Petitioner is expected to provide an executive overview of its IRP as it relates to the continuing need for the Edwardsport IGCC Project. The Commission requests such executive overview be presented by Petitioner's highest ranking officer. The Settling Parties<sup>1</sup> and the Non-Settling

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, the Industrial Group, and Nucor Steel – Indiana.

Parties<sup>2</sup> will next be afforded the opportunity to provide an executive overview of their prefiled evidence relating to the continuing need for the Edwardsport IGCC Project. All parties will then be afforded the opportunity to address any questions or concerns they may have regarding the prefiled evidence to date concerning the continuing need for the Edwardsport IGCC Project. Petitioner shall be prepared to respond to questions concerning the information underlying or included within its IRP and any updates thereto.

In order to allow the Non-Settling Parties adequate opportunity to respond to any new information obtained at the Technical Conference, the Presiding Officers hereby modify the procedural schedule in this Cause as follows:

- 1. The Non-Settling Parties shall prefile their prepared testimony and exhibits in response to the Settlement Agreement and the testimony in support thereof, as well as any supplemental testimony in response to Petitioner's rebuttal testimony concerning the new modeling analyses and related conclusions thereto on or before November 11, 2010.
- 2. The Settling Parties shall file its rebuttal testimony and any reply to the Non-Settling Parties' supplemental testimony on or before November 19, 2010.
- 3. The Evidentiary Hearing in this Cause remains scheduled for November 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Evidentiary Hearing shall continue, as necessary, on November 30, 2010. If the Settling Parties and Non-Settling Parties reach settlement, the agreement and any supporting testimony shall be submitted to the Commission five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Janes D. Atterholt, Chairman

Larry S. Landis, Commissioner

Carolene Mays, Commissioner

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

Loraine L. Seyfried, Administrative Law Judge

Date: 11, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Save the Valley, Valley Watch, and Sierra Club.