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Consumer comments invited on proposed IPL energy efficiency plan

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The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written comments from Indianapolis Power & Light Co. (IPL) customers on the utility's proposed energy efficiency plan for 2017.

The state's five investor-owned electric utilities are offering energy efficiency programs under orders approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). State law requires those utilities to file and obtain IURC approval of proposed energy efficiency plans before the utilities are permitted to recover program costs through rates.

At www.in.gov/oucc/2612.htm, the OUCC offers:

- Information on the legal requirements for the plans,
- An overview of the issues the OUCC is reviewing in energy efficiency cases, and
- Links to pages where consumers can review the specific plans and utility filings.

IPL's current energy efficiency plan expires at the end of 2016. The utility's proposal to continue the plan through 2017, with accompanying rate recovery, is pending as **IURC Cause No. 44792**.

- The utility's testimony and exhibits are available for review at www.in.gov/oucc/2830.htm.
- 13 customer programs are included in the proposed plan: Prescriptive Business Energy Incentives, Customer
 Business Energy Incentives, Business Air Conditioning Load Management, Small Business Direct Install, and 9
 programs specifically for residential customers (Lighting, Income Qualified Weatherization, Air Conditioning
 Load Management, Multi Family Direct Install, Home Energy Assessment, Online Energy Assessment, School
 Kit, Appliance Recycling, and Peer Comparison Reports).
- According to IPL's testimony, the pending proposal for 2017 would cost a residential customer (using 1,000 kWh) up to \$3.25 per month, which is a slight decrease from current costs. By comparison, the same customer is projected to pay approximately \$3.57 per month for IPL's energy efficiency programs through December 2016.
- The OUCC anticipates completing its review and filing testimony on August 11, 2016.
- The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC) has intervened in this case and is also expected to file testimony on August 11, 2016.
- An IURC evidentiary hearing will be held on a future date to be determined.

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IPL provides electric service to about 480,000 customers in Marion County and parts of 9 additional central Indiana counties.

Consumers who wish to submit written comments on the plans may do so via the OUCC's Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, or by mail, email or fax:

Mail: Consumer Services Staff
 Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

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• Fax: (317) 232-5923

Written comments the OUCC receives by August 9, 2016 will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to Cause No. 44792.

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

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(IURC Cause No. 44792)

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