

AES Indiana Electric Rate Case

IURC Public Field Hearing - Cause #45911



Indiana Office of Utility
Consumer Counselor



Two separate state agencies are involved in tonight's hearing.

The **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)** is holding the hearing to receive public comments on the pending case. It will make a final decision next year.

The **Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)** represents the public in Commission cases & facilitates public participation in these hearings.

The OUCC has until Oct. 12, 2023 to take a formal position.
OUCC attorneys, accountants, engineers, & additional analysts are reviewing the utility's testimony & exhibits.

The Case

AES Indiana's request would raise annual revenues by \$134 million. Monthly service charges for most residential customers would rise from \$16.75 to \$25.00. The volumetric part of each customer's base rate would also increase.

In its testimony, the utility states it is seeking the increase due to numerous infrastructure projects, a new data & operations system for customer service, meter data management, field services management, vegetation management costs, & inflationary impacts on operational costs.

The utility's current base rates were approved in 2018.

Additional parties that have intervened in this case include the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Walmart, City of Indianapolis, Rolls-Royce Corporation, The Kroger Co., & industrial customers (including Allison Transmission, Eli Lilly & Co., Indiana University, Indiana University Health, Marathon Petroleum, Ingredion, & Messer). Any testimony they file is due by Oct. 12, 2023.

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.



Written consumer comments carry the same weight as oral testimony at field hearings.

Provide Written Comments

Comments must be received by end of day on Oct. 6.

Mail

OUCC Public Comments
115 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Email

uccinfo@oucc.in.gov

Web

www.in.gov/oucc/contact-us

**Consumer comments will be filed as public documents.
Please do not include any sensitive personal information.*

Field Hearing Basics

- Sole purpose: Consumer testimony.
- Written comments & spoken comments carry equal weight.
- The IURC cannot answer questions. This is a legal proceeding & it is bound by the same ethical rules as a judge in court.
- No utility presentation. Utilities make their cases in writing.
- OUCC staff are available to answer questions.
- No final decision tonight. Order expected Spring 2024.

AES Indiana Rate Case Timeline

All dates are subject to change. A settlement is possible in any legal proceeding.

Oct. 6, 2023

Public Comment Deadline

The OUCC accepts written comments online & by mail.

Oct. 12, 2023

OUCC Testimony

*OUCC attorneys & technical experts will file recommendations.
Intervenors may also file testimony.*

Nov. 8, 2023

Rebuttal Testimony

The utility may file testimony in response.

Dec. 4, 2023

IURC Evidentiary Hearing Starts

Attorneys for the OUCC, utility, & intervenors may cross examine each other's technical witnesses.

Dec. 2023/Jan. 2024

Closing Briefs

The OUCC, utility, & intervenors may file closing briefs in the weeks following the evidentiary hearing.

Spring 2024

Order

The IURC issues a final order after considering all evidence.