

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN RE THE INDIANA OFFICE OF )  
UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S )  
OBJECTION TO THE THIRTY-DAY )  
FILING MADE BY NORTHERN ) THIRTY DAY FILING # 3001  
INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE )  
COMPANY ON APRIL 30, 2012 )  
PURSUANT TO 170 I.A.C. 1-6-1(b) )

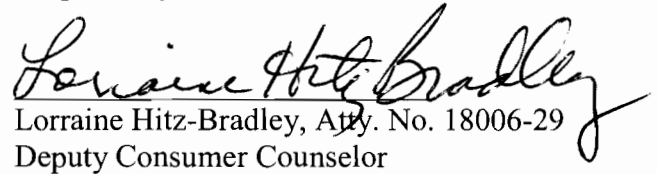
**OBJECTION OF THE INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR  
TO A THIRTY-DAY FILING BY NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY**

Comes now the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"), and hereby files its timely objection to the thirty-day filing ("Filing") made by Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") on April 30, 2012, designated by the Commission as filing #3001. In support of its objection to the Filing, the OUCC states as follows.

1. The Filing proposes a modification to Rider 675 of NIPSCO's tariff pertaining to interruptible load by certain of NIPSCO's industrial customers.
2. The details of Rider 675 were extensively discussed and negotiated as part of the settlement in NIPSCO's rate case Cause No. 43969.
3. The thirty-day filing seeks to change the terms of Rider 675 retroactive to approximately the time that the terms of the settlement were first implemented (December 2011).
4. The changes proposed by NIPSCO substantively alter a term that was a contentious element of the settlement, and therefore the Filing does not meet the requirement that it be noncontroversial as required by 170 I.A.C. 1-6-1(b) and 170 I.A.C. 1-6-7(b)(2)(A)(iii).

WHEREFORE, the OUCC respectfully requests that the Commission deny NIPSCO's thirty-day filing made on April 30, 2012 pertaining to Rider 675 revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

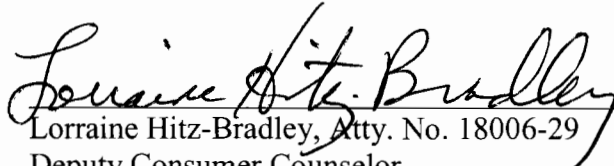
  
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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing **OBJECTION OF THE INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR TO A THIRTY-DAY FILING BY NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY** has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on May 29, 2012.

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