

Via Electronic Mail

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
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RE: Comments of Organizations and Individuals that Participated in Indianapolis Power & Light's 2014 Integrated Resource Plan and Stakeholder Process

Dear Commissioners:

The undersigned individuals and organizations participated in or monitored the stakeholder process for Indianapolis Power & Light's ("IPL") 2014 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). We endorse the comments filed on January 30, 2015, by Synapse Energy Economics on behalf of the Sierra Club.

With regard to process considerations, the undersigned individuals and organizations appreciated the opportunity to participate in IPL's IRP process in 2014. We were pleased that IPL welcomed our participation in this process and that upper management attended meetings, appeared to take stakeholder involvement seriously, and engaged with us throughout the IRP process. The individual meetings were generally well-run: most materials were sent in advance; the meeting location improved after the first meeting; accommodations were made so that people could participate remotely; and the facilitator ensured that the meetings remained on time.

Though we appreciate IPL's efforts to allow for engagement by stakeholders, we offer suggestions for improving the IRP process going forward. In particular, the meetings were designed to be overly heavy on presentations by IPL staff and its consultants with insufficient opportunity to engage in dialogue. In the future, we suggest that time be allocated for stakeholder presentations and dialogue between IPL staff and stakeholders. The lack of such constructive dialogue contributed to insufficiently robust discussion of certain issues, such as solar energy, demand-side management and other sustainable energy options.

Further, we suggest that, in the future, IRP meetings should start earlier in the year and there should be more than three meetings scheduled. In the 2014 process, there simply was not sufficient time to assess and engage with the voluminous information involved. Starting earlier in the

year, and allowing more time between meetings, would allow stakeholders sufficient time to develop and submit comments between IRP meetings. Such iterative meetings and comments should allow for a more robust engagement with key issues. We did appreciate IPL's willingness to extend the deadline for submitting comments in response to our request for more time. In addition, a technical subgroup should be formed to go into more depth with IPL staff on technical information and modeling, for those stakeholders who have interest.

Finally, we suggest that IPL should consider holding at least some meetings in the evening to allow more people to attend. IPL should also create hollow-square room layouts so that all participants have equal space at the table.

Thank you for considering our formal comments on IPL's 2014 IRP and the process suggestions provided here. The undersigned groups look forward to participating in IRP planning processes in the future.

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