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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Chairman James F. Huston  
Commissioners Freeman, Krevda, Ober, and Ziegner

FROM: Commission Technical Divisions

DATE: October 15, 2021

RE: 30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on *Wednesday October 20, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.*

The following thirty-day filings have been submitted to the Commission. Each item was reviewed by the appropriate Commission Technical Divisions and all regulations were met in accordance with 170 IAC 1-6 Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines. Therefore, the following filings listed below and attached hereto are recommended to be considered by the Commission at the next conference:

Attachment Number	30-Day Filing No.	Name of Utility Company	Type of Request	Date Received
1	50455	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.- Gas	Revision of Rates 128 and 138 of IURC Gas Service Tariffs, Original Volume No. 8	9/16/2021
2	50456	Richmond Municipal Power & Light	Revision to Power Cost Adjustment Tracking Factors- 4th Quarter 2021	9/17/2021
3	50434	Preferred Long Distance, Inc.	Intrastate Access	6/25/2021

*Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer*  
*Director, Energy Division*

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**Filing Party:** Northern Indiana Public Service Co. LLC (“NIPSCO”)  
**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50455  
**Date Filed:** September 16, 2021  
**Filed Pursuant To:** 170 IAC 1-6-1 and the Final Order in Cause No. 43629 GCA 58  
**Request:** NIPSCO is proposing to revise Rate 128 – Large Transportation and Balancing Service and Rate 138 – General Transportation and Balancing Service, of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 8.

Under Rates 128 and 138, when a large customer’s actual natural gas consumption is less than the allocated quantity of natural gas by less than 20%, the current tariff provides that NIPSCO purchase that natural gas at a below market rate equal to 70% of the applicable City-gate midpoint. When a customer’s over-delivery exceeds 20%, NIPSCO must purchase the natural gas at 60% of the applicable City-gate price. Conversely, when a large customer’s actual gas consumption is greater than the allocated quantity of natural gas at the City-gate price by less than 20%, NIPSCO is obligated to sell gas to that customer at an above-market rate equal to 130% of the applicable City-gate midpoint. This results in a higher premium being applied to under-deliveries exceeding 20%.

Typically, NIPSCO’s obligation as a supplier of last resort to its large volume customers does not adversely impact Gas Cost Adjustment customers because NIPSCO is either (i) purchasing gas from large volume customers at a below-market rate or (ii) selling gas to large volume customers at an above-market rate; however, the cold weather event that occurred in February 2021 created an imbalance of less than 20%, equivalent to approximately 809,224 Dth for February 2021. In accordance with its tariff, NIPSCO was required to purchase the amount of gas not used at 70% of the applicable City-gate price which, due to the high price of gas at that time, cost approximately \$29.38 million.

Based on this occurrence and in compliance with the Commission’s directive in its May 26, 2021, Order in Cause No. 43629 GCA 58 (“GCA 58 Order”), NIPSCO engaged in a collaborative dialogue with its stakeholders to develop alternative provisions in Rates 128 and 138

relating to over- and under-deliveries. As such, the revisions sought in this filing are the result of that collaborative dialogue.<sup>1</sup>

- Customer Impact:** The revisions impact NIPSCO customers taking service under Rates 128 and 138 of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 8. The revisions are designed to further mitigate risk to NIPSCO and its customers of increased gas costs resulting from under-deliveries.
- Tariff Pages Affected:** Rate 128 – Original Sheet Nos. 52 through 60, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 61, and Original Sheet Nos. 62 through 63; and Rate 138 – Fifth Revised Sheet No. 79, Original Sheet No. 80, and Original Sheet No. 81.
- Staff Recommendations:** The proposed tariff language modifications are consistent with the GCA 58 Order directive to mitigate gas pricing risks for NIPSCO and its customers. Therefore, Staff recommends approval.

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<sup>1</sup> The GCA 58 Order directed NIPSCO to develop and present changes as a part of its next rate case. However, NIPSCO is seeking approval of the revisions in this filing, with an effective date of November 1, 2021, so that the revisions are implemented for the 2021-2022 heating season.

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**Filing Party:** Richmond Municipal Power & Light  
**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50456  
**Date Filed:** September 17, 2021  
**Filed Pursuant To:** Commission Order No. 36835-S3 dated December 13, 1989  
**Request:** A revision to Power Cost Adjustment Tracking Factors, to be applied in October, November, and December 2021.  
**Customer Impact:** See below.

<i>Rate Schedule</i>	<i>Metric</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Resultant</i>
R	\$/kWh	0.008716	0.005250
CL	\$/kWh	0.014330	0.005270
EHS	\$/kWh	0.007932	0.004130
GP and GEH	\$/kW	2.264352	1.155322
	\$/kWh	0.000257	0.000489
LPSS	\$/KVA	2.266754	1.393264
	\$/kWh	0.000307	0.000550
LPSS COIN	\$/kW	1.256918	1.921207
	\$/kWh	0.000205	0.000448
LPSP	\$/KVA	2.266754	1.393264
	\$/kWh	0.000307	0.000550
LPSP COIN	\$/kW	1.256918	1.921207
	\$/kWh	0.000205	0.000448
ISS	\$/KVA	2.266754	1.393264
	\$/kWh	0.000307	0.000550
ISS COIN	\$/kW	1.256918	1.921207
	\$/kWh	0.000205	0.000448
ISP	\$/KVA	2.266754	1.393264
	\$/kWh	0.000307	0.000550
ISP COIN	\$/kW	1.256918	1.921207
	\$/kWh	0.000205	0.000448
LS	\$/kWh	0.001032	0.002238
TS	\$/KVA	2.266754	1.393264
	\$/kWh	0.000307	0.000550
TS COIN	\$/kW	1.256918	1.921207
	\$/kWh	0.000205	0.000448

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Appendix A.

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements met. Recommend Approval. Additionally, there was a technical issue with the review of the 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tracker. Staff has reviewed these rates and found no discrepancies; therefore, Staff recommends approval of these factors as well.

**Filing Party:** Preferred Long Distance, Inc.  
**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50434  
**Date Filed:** June 25, 2021  
**Effective Date:** July 1, 2021  
**Filed Pursuant to:** IC §§ 8-1-2-88.6 & IC 8-1-32.5-11(c); 170 IAC 1-6; IURC Cause No. 44004; and the FCC’s 8YY & USF/ICC Transformation Orders, and related rules.<sup>1</sup>  
**Request:** On June 25, 2021, Preferred Long Distance, Inc. (“Preferred”) updated its intrastate rate structure to reflect new originating rate elements for toll-free (“8YY”) calls and to bifurcate existing elements to accommodate both 8YY and non-8YY originating traffic. Preferred also revised some tandem switching & transport; End Office Access Service; and 8YY database query rates.<sup>2</sup> These changes became effective on July 1, consistent with FCC rules.<sup>3</sup>  
**Retail Customer Impact:** N/A  
**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** I.U.R.C. Tariff No. 2, Sheets 1 & 40.  
**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements in 170 IAC 1-6 and Cause No. 44004 were met. Staff believes applicable FCC requirements were met, as well. **Staff believes the proposed changes are reasonable<sup>4</sup> and recommends final approval.**

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<sup>1</sup>*In the Matter of 8YY Access Charge Reform*, WC Docket No. 18-156 (FCC 20-143, rel. Oct. 9, 2020). (*Hereinafter*, 8YY Order); *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90, et. al., *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* [*Hereinafter*, USF/ICC Transformation order]; 47 CFR 51.911(e) & 47 CFR 61.26. *See, also*, 47 CFR 51.907(i) & 51.911(d).

<sup>2</sup> Effective July 1, the 8YY Order required ILECs to: (1) Reduce 8YY originating intrastate End Office Access Service rates to interstate levels; (2) Eliminate existing originating 8YY tandem switching and transport rates and replace them with a single new rate element (Joint Tandem Switched Transport Access Service), which is subject to a uniform nationwide rate cap of \$0.001/minute on originating interstate and intrastate 8YY traffic; and (3) Begin a three-step transition toward an interim cap of \$0.0002 per 8YY database query, with only one 8YY database query charge allowed per call, to be assessed solely by the originating carrier. CLECs, such as Preferred, were required to benchmark their 8YY originating End Office, 8YY tandem switching and transport, and 8YY database query rates to the corresponding rates and charges of the competing ILEC. 8YY Order, at paras. 25 – 28, & 49; 72, 77, 78, 81, & 82; and 52 & 56. *See, also*, 47 CFR §§ 51.907(i), 51.911(c) – (e), and 61.26.

<sup>3</sup> *See* footnote 2, above. *See, also*, *In the Matter of July 1, 2021, Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings*, paras. 2, 3, & 5, WC Docket No. 21-148 (DA 21-433, rel. April 16, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> IC 8-1-2-88.6.