

## STATE OF INDIANA

## INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER	)		1444 A A AAA
APPROVING UTILITY ARTICLES	)	APPROVED:	MAY 0 2 2018
PURSUANT TO 170 IAC 1-6.	, i		

The Indiana Administrative Code provides for Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code 8-1-1-3 and Ind. Code 8-1-2-42. The thirty-day filing process is available for certain routine and non-controversial requests to facilitate expedited consideration of these matters by the Commission. The rule sets forth the requirements for the thirty-day administrative filings.

The thirty-day filings received pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6 and ripe for Commission action are attached hereto and collectively referred to as the Utility Articles. There are no controversial filings in the Utility Articles approved today.

Pursuant to the rule, the Commission Technical Divisions have submitted their recommendations to the Commission. Therefore, the Commission finds that the requirements of 170 IAC 1-6 have been met and that the Utility Articles attached are hereby approved.

## HUSTON, FREEMAN, OBER, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED: MAY 0 2 2018

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

Mary M. Becerra

**Secretary of the Commission** 

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Commission Chairman James F. Huston

Commissioners Freeman, Ober, and Ziegner

FROM:

Commission Technical Divisions

DATE:

May 2, 2018

RE:

30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on Wednesday May 2, 2018 @ 2:00 p.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	50154	Switzerland County Natural Gas Co.	45032 TCJA Phase 1	3/26/2018

Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer

Director, Energy Division

Filing Party:

Switzerland County Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Switzerland County")

30-Day Filing ID No.:

50154

Date Filed:

March 26, 2018

Filed Pursuant To:

170 IAC 1-6 and Cause No. 45032

Request:

Switzerland County requests to revise portions of its IURC No. G-11 Tariff for Gas Service reflecting the new tax rate applicable to Switzerland County as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for all affected rates and charges in its IURC No. G-11 Tariff for Gas

Service.

**Customer Impact:** 

Increase to rate classes 1R - Residential Service, 1G - General Service, and 2 - Large

Commercial and Industrial Service.

**Tariff Pages Affected:** 

Second Revised Original Sheet Nos. 3, 4, and 5.

Staff Recommendations:

The January 3, 2018 order of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC" or "Commission") in IURC Cause No. 45032 stated that "the purpose of this investigation is to review and consider the impacts from the Act and how any resulting benefits should be realized by customers." The Commission did subsequently authorize impacts from the tax changes to be filed under the Commission's 30-day Administrative Filing Rule in its February 16, 2018 order. However, Switzerland County has proposed a rate increase in this 30-day filing, the Commission's order was to create an administrative procedure for utilities to provide immediate tax relief (i.e., reduction in rates) to customers based on the change in the tax law. However, utilities that faced an increase in rates as a result of the tax change are expected to file such a request in a more formal docketed proceeding such as a subdocket under Cause No. 45032 or through a docketed rate proceeding. As a result, Switzerland County's proposal is outside the scope of IURC Cause No. 45032, and, therefore, staff recommends denial.