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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Commission Chairman James D. Atterholt Commissioners Freeman, Huston, Weber and Ziegner

FROM: Commission Technical Divisions

DATE: December 22, 2017

RE: 30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on *Thursday December 28, 2017 @ 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	50082	Washington Township Water	Request an addition to WTWA's current Schedule of Rates and Charges for the inclusion of a non- recurring charge for utility locates in excess of one locate per sire per person or entity related to the I-69 project.	9/25/2017
2	50096	Citizens Gas	Customer Benefit Distribution ("CBD")	11/22/2017
3	50097	Citizens Thermal Energy	Proposed language changes to the respective Rate 3 Additional Summer Service for the steam utility.	11/27/2017

## Submitted By: E. Curtis Gassert Director, Water/Wastewater Division

Filing Party:	Washington Township Water Authority
<b>30-Day Filing ID No.:</b>	50082
Date Filed:	September 25, 2017
Filed Pursuant To:	170 IAC 1-6
Request:	The utility proposes to add a Utility Locate Charge in the amount of \$31.56 to its non-recurring charges.
Customer Impact:	No direct rate or charge impact.

 Tariff Pages Affected:
 Addition of Page 4 (Tariff pages not currently numbered)

**Staff Recommendations:** Washington Township Water Authority ("WTWA") requests to add a non-recurring charge of \$31.56 per utility locate for locate requests in excess of one per vendor request related to the I-69 project. Based on the facts and circumstances related to this situation, staff recommends approval. The number of utility locate requests for the Washington Township Water Authority has increased dramatically over the past five years from approximately 500 per year to more than 5,000. This increase is directly attributable to the I-69 project which has been extended in duration. The additional locates have necessitated the addition of one employee, additional equipment and monitoring processes. The utility proposes to eliminate the fee when Section 5 of the I-69 project is complete. The fee is designed to recover approximately \$113,616 per year which is specific to the cost increase incurred from the I-69 project. Washington Township Water Authority has less than 1,500 customers. OUCC staff has informally communicated acceptance with the charge because of the impact to utility customers. The proposed fee is similar in amount to independent quotes obtained by the utility.

## Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer Director, Energy Division

Filing Party:	The Board of Directors for Utilities of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis d/b/a Citizens Gas ("Citizens")
<b>30-Day Filing ID No.:</b>	50096
Date Filed:	November 22, 2017
Filed Pursuant To:	170 IAC 1-6
Request:	Citizens Gas requests Commission approval of its updated Customer Benefit Distribution ("CBD") filing, which is made in compliance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in Cause No. 41605. The Settlement Agreement established the CBD for the purposes of: 1) distributing available funds from its unregulated businesses and affiliates or subsidiaries to Citizens Gas customers and 2) providing a means for Citizens Gas to recover certain agreed to FAS106 and FAS71 costs incurred by Citizens Gas.
Customer Impact:	Citizens Gas is proposing to revise the CBD Rider from $(0.0008)$ per therm to $(0.0007)$ per therm.
Tariff Pages Affected:	Seventh Revised Page No. 503 (Rider C, Customer Benefit Distribution).
Staff Recommendations:	Requirements met; staff recommends approval of the updated CBD rate.

## Submitted By: Jane Steinhauer Director, Energy Division

Filing Party:	Citizens Thermal
<b>30-Day Filing ID No.:</b>	50097
Date Filed:	November 27, 2017
Filed Pursuant To:	Commission Order No. 44781 dated November 22, 2016
Request:	Revision to Rate 3 – Additional Summer Service tariff.
	The Additional Summer Service tariff currently provides a reduced charge for customers of steam chilling and other warm weather applications during the months of April through October, regardless of outside temperature, and during the months of November through March when the mean temperature for the previous day was 40 degrees or higher. Citizens Thermal is requesting to change the language so the rate is allowed from November through March when the forecasted mean temperature for the following day is 40 degrees or higher, according to the National Weather Service forecast.
	Citizens Thermal states that using the forecasted temperature will allow customers better utilization of steam services.
<b>Customer Impact:</b>	N/A
Tariff Page(s) Affected:	Steam Terms and Conditions, First Revised Page No. 103
Staff Recommendation:	Recommend approval.