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CITIZENS WATER RATES The OUCC, Citizens Energy Group, & intervening parties have reached a <u>settlement agreement</u> in the utility's pending water rate case. Provisions include a lower rate increase than originally requested, along with no increases in the utility's fixed charges for residential customers.

## JANUARY 2016

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consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, and creative problem solving.

### ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

<u>Duke Energy & NIPSCO</u> are seeking approval of proposed electric infrastructure plans that would cost \$1.83 billion & \$1.33 billion, respectively. Under the proposals, rates would rise over the next seven years to pay for projects in the plans. The OUCC is inviting <u>consumer comments</u> and will be filing testimony in the coming weeks.

#### JANUARY = A BUSY MONTH

The OUCC is filing testimony in several key cases this month, including the <u>NIPSCO</u> electric rate case, <u>Citizens</u> sewer rate case, <u>&</u> more. We'll be posting updates on our website.



CELEBRATING 200 YEARS Indiana's bicentennial celebration kicked off on Statehood Day, December 11. Fourth grade students from throughout Indiana toured the Statehouse and visited informational booths hosted by a wide range of state agencies, including the

OUCC. If you'd like to have us at an upcoming event, please let us know.

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