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Bill Assistance

Applications are still being taken through May 15 for the federally funded [Energy Assistance Program](#) (EAP) and the [Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program](#) (LIHWAP).

Qualifying consumers can apply [online](#) or at a local [intake office](#). There is an office in each Indiana county. Consumers can also call [Indiana 2-1-1](#) to get connected with additional resources. The 2-1-1 help line is reachable 24/7.

Indiana American Water

The OUCC's analysts and attorneys have started reviewing [Indiana American Water Company's](#) (IAWC's) newly filed rate case. The utility's requested \$86.7 million increase would raise annual revenues by approximately 31 percent. The OUCC will file testimony on July 13.

The utility provides water to about 328,000 customers in 23 counties throughout the state. It also provides sewer utility service in parts of 5 counties. Consumer comments are invited from all IAWC customers. All [written comments](#) must be submitted by close of business on July 6.

I&M Generation Projects

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is [requesting](#) Commission approval to purchase and operate two new solar facilities in Indiana, and purchase power from two additional solar facilities. The four projects would have a total capacity of 749 megawatts. The OUCC is scheduled to file testimony on May 19 and is inviting [consumer comments](#) through May 12.

In a [separate case](#), I&M is requesting approval to purchase and operate a 210-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant in Wells County. OUCC testimony is due June 15.

Duke Energy Settlement

A settlement agreement resolving certain issues related to Duke Energy's coal ash remediation costs has received Commission [approval](#). It will provide Duke Energy's Indiana customers with \$70.25 million in refund credits, and \$23.2 million in annual credits going forward.

The agreement stemmed from the Indiana Supreme Court's [reversal](#) of part of the utility's last rate case order.

Additional Cases

Energy

- The OUCG has filed testimony recommending approval of in AES Indiana's [quarterly fuel cost adjustment](#). It would reduce a 1,000 kWh residential bill by \$23.09 due to reduced coal and natural gas costs. The adjustment also includes a \$6.8 million, three-month credit to consumers as agreed on in the [Eagle Valley Outage](#) settlement.
- NIPSCO's newly approved fuel adjustment (FAC) will reduce a 1,000 kWh residential electric bill by \$29.80 due to lower generating fuel costs. [Indiana Michigan Power](#) (I&M) has also received Commission approval of its most recent FAC. The OUCG filed testimony supporting both requests.
- Closing briefs are being filed in NIPSCO's electric [rate case](#) this month. A final order is expected this summer.
- The OUCG has filed its [proposed order](#) in the CenterPoint Energy [Wind Generation](#) case and is recommending denial.
- A rate settlement between the OUCG and [Citizens Gas of Westfield](#) has received [Commission approval](#). It will allow annual rates to rise by \$752,000, compared to the utility's initial \$1.29 million request.

Water/Wastewater

- The OUCG is scheduled to file testimony in the [Marion Municipal Water](#) rate case on May 9.
- A settlement agreement has been reached in the [East Chicago Municipal Water](#) rate case. A Commission order is expected later this year.
- The [City of Evansville's](#) water financing case has been [stayed](#).
- The OUCG, LMH Utilities, and Crossroads Utilities have reached a [settlement agreement](#) on the Dearborn County sewer utility's proposed sale. The OUCG filed [supporting testimony](#) on Apr. 14.

Electrical Safety Month

Did you know that electrical fires kill nearly 500 Americans and injure more than 1,400 each year? Home electrical fires across the United States cause an estimated \$1.3 billion in property damage annually, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International ([ESFI](#)). May is National Electrical Safety Month, an annual reminder to:

- Check electrical cords for any damage,
- Use the correct light bulbs in each fixture,
- Have loose outlets repaired,
- Test smoke detectors regularly, and
- Recognize any [warning signs](#) that may be in your home.



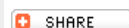
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