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CONSUMER NEWS... FOR YOU!
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YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD

IURC public field hearings are coming up in two major cases.

[IPL Infrastructure Plan:](#)

Tues., Sept. 3: New Augusta Public Academy North

Tues., Sept. 10: University of Indianapolis

The OUCC is inviting written consumer comments through Oct. 1.

[Duke Energy Rate Case:](#)

Mon., Sept. 9: Carmel High School

Mon., Sept. 23: Terre Haute South High School

Tues., Oct. 1: New Albany Floyd County CSC Facilities Services Center

The OUCC is inviting written consumer comments through Oct. 23.

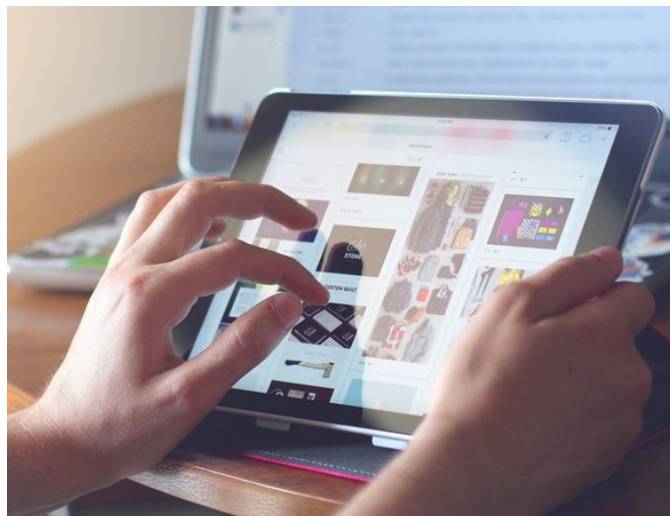


I&M RATE CASE

The OUCC's recommendations in the [Indiana Michigan Power](#) (I&M) rate case would deny most of the utility's \$172 million request. Our analysis shows that an increase of less than \$2 million is warranted. Our testimony recommends keeping the residential fixed charge at its current level & denying the utility's proposal for declining block rates for residential customers. An IURC order is expected in March 2020.

ADDITIONAL RATE CASES

- The OUCC & additional parties recently filed closing briefs in the [NIPSCO](#) electric rate case.
- Two natural gas utilities ([Boonville](#) & [Community](#)) have reached agreements in principle with the OUCC in their pending cases. Additional filings are due in September.
- Our testimony on the [Martinsville](#) municipal water utility's request is due in November.



MORE BROADBAND FOR RURAL INDIANA

Governor Eric J. Holcomb recently announced more than [\\$22 million in new funding](#) for broadband expansion to unserved communities throughout Indiana. Local communities, rural cooperatives, & telecommunications providers are matching the funds with an additional \$14 million. The funding will extend broadband to more than 4,800 unserved homes & businesses in 12 counties, as part of the Governor's \$1 billion Next Level Connections program. In addition, the [Indiana 5G Zone](#) will open in Indianapolis this fall. This first-of-a-kind facility will include a new research lab where the next generation of broadband technologies, service applications, & products will be tested. Indianapolis is 1 of only 2 US metropolitan areas chosen by both Verizon & AT&T for the launch of their new 5G networks.

CLEAN POWER & HOOSIER HOSPITALITY

The [American Wind Energy Association](#) has selected Indianapolis as the site of its June 2021 CLEANPOWER conference. More than 10,000 visitors are expected. "It is important to recognize how clean energy & tourism collectively work together to better our communities," said Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch. "As we host the 2021 CleanPower, I hope to find new & innovative solutions to clean energy while promoting Indianapolis' tourist destinations."



OUR MISSION

To represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, & creative problem solving.

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