

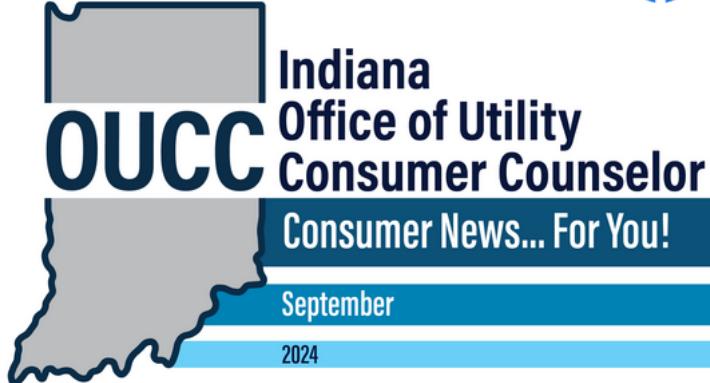
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CenterPoint Energy

The IURC hearing in the [CenterPoint Energy](#) electric rate case is scheduled for Sept. 10 and 11. It will be livestreamed [online](#).

The OUCC and additional parties are opposing the utility's settlement agreement with industrial customers, which would raise annual electric rates by about \$80 million if approved.

Natural gas rates are not at issue in this case.

Closing briefs from the case's formal parties are expected in late September and mid-October. An order will be issued in early 2025.

Duke Energy

Formal parties in the [Duke Energy](#) rate case will file closing briefs in writing over the next few weeks.

- The utility's proposed order is due Sept. 26.
- Proposed orders and briefs from the OUCC and additional parties are due Oct. 18.
- Duke Energy will then have until Oct. 31 to file a reply brief.

A Commission order is expected in early 2025. The case's evidentiary hearing concluded this week.

The OUCC is recommending a 60 percent [reduction](#) to Duke Energy's pending request, with the agency's analysis showing that an increase of less than \$185 million is warranted based on the case's evidence and applicable law. The utility has requested nearly \$492 million in new, annual operating revenues.

In addition to its testimony, the OUCC has filed more than 5,600 pages of written consumer comments for the formal case record.

Additional Cases

- The OUCC is inviting [written consumer comments](#) through Sept. 11 in the [Eastern Heights Utilities](#) rate case.
- OUCC recommendations in two natural gas rate cases are due this month. The agency is reviewing requests from [South Eastern Indiana Natural Gas Co.](#) and [Indiana Utilities Corporation](#).
- An IURC public field hearing is [scheduled](#) for Oct. 1 in the [Elkhart](#) municipal water rate case.
- Indiana American Water Company's acquisition of Silver Creek Water Corporation in Clark and Floyd counties has received IURC [approval](#).

September Savings

Since September is the 9th month of the year, here are 9 reminders:

1. Consider a home energy audit through your utility or [online](#).
2. Schedule maintenance on your HVAC system.
3. Change your HVAC filter regularly.
4. Swap old lightbulbs for LEDs.
5. Keep exhaust fans off.
6. Water lawns and plants in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
7. Check toilets for leaks on a regular basis.
8. Set your water heater at 115 or 120 degrees.
9. When purchasing new appliances, consider products with the [WaterSense](#) and [Energy Star](#) labels for maximum savings.

Interested in additional tips? The OUCC has more info on [water](#) and [energy](#) savings!

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