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The OUCC invites consumer

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Commission, & we invite them

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To represent all Indiana

consumers to ensure quality,

reliable utility services at the

most reasonable prices possible

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#### RATE CASE UPDATE

Closing arguments in the  $\underline{\mathsf{IPL}}$  rate case & investigation will be filed over the next few weeks.

We'll file testimony in the <u>Citizens</u> Water rate case on Oct. 13 & have started reviewing the new sewer case Citizens has filed. Other new rate cases include requests from sewer utilities in <u>Hamilton & Tippecanoe</u> Counties, & from the <u>NIPSCO</u> & <u>Crawfordsville</u> electric utilities.

#### ADDITIONAL SAVINGS FOR DUKE ENERGY CUSTOMERS

A new agreement regarding Duke Energy's Edwardsport power plant will save consumers an additional <u>\$85 million</u> if approved. It will increase total ratepayer savings related to the project to nearly \$1 billion.

ENERGY RESEARCH AT SCHOOLS Schools in Bloomington & Kokomo will be saving solar & wind energy for future use. It's part of a <u>partnership</u> among the OUCC, Duke Energy, and Southern Indiana's Battery Innovation Center.





IS YOUR FURNACE READY?

season around the corner, now is the time to have your furnace checked. If it's fully tuned up, it will help you save energy & money.

A furnace tune-up is one of many steps consumers can take to get ready for winter, and the <u>OUCC's</u> <u>website</u> offers a host of low-cost and no-cost tips that will add up to savings. If you're concerned about spikes in you winter heating bills, <u>budget billing</u> can help. Most Indiana electric & natural gas utilities offer it.

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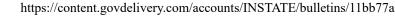
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