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## Consumer News...For You!

### June 2025

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#### **Summer is Approaching...**

...and so are the higher electric bills that come with warmer weather.

The newly launched [Indiana Energy Saver Program](#) will offer home energy audits for eligible consumers this summer. The Indiana Office of Energy Development is administering the program with the support of \$182 Million in federal funding.

You can also prepare for summer by signing up for your utility's budget billing option, which levelizes your monthly payments to provide greater certainty. [Additional steps](#) that can help include having your HVAC system tuned up, setting ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise, keeping exhaust fans off, and closing blinds and drapes during the day.



## AES Rate Case

AES Indiana has filed a [new rate case](#), seeking a \$192.9 Million increase in its annual operating revenues. According to AES, a monthly residential electric bill for 1,000 kWh would rise to \$177.60 under the utility's request. The utility's testimony states it is seeking the increase due to infrastructure improvements and increases in operating costs.

The OUCC is using its legal and technical resources to review the request and expects to file testimony in September. Written consumer comments are invited with an IURC order expected next year.

Updates will be posted on the [OUCC website](#) as the case progresses.

## Duke Energy Cayuga Plant

The OUCC is [recommending denial](#) of Duke Energy's proposal to build a new \$3.3 Billion power plant in Vermillion County, including permission to recover costs through future rates. The proposed facility would replace the utility's coal-fired Cayuga Generating Station.

In formal testimony from 7 witnesses, the OUCC explains that the utility did not sufficiently evaluate all possible options for meeting customers' power supply needs, and did not take adequate steps to protect customer affordability.

An IURC evidentiary hearing is scheduled to start on June 19 with a final order expected later this year.

## Case Updates

- [Indiana Michigan Power \(I&M\)](#) has filed a proposed 3-year energy efficiency plan including programs for 2026 through 2028. The OUCC is reviewing the plan and programs, and expects to file testimony this

summer.

- OUCC testimony on [Community Natural Gas Company's](#) rate request is due June 13. The utility serves parts of 10 counties in Southern Indiana.
- The [City of Anderson](#) is scheduled to file its proposed order on its proposed water rate increase on June 27. A proposed order and closing brief from the OUCC are due July 22.
- Consumer comments are invited on pending rate requests from two Monroe County water utilities. The OUCC is scheduled to file recommendations in August on the requests from [B&B Water Project](#) and [Southern Monroe Water Authority](#).

## Wipes Clog Pipes

It's OK to use baby wipes & disinfecting wipes. But they are not really "flushable" even if the packaging says so and should be put in the trash and not the toilet.

Wipes are not made to break down like toilet paper, leading to massive clogs in sewer lines and at treatment plants that have to be cleaned out by machinery or even by hand. That raises maintenance costs for sewer utilities and is a [problem facing sewer utility services](#) throughout the nation.



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



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