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## Consumer News...For You! June 2026

*AES Indiana Rate Case \* Duke Energy Appeal \* Case Updates*

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### **AES Indiana Rate Case**

On June 19, the IURC modified and approved a [settlement agreement](#) among AES Indiana, industrial customers, Walmart, Rolls-Royce Corporation and the City of Indianapolis that will allow the utility to raise annual revenue by \$71 million.

Governor Mike Braun and OUCC Utility Consumer Counselor Abby Gray [spoke out](#) against the order.

OUCC staff is reviewing the order and anticipate filing a petition for reconsideration & rehearing on or before July 7.



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## Duke Energy Appeal

The OUCC has requested the full [Commission review](#) of a recent docket entry authorizing Duke Energy Indiana to collect approximately \$86.5 million more annually than the Commission approved in Duke Energy Indiana's last rate case.

The OUCC disagrees with Duke Energy's stance that this annual amount is merely a refinement of the rate increase which the Commission approved.

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## Case Updates

- The OUCC, City of Bloomington Customer Group (Indiana University and IU Health), and the [City of Bloomington](#) negotiated a settlement reducing the proposed overall rate increase from 30.5% to 25%, which saves ratepayers \$1.17 million annually. The parties also agreed that residential customers will receive a 13.1% rate increase, which is significantly lower than the overall rate increase.
- The OUCC has recommended significant reductions to [Crossroads Utilities'](#) proposed 174% increase.

- [Crossroads Utilities](#) proposed a 174% increase and the OUCC recommended an across-the-board increase of 27.12%.
  - [Michigan City](#) has filed for a three-phase water rate increase. The phases cumulatively represent a 65.74% increase.
    - A public field hearing is being held on July 6 at 6:00 PM central time in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall (100 E. Michigan Blvd).
    - [Comments](#) are invited through July 7.
  - An evidentiary hearing for the [American Suburban Utilities](#) rate case is scheduled for July 30.
  - [Aqua Indiana](#) has filed a rate case for its water and wastewater utilities. The utility is requesting a 2-step rate increase for the wastewater utility which will total a 32.55% system average increase. It is requesting a 3-phase 58.25% system average increase for the water utility. The OUCC will be filing its testimony and recommendations on a date that is still to be determined. [Comments](#) are invited.
  - The [NIPSCO Gas investigation](#) has been extended. [Comments](#) are invited.
  - [Anderson Municipal Power & Light](#) has filed for a 12.58% rate increase. This is the utility's first rate case since March 2014. The OUCC's testimony is due July 31. [Comments](#) are invited through July 24.
  - The IURC has approved the [acquisition](#) of Switzerland County Natural Gas Company (Switzco) by Vevay Municipal Utilities.
  - A final order has been issued for the [City of Fort Wayne's](#) water rate case, approving an annual increase of 5% for 3 consecutive years.
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## Wipes Clog Pipes

If you use baby wipes & disinfecting wipes, 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](#) sewer utility services face throughout the nation.

# CLEANING WIPES BELONG IN THE TRASH, NOT THE TOILET.



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## Our Mission

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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