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Liberty Green Renewables case: Public meeting and hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 in Scottsburg

Two public events regarding Liberty Green Renewables Indiana, LLC's proposal to build and operate an electric generating facility in Scottsburg are scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2010. Both events will be held at Scottsburg High School (500 South Gardner):

- At 5:30 p.m., the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) will conduct an information meeting to discuss the regulatory process and describe public field hearing procedures.
- At 6:00 p.m., the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) will conduct a formal public field hearing to accept oral and written consumer comments regarding Liberty Green's proposal.
- Oral and written comments submitted at the field hearing will become part of the evidentiary record considered by the IURC in reaching its final decision. Commissioners are not permitted to answer consumer questions during the formal field hearing.

Liberty Green is seeking IURC approval to build and operate a 28-megawatt electric generating facility in Scottsburg. According to the company's testimony, the proposed facility would use organic waste wood as its fuel and would sell power on the competitive, wholesale electricity market.

The OUCC – the state agency representing the interests of all Indiana consumers in IURC cases – is reviewing Liberty Green's proposal and has not yet taken a position in this case. The OUCC is currently scheduled to file testimony on July 20, 2010. Issues that are under examination include the proposed plant's impact on the wholesale electric transmission system, on Indiana utilities, on customer rates, and on future electric needs for Indiana consumers. The OUCC is also reviewing the impact such a facility may have on non-electric utilities (including water and sewer), among other factors.

Two additional parties – the Concerned Citizens of Scott County, Inc. (CCSC) and the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (CAC) – have formally intervened in this case through legal counsel. Testimony from intervening parties is due on July 20, 2010, the same date as the OUCC's testimony.

In addition to requiring IURC approval concerning its operation as a utility, the proposed plant would also need pollution control permits from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in order to operate. At this time, Liberty Green's permit requests for proposed facilities in Scottsburg and in Crawford County, Indiana are pending before IDEM.

The pending IURC proceeding would apply strictly to Liberty Green's proposed Scottsburg facility. No IURC case regarding the company's Crawford County proposal is currently pending.

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Consumers who are unable to attend the May 26 events in Scottsburg are encouraged to submit written comments to the OUCC. The OUCC accepts written consumer comments by mail, fax or the Internet:

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All written comments should include the consumer's **name, mailing address**, and a reference to **IURC Cause No. 43851**. Comments the OUCC receives by the close of business on July 13, 2010 will be filed with the IURC for inclusion in the case's formal evidentiary record.

For more information on this case, including links to the company's testimony and exhibits, please visit the OUCC Website at www.in.gov/oucc/2610.htm.

The OUCC also offers a guide to state utility regulatory proceedings at www.in.gov/oucc/2369.htm.

(IURC Cause No. 43851)

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