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Electrical Safety Month

Welcome to the Month of May. As every Hoosier knows, it's the month of the 500, Mother's Day, graduations, and unpredictable weather. May is also National Electrical Safety Month. It's an annual reminder to everyone to look for any warning signs in your home, make sure your light fixtures are using the right bulbs, have loose outlets repairs, and throw away any cracked or frayed extension cords.

Review [these tips](#) to learn much more.

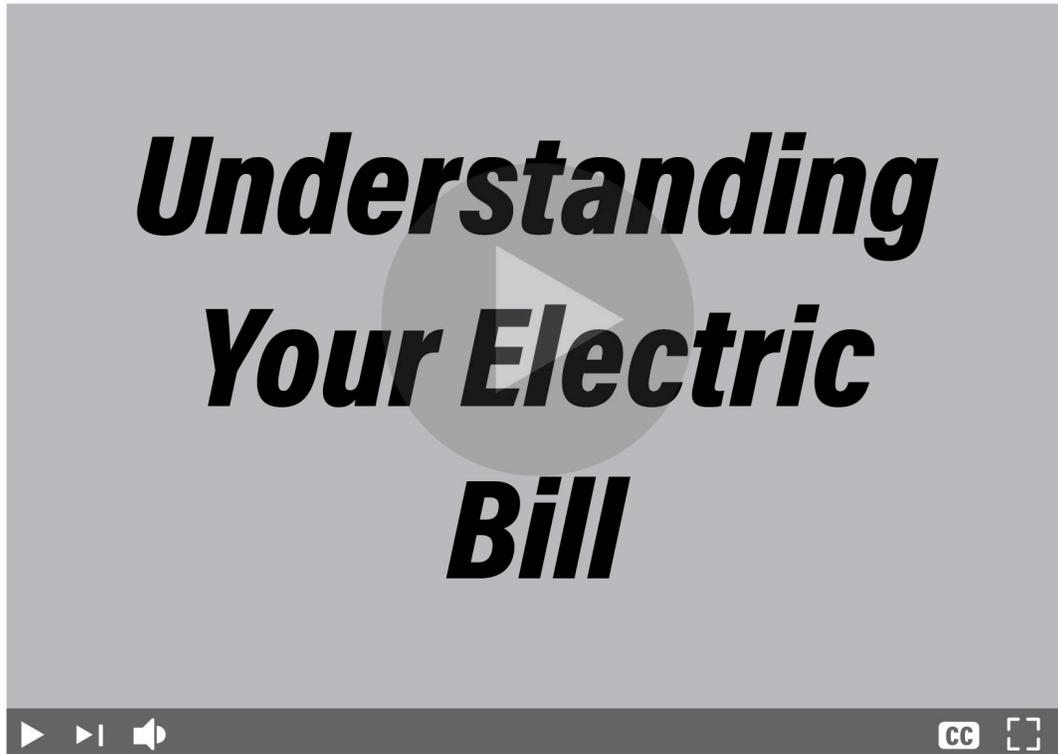
Case Updates

- OUCC Testimony on [Duke Energy's](#) proposed new 1,476-megawatt power plant in Vermillion County is due May 8. The utility estimates the Cayuga project costs at \$3.3 Billion.
- [Indiana Michigan Power](#) is seeking to buy and operate an 870 MW natural gas-fired power plant in northwestern Ohio. The OUCC anticipates filing testimony in July.
- [CenterPoint Energy](#) is seeking cost recovery for a 170 MW wind project in Iowa. OUCC testimony is due June 11.
- A 3-year energy efficiency plan for [CenterPoint Energy's](#) natural gas utilities is pending, with OUCC testimony due May 22.
- The OUCC is inviting consumer comments in the [Community Natural Gas Co.](#) rate case.

- The OUCC has reached a water rate settlement agreement with the [City of Columbus](#) and an agreement in principle with [Stucker Fork Conservancy District](#) in southern Indiana.

Understanding Your Electric Bill

Have you ever wondered about the line items on your electric bill? Wondered what a customer service charge is, or what the "MISO Cost Adjustment" pays for? The OUCC frequently receives consumer questions like these, so we have put together a brief video. It answers those questions while giving an overview of various charges and what they cover.



Attorney Lorraine Hitz's Retirement

Lorraine has been a dedicated public servant for decades, having served as a prosecutor, judge, and consumer advocate. Her focus as an administrative law judge at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission included many years in the telecommunications and water/wastewater space before she transitioned to the OUCC. As an attorney for the OUCC for the last 14 years, Lorraine has worked on numerous cases before state regulators and appellate courts, including a successful oral argument before the Indiana Supreme Court. Lorraine's advocacy has saved Hoosier ratepayers millions of dollars. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her new chapter, which includes plans to garden, quilt, and enjoy many other hobbies.

Happy
Retirement
Lorraine!



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