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AES Rate Case: Public Comments Invited

Four IURC Hearings Scheduled - OUCC Accepting Written Comments

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written public comments on AES Indiana's pending rate request through Sept. 2, 2025.

In addition, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) will hold a total of four public field hearings to receive consumer testimony in the rate case.

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the IURC – is using its technical and legal resources to review AES Indiana's proposal. Formal testimony from the OUCC is due Sept. 9, 2025.

Written Consumer Comments

Consumers who wish to submit written comments for the case record may do so via the OUCC's website at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm or by mail at:

Public Comments
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Consumer comments will be included in the formal case record for Commission review. Comments should not contain sensitive or personal information as comments will become viewable and searchable once posted to the IURC's online case file. Consumers with questions about commenting can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff at 1-888-441-2494.

The OUCC needs to receive all written consumer comments **no later than Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2024**, so that it can: 1) Consider them in preparing its testimony and 2) File them with the Commission to be included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, city, zip code, and a reference to either "**IURC Cause No. 46258**" or "**AES Rates**."

Public Field Hearings

The IURC has scheduled a total of four public field hearings in this case:

- **Monday, Aug. 18, 2025:** Indianapolis Public Library – West Perry Branch, 6650 S. Harding St. (Community Room)
- **Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025:** Southeast Community Services, 901 Shelby St. (2nd Floor Auditorium)
- **Monday, Aug. 25, 2025:** New Augusta North Public Academy, 6450 Rodebaugh Rd. (Auditorium)
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025:** The Fort Event Center at Fort Harrison State Park, 6002 N. Post Rd. (Blue Heron Ballroom)

Each hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Consumers are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early for an overview of field hearing procedures and the rate case process. No final decisions about the case will be made at the hearings.

The sole purpose of a field hearing is to receive public testimony. A final decision in this case is expected next year.

- Consumers can speak directly to the Commission under oath and on the record.
- Oral comments presented during the field hearings will become part of the case record. They will carry the same weight as written consumer comments submitted to the OUCC by Sept. 2, 2025.
- Utilities do not make presentations or answer questions during field hearings. The focus, again, is on public input. In this case, AES Indiana filed testimony and exhibits in June 2025.
- Commissioners are not allowed to answer questions about the case. They will ultimately render a decision after weighing evidence from the utility, the OUCC, and intervening parties.

Case Overview

AES Indiana's request would raise the utility's annual revenues by approximately \$192.9 million. The flat, monthly connection charge for a residential customer using more than 325 kilowatt hours (kWh) would rise from \$17.00 to \$20.00. The volumetric portion of the bill would also rise. The utility's testimony and exhibits project that a monthly residential electric bill would rise to \$177.60 for a customer using 1,000 kWh when new rates are fully implemented in January 2027.*

In its testimony, the utility states it is seeking the increase to pay for infrastructure projects throughout its transmission and distribution system, along with increases in operating and maintenance expenses.

AES Indiana's current base rates received IURC approval in April 2024. The utility serves approximately 532,000 customers in 10 counties.

Several additional parties have intervened in this case, including the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, City of Indianapolis, The Kroger Co., Walmart, and industrial customers including Allison Transmission, Eli Lilly and Company, Indiana University, Ingredion, Marathon Petroleum Company, and Messer. Any testimony they file will be due on Sept. 9, 2025.

The OUCC is posting case updates online at www.in.gov/oucc/electric/key-cases-by-utility/ipl-rates/aes-2025-rate-case/. Case updates are also available through the agency's monthly electronic newsletter. Consumers can subscribe at www.in.gov/oucc/news.

(IURC Cause No. 46258)

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) represents Indiana consumer interests before state and federal bodies that regulate utilities. As a state agency, the OUCC's mission is 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.