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Consumer News...For You! October 2025

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Winter Heating

Indiana's major natural gas utilities have released their projections for the upcoming winter heating season.

- [CenterPoint Energy North](#)
- [CenterPoint Energy South](#)
- [Citizens Gas](#)
- [NIPSCO](#)

State law allows utilities to recover [wholesale gas costs](#) on a dollar-for-dollar basis, without profit, subject to OUCC review and IURC approval.

Consumers can prepare for winter now by taking steps to improve energy efficiency and considering budget billing, which levelizes payments over the long term and provides predictability on monthly bills. If you qualify or believe you may qualify for financial assistance, contact your local service provider for the [Energy Assistance Program](#).



AES Rate Case

AES Indiana and several intervening parties have reached a settlement agreement in the utility's pending [rate case](#).

The OUCC is not a party to the settlement and will [oppose it](#). The Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana is also not a settling party. Responsive testimony will be due on a date to be determined.

The IURC can approve, deny, or modify any settlement agreement it considers. The settling parties have the burden of proof to show the agreement is in the public interest.

A Commission order is expected next year.

Case Updates

- Public comments on [Indiana Michigan Power's](#) proposed expedited generation resource (EGR) plan are invited through Nov. 3. OUCC testimony is due Nov. 7.
- The OUCC has filed a motion for reconsideration in the [NIPSCO GenCo](#) case, focusing on the portion of the recent IURC order granting eminent domain to the new company.
- All filings and hearings are complete on [Duke Energy's](#) proposal to build a new generating facility in Vermillion County.
- The OUCC and Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corporation have reached an [agreement in principle](#) in the utility's pending rate case, with a formal settlement expected soon.
- A [settlement agreement](#) in the Community Natural Gas rate case has received Commission approval. The utility serves 10 southern Indiana counties.
- [Lafayette's](#) municipal water utility has filed a new rate case. OUCC testimony will likely be due in January.

Vampire Power

This Halloween you might spot mini vampires ringing your doorbell for treats, but there’s a sneakier kind of vampire to be on the lookout for: The energy vampire!

Lurking phone chargers and idle appliances suck up energy even when they are plugged in but not being used. But don’t be scared! Since October is Energy Awareness Month and chilly winter is creeping in, it’s the perfect time to embark on a power hunt.

Recruit a sidekick – [an advanced power strip](#) – and watch it work its magic in reducing phantom power drains. Plus, it’ll pay for itself in no time, leaving you with more treats and fewer tricks!



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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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