

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE )  
COMPANY LLC PURSUANT TO IND. CODE §§ 8-1-2-42, 8-1- )  
2-42.7 AND 8-1-2-61 FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS )  
RETAIL RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS UTILITY )  
SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE IN OF RATES; (2) )  
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES AND )  
CHARGES, GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ) CAUSE NO. 45967  
RIDERS (BOTH EXISTING AND NEW); (3) APPROVAL OF A )  
NEW SALES RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT )  
MECHANISM; (4) APPROVAL OF REVISED GAS )  
DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ITS GAS PLANT )  
IN SERVICE; (5) APPROVAL OF NECESSARY AND )  
APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING RELIEF, INCLUDING BUT )  
NOT LIMITED TO APPROVAL OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL )  
MECHANISMS FOR PENSION, OTHER POST- )  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AND LINE LOCATE EXPENSES; )  
AND (6) TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, APPROVAL OF )  
ANY OF THE RELIEF REQUESTED HEREIN PURSUANT TO )  
IND. CODE CH. 8-1-2.5. )

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ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING – AMI UPGRADE PROJECT

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In compliance with the Settlement Agreement and Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 9 of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission’s July 31, 2024 Order in this Cause, Petitioner Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (“NIPSCO”), by counsel, respectfully submits its AMI Upgrade Project annual report for 2024 as shown in Attachment A hereto.

The gas AMI Upgrade Project provides for NIPSCO to install 872,000 AMI communications modules from July 2024 to end of 2026. Beginning calendar year 2025, 766,504 modules remain to be installed. NIPSCO's schedule and cost estimate for its AMI Upgrade Project remain on track.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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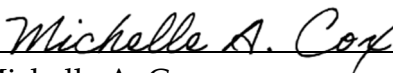
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**Cause No. 45967**  
**Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC**  
**Annual Compliance Filing - AMI Upgrade Project**  
**Calendar Year 2024**

|   | Responses    | Changes from Project Estimates | 2024 Explanations  |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Number of gas AMI communication modules planned to be installed in 2024 *   | 120,000      |                                |  |
| Number of gas AMI communication modules actually installed in 2024 *  | 105,496      | -14,504                        |  |
| Number of gas AMI communication modules remaining to be installed.  | 766,504      |                                |  |
| Current cost estimate for the installation of the gas AMI communications modules for 2025   | \$27,420,000 |                                |  |
| Cost estimate for the 2024 gas AMI Upgrade Project  | \$33,057,667 |                                |  |
| Actual costs incurred in 2024 for the gas AMI Upgrade Project, any changes from the project estimates, and the identified cause   | \$36,144,059 | \$3,086,392                    | Primarily due to additional procurement of AMI communications modules in 2024 to support higher planned deployment of modules in 2025, as well as additional costs for AMI network materials to prepare for 2025 deployment activities. While the 2024 project spend was above the original planned amount for 2024, other areas of the project budget are lower than originally estimated, and the overall cost estimate for the full AMI Upgrade Project is still aligned to the original approved budget for 2024-2026. |
| Total costs incurred to date for the gas AMI Update Project   | \$37,844,597 |                                | Includes costs of \$1,700,538 for program management support incurred in 2023.   |
| Cost estimate for the 2024 AMI Network deployment   | \$2,855,943  |                                |  |
| Actual costs incurred in 2024 for the AMI Network deployment, any changes from the project estimates, and the identified cause ** | \$3,152,981  | \$297,038                      | Some of the activities to purchase new land and complete relevant studies before installing new communications tower monopoles were not outlined in business case  |
| Explanation of any factors that have affected costs for the AMI Upgrade Project.  |              |                                | The factors affecting costs are explained above. The total AMI Upgrade Project capital forecast remains in line with the total approved plan for 2024-2026.  |

\* AMI communication module costs are included in the AMI Update Project costs

\*\* AMI Network costs are included in AMI Update Project costs