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PETITION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER)
COMPANY, AN INDIANA CORPORATION,)
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)
RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC)
UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE IN)
RATE ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR APPROVAL)
OF RELATED RELIEF INCLUDING: (1))
REVISED DEPRECIATION RATES; (2))
ACCOUNTING RELIEF; (3) INCLUSION IN)
RATE BASE OF QUALIFIED POLLUTION) CAUSE NO. 45235
CONTROL PROPERTY AND CLEAN)
ENERGY PROJECT; (4) ENHANCEMENTS)
TO THE DRY SORBENT INJECTION)
SYSTEM; (5) ADVANCED METERING)
INFRASTRUCTURE; (6) RATE)
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM PROPOSALS;)
AND (7) NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES,)
RULES AND REGULATIONS.)

AMENDED PETITION TO INTERVENE

Alliance Coal, LLC ("Alliance"), by counsel, pursuant to 170 I.A.C. 1-1.1-11, respectfully submits this amended petition for leave to intervene in the above-captioned cause. In support, Alliance states:

- 1. Alliance is a diversified coal supplier and marketer operating eight underground mining complexes in five states including Indiana.
- 2. Alliance has historically submitted bids to supply coal to Indiana Michigan Power Company ("I&M"). Most recently, Alliance bid to supply coal to I&M for the period spanning from the fourth quarter of 2014 through the 2015 calendar year. Alliance has a track record of supplying coal and/or bidding to supply coal to other Indiana utilities including NIPSCO and

SIGECO. (See IURC Cause Nos. 38706-FAC-114, 115, 116, 120 and IURC Cause Nos. 38708 FAC 81, 100, 101 and 102).

- 3. Alliance has the present capability to supply coal to I&M. I&M burns approximately 700,000 tons of non-Powder River Basin ("PRB") coal and Alliance's Gibson coal is a suitable option for that portion of I&M's coal supply.
- 4. Alliance's interest in this proceeding is of real worth and considerable value. Had I&M accepted Alliance's 2014-2015 bid, the estimated value of the contract would have been well in excess of \$50 million.
- 5. Alliance has a substantial interest in staying apprised of I&M's plans to accelerate depreciation of, invest in and/or retire or otherwise dispose of its coal generation assets and in providing relevant evidence to the Commission supporting or challenging such plans.
- 6. Several elements of the relief requested by I&M in the caption to this proceeding raise issues that impact the business of Alliance, including the proposed revision to depreciation rates, inclusion in rate base of qualified pollution control property on I&M's existing coal-fired generation assets, and the DSI system enhancements to I&M's existing coal-fired generation assets. Alliance's position is to challenge I&M's proposals on these issues.
 - 7. Based on the foregoing, Alliance has a substantial interest in the proceeding.
- 8. Alliance's intervention is for the purpose of responding to issues raised by the parties in this proceeding regarding I&M's request and data in support thereof to revise its depreciation rates and for approval of various accounting treatments and equipment enhancements related to I&M's coal generation facilities and their potential early retirements. While Alliance has not completed an exhaustive analysis of I&M's evidence which may result in positions on other issues, Alliance's position is to oppose I&M's requests related to the

acceleration of depreciation of a coal facility in anticipation of early retirement while I&M simultaneously requests authority to invest in pollution control improvements to the facility. Alliance intends to offer authority for its position that accelerated depreciation for a plant that is still used and useful is imprudent. Additionally, Alliance believes the Commission should evaluate the prudence of I&M's proposed DSI system enhancements in light of other available system enhancement technologies that would allow I&M to fuel Rockport with greater quantities of non-PRB coal, including Indiana coal, to the benefit of ratepayers.

- 9. This Petition to Intervene is being filed more than five (5) days prior to the evidentiary hearing on the merits in this cause.
- 10. The interests of Alliance will not be adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding, and Alliance's participation in this proceeding will not unduly broaden the issues or result in an unreasonable delay.
 - 11. Alliance's counsel, to whom service of all papers should be made, is:

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WHEREFORE, Alliance respectfully requests that its Amended Petition to Intervene be granted and for all other appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Amended Petition to Intervene has been

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