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APPLICATION OF INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT)
COMPANY D/B/A AES INDIANA FOR APPROVAL OF)
A FUEL COST FACTOR FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)
DURING THE BILLING MONTHS OF DECEMBER)
2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2022, IN ACCORDANCE)
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF I.C. 8-1-2-42, AND)
CONTINUED USE OF RATEMAKING TREATMENT)
FOR COSTS OF WIND POWER PURCHASES)
PURSUANT TO CAUSE NOS. 43485 AND 43740, AND)
APPROVAL OF A FUEL HEDGING PLAN AND)
AUTHORITY TO RECOVER COSTS OF THE FUEL)
HEDGING PLAN PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42.)

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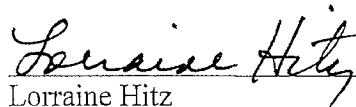
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TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS
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Respectfully submitted,



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TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS MICHAEL D. ECKERT
CAUSE NO. 38703 FAC-133
INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES INDIANA

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q: Please state your name, business address, and employment capacity.**

2 A: My name is Michael D. Eckert, and my business address is 115 W. Washington St.,
3 Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. I am employed by the Indiana
4 Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") as Assistant Director of the
5 Electric Division. My qualifications are set forth in Appendix A of this document.

6 **Q: Have you previously testified before the Indiana Utility Regulatory**
7 **Commission ("Commission")?**

8 A: Yes.

9 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony in this cause?**

10 A: I discuss the following aspects of Indianapolis Power & Light Company's d/b/a
11 AES Indiana's ("AES Indiana") application: 1) purchased power benchmark
12 agreement approved in Cause No. 43414; 2) Ancillary Services Market ("ASM");
13 3) bill analysis; 4) steam generation cost comparison; 5) actual cost of fuel
14 (Mills/kWh) comparison; 6) coal contract analysis; 7) coal inventory; 8) Lakefield
15 Wind Park ("Lakefield") and Hoosier Wind Power Project LLC ("Hoosier"); 9)
16 coal price decrement; 10) unit commitment status; 11) hedging program; 12) the

1 Eagle Valley Outage; 13) Root Cause Analysis ("RCA"); and 14) sub-docket
2 request. Ultimately, the OUCC recommends the Commission:

- 3 1. require AES Indiana to update the Commission in its next FAC filing on its
4 current coal inventory situation;
- 5 2. approve, interim subject to refund, the OUCC's proposed fuel cost factors as
6 calculated and proposed by OUCC witness Gregory T. Guerrettaz; and
- 7 3. create a sub-docket to investigate issues surrounding the Eagle Valley outage.

8 **Q: Please describe the review and analysis you conducted in order to prepare**
9 **your testimony.**

10 A: I read AES Indiana's prefiled testimony and prefiled application in this proceeding,
11 its revised schedules, workpapers, and relevant Commission Orders. I also
12 reviewed AES Indiana's responses to OUCC data requests ("DR") and pertinent
13 sections of Title 8 of the Indiana Code and Title 170 of the Indiana Administrative
14 Code. The OUCC performed its field audit via conference call and Microsoft Teams
15 on Friday, October 15, 2021. I attended the Commission's Technical Conference
16 regarding Eagle Valley on Thursday, October 21, 2021 and participated in meetings
17 with other OUCC staff members and AES Indiana personnel in developing issues
18 identified in this Cause.

II. EAGLE VALLEY COMBINED-CYCLE GAS TURBINE ("CCGT")
OUTAGE

19 **Q: Please explain the Eagle Valley CCGT outage.**

20 A: On April 24, 2021, the Eagle Valley CCGT was returning from a two-week
21 scheduled maintenance outage and experienced issues during start-up. AES Indiana
22 determined there was a ground fault in the steam turbine generator field which

1 damaged the generator's rotor and copper bars. Therefore, the maintenance outage
2 was extended into a forced outage; AES Indiana expects the plant to return to
3 service by November 7, 2021.¹ AES Indiana hired Reliability Center Incorporated
4 to perform a Root Cause Analysis ("RCA"), which was completed on August 20,
5 2021 and was filed in this proceeding as Attachment JB-1 to the Direct Testimony
6 of John Bigalbal on September 17, 2021.

7 **Q: What AES Indiana FAC filings does/will the Eagle Valley CCGT outage**
8 **impact?**

9 A: The outage impacted or will impact portions of FAC 132, 133, 134, and 135.

10 **Q: Did the OUCC review Petitioner's response to DR No. 3 in Cause No. 38703**
11 **FAC-132 which were pending at the time of the OUCC's testimony filing?**

12 A: Yes. The OUCC reviewed IPL's data request response to DR No. 3.

13 **Q: Did the OUCC inquire about insurance claims and proceeds, settlement**
14 **discussions, manufacturer's warranties, and engineering, procurement, and**
15 **construction ("EPC") contractor warranties and whether warranties and**
16 **insurance applied to replacement power in Cause No. 38703 FAC-132?**

17 A: Yes. IPL responded to OUCC Data Request Set 3-2:

18 As the items in this request relate to the RCA and outage work
19 currently underway, it is premature to provide and discuss the
20 information that could be part of the RCA.

21 AES Indiana will be in a better position to provide the requested data
22 as the RCA is complete and appropriate actions are taken in response
23 to the outage. As discussed in testimony (Jackson at p 32), AES
24 Indiana has committed to providing more information and an update
25 on the outage in the next FAC. AES Indiana will discuss and work
26 with the OUCC to present the requested and relevant information
27 before AES Indiana's next FAC proceeding².

28 **Q: Did the OUCC inquire about insurance claims and proceeds, settlement**
29 **discussions, manufacturer's warranties, and engineering, procurement, and**
30 **construction ("EPC") contractor warranties and whether warranties and**

¹ See AES Indiana's Witness John Bigalbal's testimony, pp. 8.

² See Attachment MDE-5

1 **insurance applied to replacement power in this proceeding?**

2 A: Yes. IPL provided information on these issues in its responses to OUCC Data
3 Request 2, Questions 10³.

4 **Q: Has AES Indiana submitted any insurance claims in connection with the Eagle**
5 **Valley outage and received any payments received in association with the**
6 **Eagle Valley outage?**

7 A: No. IPL stated in its response to OUCC Data Request Set Number 2, Question
8 10(c):

9 Since the claim is still active, AES Indiana has not requested any
10 payments, and thus no payments have been made or are pending.
11 Payments will occur once the unit is back in service and when it is
12 known that there are no repair costs for Eagle Valley. Recovery will
13 be for the costs incurred in repairing the property damage in excess
14 of the deductible.

15
16 **Q: Has AES Indiana begun pursuing any warranty claims against the EPC**
17 **contractor related to the Eagle Valley Outage,?**

18 A: No. IPL stated in its response to OUCC Data Request Set Number 2, Question 10(h)
19 that “[w]arranty claims are still being evaluated.”

20 **Q: Did the OUCC ask about the status of any settlement or settlement discussions**
21 **with the EPC Contractor?**

22 A: Yes. IPL stated in response to OUCC DR 3-10(i) that “[t]here have been no
23 settlement discussions. AES Indiana is focusing on the necessary work to repair the
24 facility safely, expeditiously, and efficiently.”

25 **Q: Did the OUCC request 1) copies of the Manufacturer warranty; 2)**
26 **information about any warranty claims AES Indiana is pursuing against the**
27 **manufacturer related to the Eagle Valley Outage; and 3) status of settlement**
28 **or settlement discussions with the Manufacturer?**

29 A: Yes. IPL stated in response to OUCC DR 3-10(j, k, & l):

30 N/A. AES Indiana makes warranty claims to the EPC contractor
31 because warranties to AES Indiana are the responsibility of the EPC

³ See Attachment MDE-6.

Contractor per the EPC Contract (OUCC DR 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1) and the Novation and Release Agreement between IPL and the EPC Contractor dated June 12, 2014, a copy of which is included herewith as OUCC DR 2-10j Confidential Attachment 1.

Q: Is AES Indiana seeking an insurance claim for replacement power?

A: No. IPL stated in response to OUCC DR 3-10(m):

Consequential damages are specifically excluded from the EPC Contract. See Section 16.3 of the contract provided as OUCC DR 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1. This provision is not unusual. In negotiating an EPC contract the EPC contractor accepted substantial risk including cost and schedule risk. As a general matter, a contractor would not reasonably be expected to accept liability for consequential losses such as replacement power costs because acceptance of such liability would expose the contractor to risk that outweighs the benefit of the job.

Q: Has the OUCC had time to thoroughly review Petitioner's response to DR No. 2, the Root Cause Analysis, and the information provided in the Commission's October 21, 2021 Technical Conference?

A: No.

Q: Has AES Indiana concluded its analysis of the Eagle Valley outage?

A: No. In the October 21, 2021 technical conference, AES Indiana indicated they still need to have discussion with different parties in this proceeding, including discussions with Toshiba about system logic functions. Additionally, slides 15-16⁴ of the presentation that AES Indiana gave to the Commission identify five action

⁴ See Attachment MDE-7.

1 items and 4 recommendations. Only three of these nine items were fully completed
2 as of the date of the Technical conference.

3 **Q: What did the Root Cause Analysis determine?**

4 A: According to AES Indiana Witness Bigalbal, “[t]he root cause investigation
5 determined that the incident was caused by several different factors including
6 physical, human, and latent.”⁵ Witness Bigalbal identifies these factors later in his
7 testimony at pages 11-12.

8 **Q: Did AES Indiana provide information regarding the cost of the outages?**

9 A: Yes. Mr. Bigalbal’s revised direct testimony stated that, “[r]epair costs are
10 estimated to be approximately \$3,683,824 in Operation & Maintenance and
11 \$3,648,900 in Capital Expenditures. These costs are not recoverable through the
12 FAC process and therefore are not part of this FAC application.”⁶ In addition, IPL
13 witness David Jackson testified, “[t]he portion of purchased power above the
14 benchmark that could be attributable to the Eagle valley outage was \$1,108,510
15 (see workpaper DJ-3).”⁷

16 **Q: Did AES Indiana Witness Bigalbal ask the Commission to conclude that AES**
17 **Indiana did not act imprudently?**

18 A: Yes.

19 **Q: Does the OUCC oppose this request?**

20 A: Yes. The OUCC believes it is too early to make a finding at this time. AES Indiana
21 has not had discussions with the EPC Contractor and manufacturer and has not
22 submitted any claims to the insurance company. In the technical conference, AES

⁵ Cause No. 38703 FAC 133, Verified Direct Testimony of John Bigalbal, p. 10, ll. 12-13.

⁶ Cause No. 38703 FAC 133, Verified Direct Testimony of John Bigalbal, page 14, lines ll. 12-13.

⁷ Cause No. 38703 FAC 133, Verified Direct Testimony of David Jackson, page 32, lines 3-9.

1 Indiana's presenters emphasized that AES Indiana has been focused on getting
2 Eagle Valley up and running and not dealing with warranty and insurance claims.

3 **Q: What is the OUCC's recommendation regarding the Eagle Valley outage?**

4 A: The OUCC recommends the Commission create a sub-docket to allow more
5 detailed examination of costs and issues associated with the Eagle Valley outage.
6 Additionally, the OUCC recommends the Commission make the rates in this Cause
7 interim subject to refund, to reflect any cost recovery changes resulting from the
8 outcome of further analysis on the Eagle Valley outage and the RCA.

III. PURCHASED POWER OVER THE BENCHMARK

9 **Q: Is the purchased power over the benchmark treatment controlled by the**
10 **Commission's Cause No. 43414 Order?**

11 A: Yes. On April 23, 2008, the Commission issued its Cause No. 43414 Final Order
12 approving a joint Settlement Agreement and ordering AES Indiana and Vectren
13 South to file testimony in each FAC regarding any purchased power, including the
14 volume, cost, and reasons for purchases. The Settlement Agreement provides a
15 mechanism by which AES Indiana may recover purchased power costs that exceed
16 the benchmark. After reviewing the Cause No. 43414 Settlement Agreement and
17 AES Indiana's testimony and workpapers in the current proceeding, it is my opinion

1 AES Indiana followed the guidelines and procedures that were established in Cause
2 No. 43414.

3 **Q: Did you review AES Indiana's workpapers to determine if AES Indiana**
4 **calculated its purchased power costs that exceed the benchmark correctly?**

5 A: Yes. I also reviewed AES Indiana's daily plant logs for the generating stations that
6 were off-line on the days AES Indiana incurred purchased power over the
7 benchmark.

8 **Q: How does your calculation of purchased power over the benchmark compare**
9 **to AES Indiana's calculation?**

10 A: I calculated the same amount of purchased power cost in excess of the benchmark
11 as AES Indiana, following the procedures established in Cause No. 43414. AES
12 Indiana's purchased power cost that exceeded the benchmark of \$1,198,183 is
13 recoverable.⁸

14 **Q: Were actual natural gas and purchased power prices higher than the forecast**
15 **for this historical FAC period?**

16 A: Yes.

17 **Q: Does the OUCC have concerns that IPL met all the requirements of the**
18 **Purchased Power Over The Benchmark Order in Cause No. 43414?**

19 A: Yes. While I have determined that IPL performed the calculation of the purchased
20 power over the benchmark correctly, the OUCC is concerned that IPL did not
21 determine if the Eagle Valley outage (as discussed above) was a result of
22 "imprudence, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or other inappropriate acts." Specifically,

⁸ See AES Indiana's Exhibit DJ-2, Column labeled "Amount Above Daily Benchmark."

the Settlement in Cause No. 43414 that established the over-the-benchmark methodology in Section I(c)(3) states:

3. After application of section (c)(1), if the sum of unplanned full forced outages, qualifying environmental derates, partial outages, and qualifying scheduled maintenance outages total 11 % or more of the utility's seasonal generating fleet capacity, this condition is considered as a special condition whereby purchases made to account for such outages which exceed the benchmark shall be recovered. In addition, any power purchases made to account for environmental derates are recoverable.

To quantify this, determine the total MW of unplanned full forced outages, qualifying environmental derates, partial outages, and qualifying scheduled maintenance outages for each generating unit in the particular hour.

a. An unplanned full forced outage is defined as a complete outage due to mechanical or electrical equipment failure, which is not the result of imprudence, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or other inappropriate acts.⁹ [emphasis added]

⁹ *Joint Petition of Indianapolis Power & Light*, Cause No. 43414, Final Order, Exhibit 1, Exhibit A, pp. 1 - 2 (Ind. Util. Regul. Comm'n Apr. 23, 2008).

1 **Q: What does the OUCC recommend?**

2 A: The OUCC recommends that final resolution of the recoverability of the \$1,198,183
3 in purchased power over the benchmark be deferred to the sub-docket proceeding
4 being recommended by the OUCC.

IV. ASM

5 **Q: Is AES Indiana's calculation of ASM charges consistent with the**
6 **Commission's Cause No. 43426 Order?**

7 A: Yes. AES Indiana's proposed ratemaking treatment for the ASM charge types is
8 consistent with the Commission's approved ratemaking treatment in its Cause No.
9 43426 Phase II Order, dated June 30, 2009.

V. BILL ANALYSIS

10 **Q: Have you calculated the bill impact on a typical residential customer's bill**
11 **using 1,000 kWhs at AES Indiana's proposed rate and compared that to the**
12 **same typical customer's bill using the currently approved rate?**

13 A: Yes, I did, and I arrived at the same numbers as AES Indiana witness Natalie Herr
14 Coklow, using AES Indiana's original forecast. An average residential customer
15 using 1,000 kWh will experience an increase of \$5.39 or 4.66%.

16 **Q: Have you calculated the bill impact on a typical residential customer's bill**
17 **using 500, 1,000, 1,500, and 2,000 kWhs using AES Indiana's proposed rate of**
18 **\$0.005350 and then compared it to the same typical customer's bill using the**
19 **currently approved rate?**

20 A: Yes, I did, as reflected in the table below. Table 1 below demonstrates the
21 comparison using the AES Indiana's proposed rate.

Table 1 – Petitioner's Proposed FAC				
Consumption	Bill at Proposed FAC	Bill at Current FAC	Dollar Inc/(Dec)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
500	\$72.90	\$70.21	\$2.69	3.84%
1,000	\$120.95	\$115.57	\$5.39	4.66%

1,500	\$169.00	\$160.93	\$8.08	5.02%
2,000	\$217.06	\$206.28	\$10.77	5.22%

1 **Q: What assumptions did you make in this calculation?**

2 A: In making this calculation, I did not include any dollar amount for other trackers,
3 nor did I include taxes. Therefore, this calculation reflects the proposed change to
4 the FAC factor and AES Indiana's base rates.

5 **Q: Have you provided a calculation of a typical customer's bill using 1,000 kWh**
6 **as of October 2021?**

7 A: Yes. See Attachment MDE-4. A typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh as
8 of October 2021 will pay \$123.00, excluding taxes. This amount consists of
9 \$115.60 in base charges that were set in AES Indiana's last rate case (Cause No.
10 45029), (\$0.04) in FAC charges, and \$7.44 in non-FAC tracker charges (DSM,
11 ECR, Capacity, OSS, & RTO).

12 **Q: Why do the FAC charges register as a credit of (\$0.04) in the answer above,**
13 **when your chart above shows an increase to 1,000 kw/month customers of**
14 **\$5.39?**

15 A: The October 2021 bill uses an FAC factor of \$(0.000036), which was authorized in
16 Cause No. 38703 FAC-132 for the billing months of September 2021, October
17 2021, and November 2021. The table above calculates the increase in a customer's
18 bill from the current authorized FAC (132) factor of \$(0.000036) to the proposed

1 FAC factor of \$0.005350 in this proceeding (133). Therefore, a customer using
2 1,000 kWh will see an increase of \$5.39.¹⁰

VI. STEAM GENERATION COST COMPARISON

3 **Q: Did you do a comparison of steam generation costs for Indiana's five electric**
4 **investor-owned utilities ("IOUs")?**

5 A: Yes, I did. AES Indiana's steam generation costs are comparable to the other
6 Indiana electric IOUs (See Attachment MDE-1).

VII. ACTUAL COST OF FUEL (MILLS/KWH) COMPARISON

7 **Q: Did you do a comparison of the actual monthly cost of fuel (Mills/kWh) for the**
8 **five Indiana electric IOUs?**

9 A: Yes. AES Indiana's actual monthly cost of fuel (including wind and solar)
10 (mills/kWh) is comparable to the other Indiana electric IOUs (see Attachment
11 MDE-2).

VIII. COAL CONTRACTS

12 **Q: Did you prepare a schedule that shows the timelines associated with each of**
13 **AES Indiana's coal contracts?**

14 A: Yes, I did. The timeline shows contract expiration dates by coal mine (see
15 Attachment MDE-3).

¹⁰Calculation: $\$5.35 - \$ (0.00036) = \$5.39 * 1,000 \text{ kWh} = \5.39

IX. LAKEFIELD AND HOOSIER

1 **Q: Did AES Indiana update the Commission on locational marginal prices**
2 **("LMPs") at Lakefield and Hoosier wind farms?**

3 A: Yes. AES Indiana witness David Jackson provided testimony on this issue.¹¹ AES
4 Indiana offers Lakefield and Hoosier into the day-ahead market to mitigate the
5 impact of negative LMPs in real-time.

X. COAL INVENTORY

6 **Q: What is AES Indiana's current coal inventory?**

7 A: AES Indiana's current coal inventory is within AES Indiana's target levels (25-50
8 days).

9 **Q: Is AES Indiana actively trying to manage its coal purchases and coal**
10 **inventory?**

11 A: Yes. AES Indiana indicated in discussions with the OUCC that it is actively looking
12 at options¹² to address its coal inventory.

13 **Q: Should AES Indiana update the Commission on its coal inventory?**

14 A: Yes. AES Indiana should also update the Commission in future FAC proceedings
15 on its 2021 projected coal burn and coal purchases.

XI. HEDGING PROPOSAL

16 **Q: Did AES Indiana file the results of its natural gas hedging program?**

17 A: Yes. Mr. Jackson provided the results of its natural gas hedging program. AES
18 Indiana did not transact any financial hedges in May 2021, June 2021, and July
19 2021.¹³ Therefore, AES Indiana did not incur any savings or losses.

20 **Q: Did AES Indiana provide additional information regarding its natural gas**

¹¹ See AES Indiana's Witness Jackson's testimony, pp. 14-16.

¹² *Id.*, pp. 29-30.

¹³ See AES Indiana's Witness Jackson's testimony, pp. 37.

1 **hedging program?**

2 A: Yes. AES Indiana provided information in the testimony of Mr. Jackson¹⁴ and
3 during the FAC audit.

4 **Q: Did the OUCC review AES Indiana's revisions to its hedging program?**

5 A: Yes. The OUCC has reviewed IPL's revisions to its natural gas hedging program
6 and does not oppose those revisions.

7 **Q: What does the OUCC recommend regarding AES Indiana's natural gas**
8 **hedging proposal?**

9 A: The OUCC recommends the Commission require AES Indiana to:

10 1) Continue to file the results of its natural gas hedging program in each
11 subsequent FAC filing; and

12 2) Provide analysis of the facts and circumstances as they existed at the time
13 the transactions at issue were entered into in future FAC proceedings.

XII. PURCHASE POWER HEDGING

14 **Q: Did IPL hedge purchased power during this FAC period?**

15 A: Yes. Due to the loss of the generating capacity of the Eagle Valley CCGT, AES
16 Indiana customers were exposed to price risk during the summer when higher
17 temperatures create periods of high-priced peak power. In recognition of the

¹⁴ *Id.*

1 continued outage, AES Indiana hedged blocks of purchased power to mitigate
2 increased costs.

3 **Q: Is the OUCC opposing the purchased power hedges?**

4 A: No.

XIII. UNIT COMMITMENT STATUS

5 **Q: Does the OUCC review AES Indiana's unit commitment status during its FAC**
6 **audit?**

7 A: Yes. The OUCC generally reviews AES Indiana's unit commitment status and Mr.
8 Guerrettaz's testimony details some of the analysis done by the OUCC during its
9 FAC audit. In general, the OUCC's FAC audit process has focused more on the
10 cost of fuel and the cost of purchased power.

11 **Q: Did AES Indiana provide an update on the commitment of the Petersburg**
12 **Generating Station Units ("Petersburg Units")?**

13 A: Yes. Mr. Jackson provided fourteen (14) pages of testimony updating the
14 Commission on the Petersburg Units' status.¹⁵

15 **Q: What is the status of the Petersburg Units and when were they last called on**
16 **by MISO to produce power?**

17 A: As of October 15, 2021, the status of the Petersburg Units and the last time MISO
18 called on each of the Petersburg Units is shown below:

19

Generating Units	Last Date Called on by MISO	Online/Offline	Offer Status
Petersburg Unit 1			Retired
Petersburg Unit 2	September 17, 2021	Offline	Outage
Petersburg Unit 3	October 15, 2021	Online	Economic
Petersburg Unit 4	October 15, 2021	Online	Economic

¹⁵ See AES Indiana's Witness Jackson's testimony, pp. 16-29.

1 **Q: Should AES Indiana continue to update the Commission on AES Indiana's**
2 **Petersburg Units' commitment status?**

3 A: Yes.

XIV. RECOMMENDATIONS

4 **Q: What does the OUCC recommend in this proceeding?**

5 A: The OUCC recommends the Commission:

- 6 1) Approve, interim subject to refund, the proposed fuel cost factor as
7 proposed and calculated by Mr. Guerrettaz;
- 8 2) Allow AES Indiana to recover, interim subject to refund, its total
9 purchased power over the benchmark in the amount of \$1,198,183;
- 10 3) Require AES Indiana to continue to file the results of its natural gas
11 hedging program in each FAC;
- 12 4) In future FAC proceedings, require AES Indiana to provide analysis
13 of the facts and circumstances as they existed at the time any
14 hedging transactions were entered into;
- 15 5) Require AES Indiana in future FAC proceedings to provide the
16 Commission its revised hedging program (natural gas and purchased
17 power), if revised;
- 18 6) Require AES Indiana in future FAC proceedings to update the
19 Commission on its 2021-2022 projected coal burn and coal
20 purchases;
- 21 7) Require AES Indiana to update the Commission on the Petersburg
22 Units' commitment status in future FAC proceedings; and
- 23 8) Create a sub-docket to allow more detailed examination of costs and
24 issues associated with the Eagle Valley outage.

25 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

26 A: Yes, it does.

APPENDIX A

QUALIFICATIONS OF MICHAEL D. ECKERT

1 **Q: Please describe your educational background and experience.**

2 A: I graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in December 1986,
3 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Accounting. I am licensed in the
4 State of Indiana as a Certified Public Accountant. Upon graduation, I worked as a
5 Field Auditor with the Audit Bureau of Circulation in Schaumburg, Illinois until
6 October 1987. In December 1987, I accepted a position as a Staff Accountant with
7 the OUCC. In May 1995, I was promoted to Principal Accountant and in December
8 1997, I was promoted to Assistant Chief Accountant. As part of the OUCC's
9 reorganization, I accepted the position of Assistant Director of its
10 Telecommunications Division in July 1999. From January 2000 through May 2000,
11 I was the Acting Director of the Telecommunications Division. As part of an OUCC
12 reorganization, I accepted a position as a Senior Utility Analyst. In September 2017
13 I was promoted to Assistant Director of the Electric Division. As part of my
14 continuing education, I have attended the National Association of Regulatory
15 Utility Commissioners' ("NARUC") two-week seminar in Lansing, Michigan. I
16 attended NARUC's Spring 1993 and 1996 seminars on system of accounts. In
17 addition, I attended several CPA sponsored courses and the Institute of Public
18 Utilities Annual Conference in December 1994 and December 2000.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Eckert", written over a horizontal line.

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Assistant Director of the Electric Division
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

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AES Indiana

Date: October 22, 2021

Indianapolis Power & Light Company d/b/a AES Indiana
Cause No. 38703 FAC-133

Steam Generation Cost Comparison

Month	Year	Duke Energy	Indiana Michigan Power	Indianapolis Power & Light	NIPSCO	CenterPoint South	Month	Year	Duke Energy	Indiana Michigan Power	Indianapolis Power & Light	NIPSCO	CenterPoint South
January	2007	**	\$17.70	\$13.28	\$19.628	\$20.067	April	2014	26.567	24.278	29.116	28.722	
February	2007		16.302	13.658	19.596	20.069	May	2014	28.489	24.487	29.296	26.666	
March	2007		17.037	13.241	19.639	19.883	June	2014	27.663	23.021	28.575	27.346	
April	2007		17.769	13.688	19.540	20.585	July	2014	26.952	23.416	27.969	26.762	
May	2007		18.673	13.579	20.843	20.707	August	2014	27.390	28.443	28.231	25.763	
June	2007		16.973	14.096	20.389	20.182	September	2014	21.997	30.773	28.230	26.197	
July	2007		17.916	14.094	21.661	20.429	October	2014	25.738	32.170	27.248	26.417	
August	2007		19.025	14.330	20.498	20.422	November	2014	26.728	24.532	28.011	25.478	
September	2007		20.209	14.002	20.293	20.422	December	2014	25.605	23.527	26.574	26.039	
October	2007		20.572	14.038	20.777	20.904	January	2015	27.191	23.497	25.752	27.287	
November	2007		26.158	13.596	20.928	20.652	February	2015	26.269	24.232	25.913	26.293	
December	2007		20.936	13.583	21.147	21.612	March	2015	22.549	24.195	25.523	26.750	
January	2008		19.527	14.241	20.253	20.948	April	2015	22.438	23.437	24.555	26.463	
February	2008		20.362	14.706	22.090	21.970	May	2015	25.270	23.325	25.308	25.994	
March	2008		23.903	15.223	22.098	20.854	June	2015	27.006	25.561	26.773	26.904	
April	2008		20.990	14.687	22.363	22.476	July	2015	26.312	23.672	26.544	26.387	
May	2008		23.972	15.028	22.700	22.579	August	2015	24.397	23.601	27.554	25.480	
June	2008		23.708	15.694	22.885	22.903	September	2015	17.891	23.741	26.131	26.280	
July	2008		23.512	15.753	22.269	21.947	October	2015	25.405	23.667	26.135	26.346	
August	2008		26.033	16.174	22.720	21.701	November	2015	24.520	23.089	29.840	27.464	
September	2008		26.369	16.089	22.392	21.398	December	2015	26.001	28.690	22.179	29.998	
October	2008		28.047	16.990	20.222	21.922	January	2016	26.382	22.756	29.902	28.590	
November	2008		26.882	16.446	21.422	21.192	February	2016	24.782	24.789	29.464	28.292	
December	2008		25.630	16.200	22.406	21.476	March	2016	12.691	23.912	29.439	29.261	
January	2009		25.582	16.107	25.922	25.786	April	2016	24.150	23.508	29.110	27.242	
February	2009		24.000	15.711	28.132	28.839	May	2016	24.981	23.653	28.551	27.164	
March	2009		20.815	15.782	26.784	29.188	June	2016	25.364	22.978	25.862	26.213	
April	2009		23.918	15.672	26.647	30.698	July	2016	25.592	24.093	26.559	26.252	
May	2009		21.705	15.793	26.314	33.507	August	2016	26.126	23.881	25.866	26.767	
June	2009		23.730	15.295	26.048	32.740	September	2016	26.854	23.757	26.956	25.976	
July	2009		22.364	15.113	26.327	32.846	October	2016	25.295	25.603	27.421	25.344	
August	2009		20.489	15.247	25.707	33.152	November	2016	26.251	23.529	27.415	27.014	
September	2009		19.544	14.968	25.708	34.242	December	2016	25.524	24.034	26.265	26.114	
October	2009		22.783	15.046	25.820	31.128	January	2017	24.234	23.289	26.796	25.785	
November	2009		22.076	14.985	26.323	33.328	February	2017	25.272	23.028	26.318	26.177	
December	2009		22.543	15.117	27.094	33.067	March	2017	18.832	21.687	27.503	25.618	
January	2010		21.322	15.724	27.370	31.800	April	2017	24.427	23.770	28.401	26.435	
February	2010		20.569	17.057	26.833	32.762	May	2017	24.615	23.800	29.785	25.270	
March	2010		22.576	18.453	25.518	32.732	June	2017	24.941	22.189	28.828	24.834	
April	2010		22.109	18.843	26.032	33.361	July	2017	24.333	22.378	27.586	25.042	
May	2010		22.244	19.988	25.762	34.854	August	2017	24.583	23.027	26.420	25.339	
June	2010		22.853	20.389	27.820	32.529	September	2017	24.531	23.494	25.583	26.558	
July	2010		24.191	20.687	32.402	33.720	October	2017	20.555	24.385	24.418	26.092	
August	2010		25.663	21.080	26.834	33.480	November	2017	24.661	23.090	27.061	26.360	
September	2010		24.650	20.705	26.115	34.401	December	2017	23.847	23.840	25.733	26.961	
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May	2011		23.302	22.142	28.825	35.813	August	2018	24.755	22.268	27.141	25.227	
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July	2011		24.189	22.527	29.875	36.551	October	2018	18.367	21.395	26.252	25.825	
August	2011		23.782	23.009	29.334	35.493	November	2018	24.338	23.050	25.631	25.805	
September	2011		23.088	22.088	27.931	36.721	December	2018	25.841	21.380	24.654	26.225	
October	2011		23.970	22.163	27.925	37.020	January	2019	27.252	21.678	26.527	26.319	
November	2011		23.311	22.263	26.560	38.509	February	2019	28.353	21.415	27.631	26.192	
December	2011		21.902	22.376	26.644	38.877	March	2019	22.088	22.505	25.570	24.653	
January	2012		21.278	21.584	26.283	27.727	April	2019	26.536	21.771	24.720	24.620	
February	2012		21.571	22.496	24.679	26.060	May	2019	27.450	22.668	24.365	24.981	
March	2012		26.117	21.941	24.520	25.741	June	2019	28.017	21.700	24.427	25.731	
April	2012		21.401	23.745	24.526	26.097	July	2019	25.638	20.550	24.218	24.456	
May	2012		21.419	23.965	25.157	26.037	August	2019	26.093	20.107	23.645	24.936	
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November	2012		22.161	22.904	25.797	28.008	February	2020	27.154	19.399	25.026	25.625	
December	2012		22.868	22.894	25.730	29.143	March	2020	15.799	18.525	25.307	26.131	
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February	2013		25.587	22.911	27.123	28.796	May	2020	27.314	37.614	30.549	26.225	
March	2013		25.487	22.800	27.074	28.431	June	2020	27.210	19.931	27.363	25.008	
April	2013		24.394	23.318	28.563	29.049	July	2020	27.938	19.821	24.607	24.803	
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June	2013		26.294	24.314	28.394	28.089	September	2020	28.022	19.618	23.573	25.349	
July	2013		25.817	23.734	28.072	28.035	October	2020	0.507	24.045	24.194	25.057	
August	2013		25.693	24.479	27.054	28.219	November	2020	28.331	20.884	24.650	25.508	
September	2013		23.863	23.218	26.685	28.022	December	2020	#DIV/0!	19.269	27.295	24.803	
October	2013		26.216	23.472	26.844	27.719	January	2021	120.491	19.069	26.999	25.073	
November	2013		25.848	23.232	27.822	28.231	February	2021	28.541	19.566	28.005	25.814	
December	2013		26.081	24.007	27.499	28.142	March	2021	43.462	19.445	26.299	25.180	
January	2014		25.529	24.550	29.414	28.097	April	2021	32.723	19.814	26.911	25.023	
February	2014		27.393	24.538	32.326	28.048	May	2021	29.301	20.725	26.446	25.550	
March	2014		23.107	23.463	31.978	27.154	June	2021		20.845	30.644		

*** Information was obtained from the prefilled applications of the identified companies.

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Coal Contract Timelines

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Indianapolis Power and Light Company
Cause Number 38703 FAC 133

October 2021 Residential Customer Bill using 1,000kWh

Line No.	Description:	kWh	Rate	\$	% of Bill
1	Customer Charge			\$17.00	13.82%
2	Energy Charge (First 500 KWH per month)	500	\$0.106454	53.23	43.27%
3	Energy Charge (Second 500 KWH per month)	500	\$0.090752	45.38	36.89%
4	Fuel Charge	1,000	(\$0.000036)	(0.04)	-0.03%
5	Demand Side Management Adjustment	1,000	\$0.004990	4.99	4.06%
6	ECR (NOX)	1,000	\$0.000186	0.19	0.15%
7	Capacity Adjustment	1,000	\$0.001116	1.12	0.91%
8	Off-System Sales Margin Sharing	1,000	\$0.001009	1.01	0.82%
9	Regional Transmission Organization Adjustment	1,000	\$0.000135	0.14	0.11%
7	Total Billing Amount (Excluding Taxes)			<u>\$123.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
8	Base Charge (Lines 1, 2, and 3)			\$115.60	93.98%
9	Non-FAC Trackers (Lines 5 & 6)			7.44	6.05%
10	FAC (Line 4)			(0.04)	-0.03%
11	Total			<u>\$123.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Note: Per Online tariffs as of October 22, 2021

Data Request OUCC DR 3 - 2

Referring to the Eagle Valley Outage (ground fault in the field of the steam turbine generator) of April 2021, please provide the following information:

- a. Detailed results of the initial visual inspection of Eagle Valley after it tripped;
- b. All incident reports concerning the Eagle Valley outage;
- c. Maintenance Reports and records for the period January 2021 through April 2021;
- d. From January 2021 to the date of outage, provide prior issues and incident reports, including photographs, with the generator's rotor and copper bars;
- e. Summary of all damage to Eagle Valley that led to and/or was identified post-outage;
- f. All measures AES Indiana took and continues to take to mitigate the duration of the Eagle Valley outage;
- g. A copy of AES Indiana's inspection and maintenance policies and practices regarding Eagle Valley, including any changes made to such policies and practices since the outage occurred;
- h. Identify all insurance policies that cover the damage to Eagle Valley, including the associated deductible(s) and limits of coverage;
- i. All insurance adjuster's report(s) associated with the Eagle Valley outage. If no insurance adjuster has been to the site, please explain why not;
- j. Identify (i) any insurance claims submitted in connection with the Eagle Valley outage and (ii) any payments received in association with the Eagle Valley outage, including whether additional payments have been requested or are otherwise pending;
- k. Copies of all documentation in AES Indiana's possession discussing the contributing causes of the Eagle Valley outage;
- l. Copies of AES Indiana's internal and/or external legal analysis regarding the RCA;
- m. Copy of the EPC Contractor warranty/warranties, including details regarding all coverage related to the outage;
- n. Copy of the contract(s) between EPC Contractor and AES Indiana;
- o. Any warranty claims AES Indiana is pursuing against the EPC Contractor related to the Eagle Valley Outage, with descriptions of claims and dollar amounts;
- p. Status of settlement or settlement discussions with the EPC Contractor;
- q. Details of and copy of the Manufacturer warranty;
- r. Any warranty claims AES Indiana is pursuing against the manufacturer related to the Eagle Valley Outage, with descriptions of claims and dollar amounts;
- s. Status of settlement or settlement discussions with the Manufacturer;
- t. If the company is not seeking a claim for replacement power, please explain why not. If it is seeking a claim for replacement power, please provide the total dollar amount the company is seeking and the calculations and supporting documentation for the amount;
- u. Status of the discussions regarding a resolution between AES Indiana and EPC Contractor; and
- v. When does the company expect these discussions to conclude or reach resolution?

Objection:

AES Indiana objects to the request on the grounds and to the extent the request is overly broad and unduly burdensome, particularly to the extent the request seeks voluminous documents and documents that have not yet been prepared. AES Indiana objects to the request on the grounds

AES Indiana Responses to OUCC DR Set 3

and to the extent the request seeks information that is confidential, proprietary, competitively sensitive and/or trade secret. AES Indiana further objects to the request (including subparts (k), (l), (p), (s), (t), and (u)) on the grounds and to the extent the request seeks information that was prepared in anticipation of litigation or is otherwise subject to the attorney-client, work product, or other applicable privileges. AES Indiana further objects to the request on the grounds and to the extent the request seeks an analysis, compilation, study, or calculation that AES Indiana has not performed and to which AES Indiana objects to performing. AES Indiana further objects to the request on the grounds and to the extent the request seeks information that exceeds the scope of this proceeding and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant or admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, AES Indiana provides the following response.

Response:

As the items in this request relate to the RCA and outage work currently underway, it is premature to provide and discuss the information that could be part of the RCA.

AES Indiana will be in a better position to provide the requested data as the RCA is complete and appropriate actions are taken in response to the outage. As discussed in testimony (Jackson at p 32), AES Indiana has committed to providing more information and an update on the outage in the next FAC. AES Indiana will discuss and work with the OUCC to present the requested and relevant information before AES Indiana's next FAC proceeding.

Data Request OUCC DR 2 - 10

Referring to the Eagle Valley Outage (ground fault in the field of the steam turbine generator) of April 2021, please provide the following information:

- a. Identify all insurance policies that cover the damage to Eagle Valley, including the associated deductible(s) and limits of coverage;
- b. All insurance adjuster's report(s) associated with the Eagle Valley outage. If no insurance adjuster has been to the site, please explain why not;
- c. Identify (i) any insurance claims submitted in connection with the Eagle Valley outage and (ii) any payments received in association with the Eagle Valley outage, including whether additional payments have been requested or are otherwise pending;
- d. Copies of all documentation in AES Indiana's possession discussing the contributing causes of the Eagle Valley outage;
- e. Copies of AES Indiana's internal and/or external legal analysis regarding the RCA;
- f. Copy of the EPC Contractor warranty, including details regarding all coverage related to the outage;
- g. Copy of the contract(s) between EPC Contractor and AES Indiana;
- h. Any warranty claims AES Indiana is pursuing against the EPC contractor related to the Eagle Valley Outage, with descriptions of claims and dollar amounts;
- i. Status of settlement or settlement discussions with the EPC Contractor;
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- k. Any warranty claims AES Indiana is pursuing against the manufacturer related to the Eagle Valley Outage, with descriptions of claims and dollar amounts;
- l. Status of settlement or settlement discussions with the Manufacturer;
- m. If the company is not seeking a claim for replacement power, please explain why not. If it is seeking a claim for replacement power, please provide the total dollar amount the company is seeking and the calculations and supporting documentation for the amount;
- n. Status of the discussions regarding a resolution between AES Indiana and EPC Contractor;
- o. When does the company expect these discussions to conclude or reach resolution

Objection:

AES Indiana objects to the Request on the grounds and to the extent the request seeks information that is confidential, proprietary, competitively-sensitive and/or trade secret. AES Indiana further objects to the request to the extent it is overly broad and unduly burdensome, particularly in its solicitation of "all" information. AES Indiana further objects to the Request, and in particular subparts (n) and (o), on the grounds and to the extent it is vague and ambiguous as to what is meant by "discussions" as opposed to "settlement or settlement discussions" referenced in subpart (i). AES Indiana further objects to the Request on the grounds and to the extent the request solicits information that exceeds the scope of this proceeding and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant or admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections, AES Indiana provides the following response.

Response:

- a. AES Indiana has Property Damage coverage with AIG for the period 01Jan21 – 01Jan22 covering various AES assets across the United States with a \$1B limit and \$5M property damage deductible for Eagle Valley.
- b. An adjuster has been assigned and is handling the claim, reviewing the costs incurred and will report to the Insurers with his settlement recommendation once this review is completed and cause of loss has been determined to be covered by the policy. This is in normal process at this time.
- c. Since the claim is still active, AES Indiana has not requested any payments, and thus no payments have been made or are pending. Payments will occur once the unit is back in service and when it is known that there are no repair costs for Eagle Valley. Recovery will be for the costs incurred in repairing the property damage in excess of the deductible.
- d. The purpose of the RCA was to determine the most probable cause of the event and factors, that if eliminated, would have the highest probability of preventing a reoccurrence. The causes are memorialized in the RCA. A copy of the RCA was provided as an attachment filed in AES Indiana's case-in-chief in this Cause. Also See OUCC DR 2-10d Confidential Attachment 1 for a copy of an email related to the RCA.
- e. Currently there is no formal legal analysis of the RCA.
- f. For Contractor Warranties see Sections 9 and 15 of OUCC DR 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1, which AES Indiana provides pursuant to the nondisclosure agreement between AES Indiana and the OUCC.
- g. See OUCC 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1.
- h. Warranty claims are still being evaluated.
- i. There have been no settlement discussions. AES Indiana is focusing on the necessary work to repair the facility safely, expeditiously, and efficiently.
- j. N/A. AES Indiana makes warranty claims to the EPC contractor because warranties to AES Indiana are the responsibility of the EPC Contractor per the EPC Contract (OUCC DR 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1) and the Novation and Release Agreement between IPL and the EPC Contractor dated June 12, 2014, a copy of which is included herewith as OUCC DR 2-10j Confidential Attachment 1.
- k. N/A; See response to subpart j.
- l. N/A; see response to subpart j.
- m. Consequential damages are specifically excluded from the EPC Contract. See Section 16.3 of the contract provided as OUCC DR 2-10f Confidential Attachment 1. This provision is not unusual. In negotiating an EPC contract the EPC contractor accepted substantial risk including cost and schedule risk. As a general matter, a contractor would not reasonably be expected to accept liability for consequential losses such as replacement power costs because acceptance of such liability would expose the contractor to risk that outweighs the benefit of the job.
- n. See response to subpart (i) above.
- o. See response to subpart (i) above.

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APPLICATION OF INDIANAPOLIS POWER &)
LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES INDIANA FOR)
APPROVAL OF A FUEL COST FACTOR FOR)
ELECTRIC SERVICE DURING THE BILLING)
MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2021 THROUGH) CAUSE NO. 38703 FAC 133
FEBRUARY 2022, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE)
PROVISIONS OF I.C. 8-1-2-42, AND CONTINUED)
USE OF RATEMAKING TREATMENT FOR COSTS)
OF WIND POWER PURCHASES PURSUANT TO)
CAUSE NOS. 43485 AND 43740, AND APPROVAL OF)
A FUEL HEDGING PLAN AND AUTHORITY TO)
RECOVER COSTS OF THE FUEL HEDGING PLAN)
PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42.)

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On October 21, 2021, the Commission held a Technical Conference in the above-captioned Cause. The attached Power Point presentation was provided by Indianapolis Power & Light Company d/b/a AES Indiana.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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James F. Huston, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Stefanie Krevda in cursive.

Stefanie Krevda, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Loraine L. Seyfried in cursive.

Loraine L. Seyfried, Administrative Law Judge

Date: October 21, 2021



Cause No. 38703 FAC133
Technical Conference

October 21, 2021

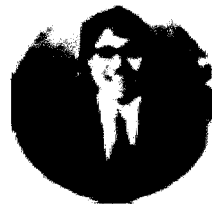
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AES Indiana Team

Presenters



Kristina Lund
President, US Utilities



John Bigalbal
Chief Operating Officer,
US Conventional Generation



David Jackson
Director, Commercial
Operations

Other Team Members Present

Generation

- John Arose – Generation Complex Leader
- Kevin Cook – Plant Manager, Eagle Valley

Commercial Operations

- Aaron Cooper – Chief Commercial Officer

RCA Facilitator

- H. Holcombe Baird, III, Reliability Center, Inc. – Senior Reliability Consultant

Legal & Regulatory

- Judi Sobecki – General Counsel
- Nick Grimmer – Indiana Regulatory Counsel
- Kim Aliff – Senior Regulatory Analyst
- Teresa Morton Nyhart, Barnes & Thornburg LLP – Counsel

Regulatory Accounting

- Natalie Coklow – Manager, Regulatory Accounting

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Agenda

- Eagle Valley Overview
- Outage Management and Status
- Summary of Incident
- Root Cause Analysis
- Action Plan & Recommendations
- Peak Power Hedges
- FAC Impacts
- Discussion & Questions

Eagle Valley Overview



Eagle Valley CCGT

- 671 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
- Commenced Commercial Operations on April 28, 2018
- Portfolio benefits
 - Fast response and flexibility
 - High efficiency
 - Fuel source and technology diversification
 - Lower carbon emissions
- Solid performance as Baseload Unit
 - Top decile and top quartile annual Equivalent Availability Factors in 2019 and 2020, respectively
 - Heat rate is top decile
 - Eagle Valley CCGT operates as a baseload plant with high capacity factors

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Outage Management and Status

→ Outage Period

- Began April 25, 2021
 - Incident occurred due to failure of unit to synchronize to grid after planned maintenance
 - A rewind of the field and repairs to the rotor are required to restart operations
- Eagle Valley is expected to return to service the second week of November 2021

→ Management Approach

- Objective: Mitigate the cost impact to customers
- Expedite Eagle Valley's return to service
- Identify root cause and take corrective actions for the future
- AES Indiana implemented first power hedging program to reduce price risk to our customers during the outage period

→ FAC Reconciliation Impact

- In total, the hedge reduced fuel and purchased power costs by \$1.6M
- Purchased power costs above the benchmark attributable to the Eagle Valley Outage net of the hedge are \$247K

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Summary of Incident

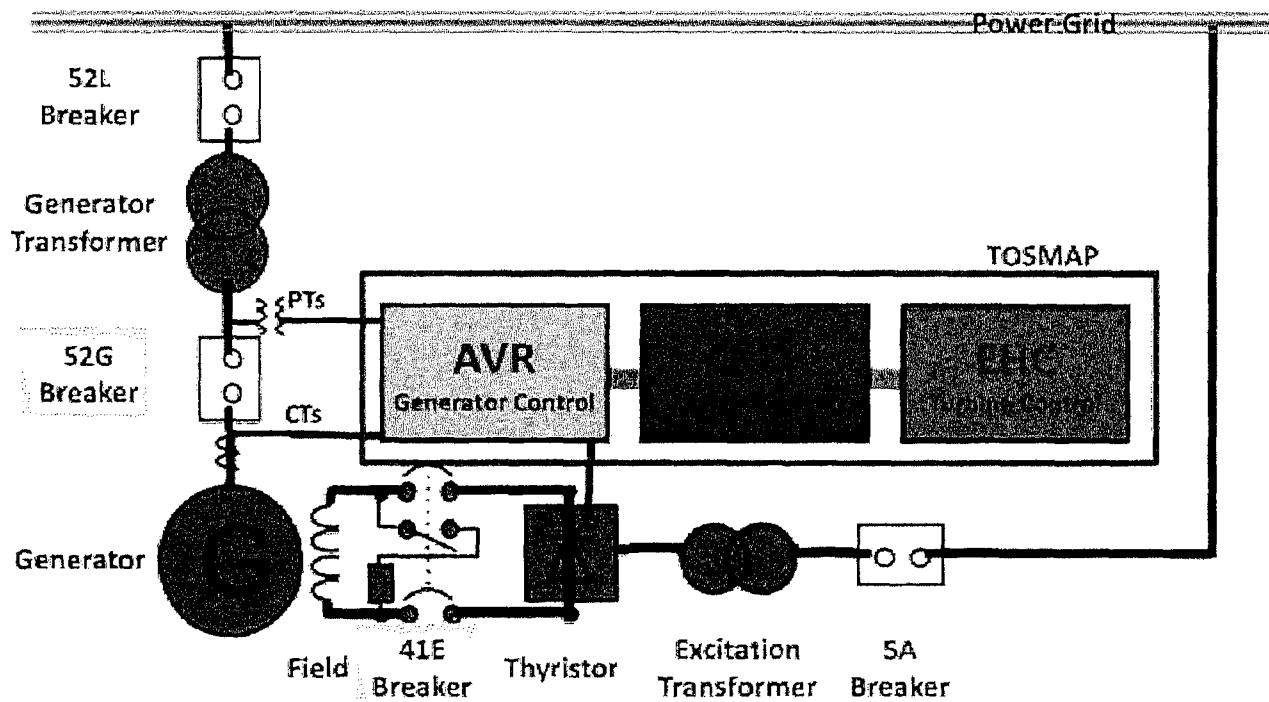


Figure 1, Simplistic diagram of generator protection and control components

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Summary of Incident

- Eagle Valley completed a planned maintenance outage
- During restart, the unit was not able to synchronize with the grid due to an issue with the generator breaker (52G)
 - Status mismatch - the generator breaker (52G) was showing closed on one indication and open on another
- Hours of troubleshooting, with support from Toshiba, led to discovery of a disconnected wire in the generator breaker cabinet
 - Reconnecting the wire based on schematics did not resolve the breaker issue
- As work proceeded into late night hours, shutdown of the plant was initiated with a plan to resume troubleshooting the next day
- The generator lockout protective relays (86G) were reset while the field breaker (41E) was closed
- The next morning, the connection of a jumper wire in the field breaker (41E) cabinet opened the field breaker and resolved the generator breaker (52G) issue
- A short to ground in the field was identified and an RCA commenced immediately

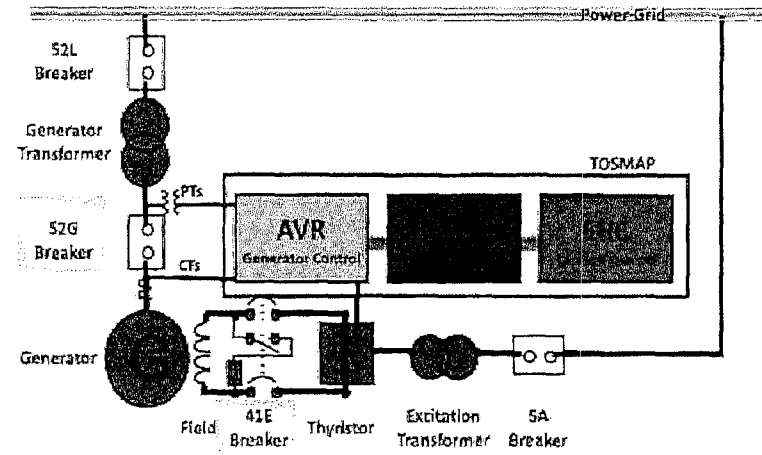


Figure 1. Simplistic diagram of generator protection and control components

Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

- RCA is a systematic process to identify all aspects of a system failure or identified problem, documenting what happened, how it happened and most importantly why it happened, so that actions can be developed for preventing reoccurrences
- The purpose of an RCA is to determine the most probable cause of an event and factors, that if eliminated, would have the highest probability of preventing a reoccurrence
- While an important tool, an RCA reviews an event after the fact and outside the plant environment – it is a hindsight analysis
- The RCA process allows us to learn through hindsight analysis how to improve our business on a going forward basis so we can better serve our customers

Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

- Immediately following incident, AES Indiana mobilized an RCA team
- Team facilitated by third party – Holcombe Baird – Senior Reliability Consultant, Reliability Center, Inc.
- RCA is completed and a copy has been provided in this Cause
- RCA recommended action plan currently being implemented or completed

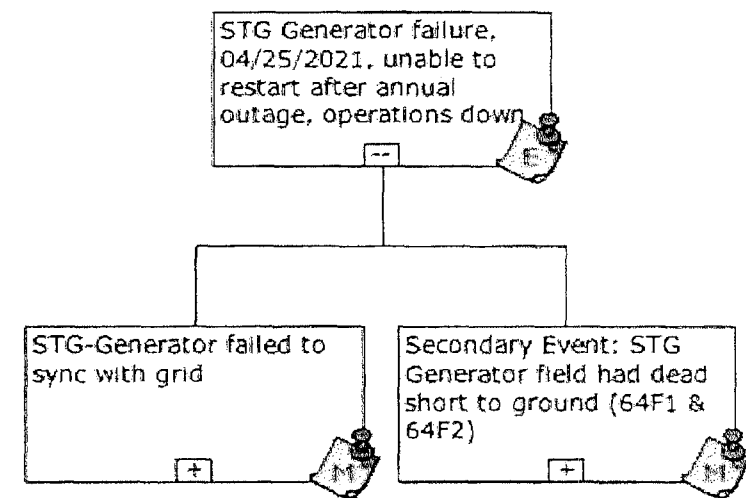
Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

→ Analysis broken down into two separate investigative efforts

- 1 Why the Steam Turbine Generator (STG) unit failed to synchronize to the power grid
- 2 What caused the field short to ground

→ The RCA involved:

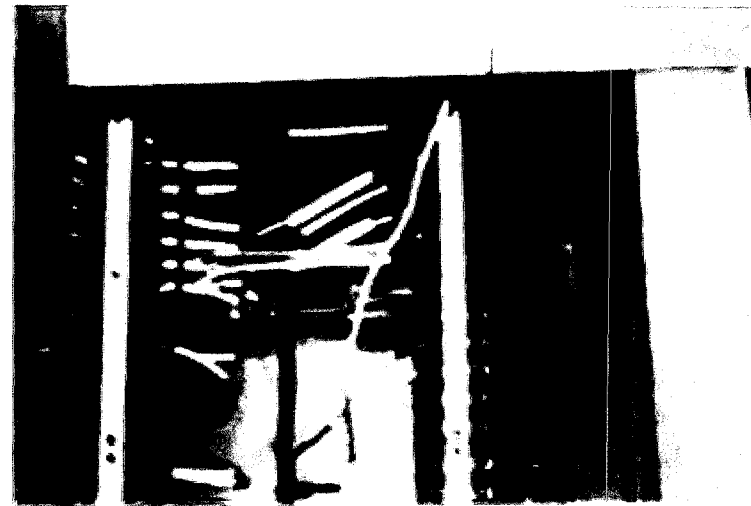
- Review of drawings to determine how the STG protection and controls system functioned during the start-up
- Review of historical data trends
- Interviews with the people that were involved in the event



Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Findings

1 Why the Steam Turbine Generator Failed to Synchronize to the Grid

- The steam turbine generator could not synchronize because the generator breaker (52G) was falsely indicating closed, but the breaker was actually open
- The control system thought the generator was online
- The generator breaker (52G) false indication was caused by a disconnected wire
 - Breaker cabinet is 30 feet off the ground, accessible via a ladder
- It is undetermined how the wire became disconnected, but the wire was never properly terminated

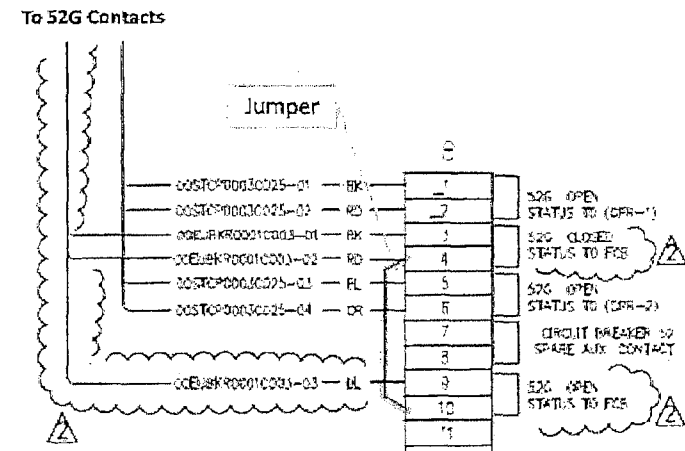


Disconnected yellow wire in STG 52G Breaker Cabinet
(with loose end lifted out of the way)

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Findings

1 Why the Steam Turbine Generator Failed to Synchronize to the Grid (continued)

- Troubleshooting was on the correct path to resolve the synchronization issue
- Incorrect as-built drawings led efforts elsewhere rather than confirming the problem
- RCA confirmed through re-enactment that the disconnected wire caused the synchronization issue and the status mismatch
 - Historical trend data showed the 41E Breaker and 52G Breaker functioned normally prior to the maintenance outage. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that the wire was connected when the STG was shut down on April 10th.



Wiring connection diagram in 52G Breaker Cabinet.

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Findings

2 What Caused the Field Short to Ground

- The field breaker (41E) should open to protect the generator due to any of 3 conditions:
 - #1 TOSMAP signal
 - #2 Turbine trip
 - #3 86G protective relays
- Due to the disconnected wire, the field breaker (41E) did not open to protect the generator because:
 - #1 TOSMAP did not open the 41E breaker because it thought the generator was online
 - #2 Turbine trip and #3 Generator protective relays (86Gs) were activated, but those signals were blocked by a hardwired interlock
- The 86G protective relays did shutdown the AVR and stop the current to the field

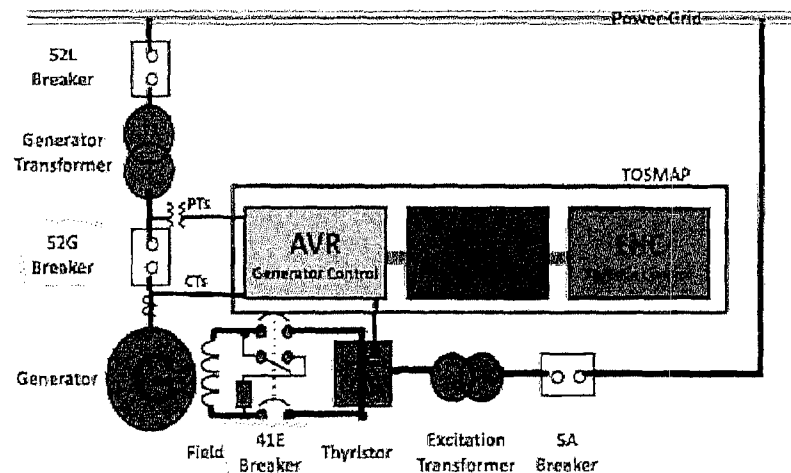
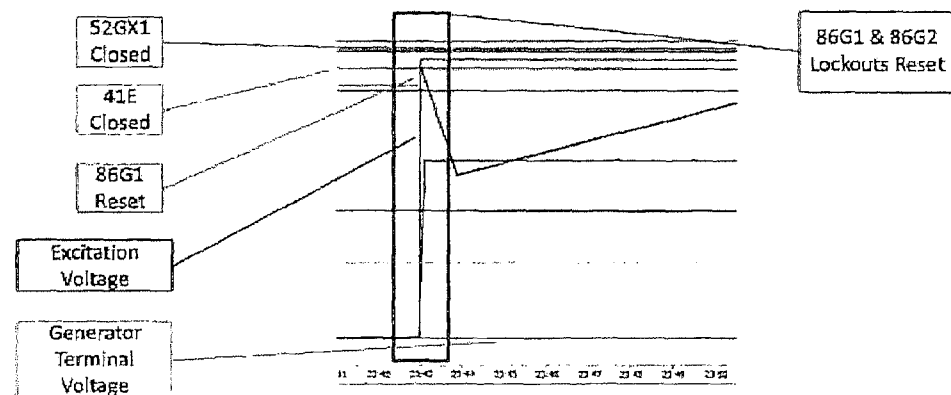


Figure 1. Simplistic diagram of generator protection and control components

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Findings

2 What Caused the Field Short to Ground (continued)

- The generator protective relay (86G) lockouts were manually reset after the shutdown, and the AVR went back into service and sent current to the field
- The steam turbine was on turning gear which was too slow to provide effective cooling of the field
- Overheating of the field broke down the insulation causing the short to ground



Trend data when 86G1 and 86G2 Lockout Relays were reset.

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Action Plan

AES Indiana is proactively implementing the RCA recommendations

Action	Status
Re-terminate the disconnected wire in using OEM standards	Complete
Clean up wiring in the 41E Breaker cabinet	Completed; final inspection is underway
Establish 86 series lockout relay reset Standard Operating Procedure	Complete
Establish operational pre-startup step to confirm agreement in status indicators for the 52G and 41E breakers	Will be completed this week

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Recommendations

Recommendation	Status
Conduct an engineering review of the 41E Breaker open signal circuit hardwired interlocks and control system interlocks for effective redundancy as well as compliance with IEEE and EPRI standards	<i>Third party review has been solicited and work has begun</i>
OEM review of the incident details to consider installing provisions in the AVR (Automatic Voltage Regulator) logic to detect and alert operators of a discrepancy in the generator (52G Breaker) and field (41E Breaker) breaker status	<i>Toshiba is reviewing, and AES Indiana is awaiting a response</i>
Perform an audit of all wiring diagrams for accuracy of generator protection systems and document the findings and develop a plan to correct discrepancies	<i>Inspection and a redline markup of the drawings is complete CAD drawing update is underway</i>
Implement a training program for operators and technicians specifically on the design and operation of the generator protection system, including processes for operating breakers and resetting lockout relays	<i>Completed</i>

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Peak Power Hedges

- AES Indiana transacted power hedges to safeguard customer price risk over summer months
- Hedges were modeled to determine appropriate hedge size to reduce net market exposure during June (345 MW), July, and August (365 MW each month)
- Additional hedges for September and October were transacted using the same methodology once more information about the outage duration became available
- The June and July peak power hedges realized a gain of \$1,590,975 during the historical FAC period, which reduced overall fuel costs
- Actual fuel costs (natural gas and purchased power) were higher than forecast during the historical FAC period and resulted in cost increases outside of the Eagle Valley outage

FAC Impacts

- Purchased power costs above the benchmark attributable to the Eagle Valley Outage net of the hedge are \$247k
- In total, the hedge reduced fuel costs by \$1.6M (see slide 19)

	Actual	Offset by Hedge	Purchased Power Over the Benchmark Net of Hedge
Total MWh Purchased Over the Benchmark	76,140	21,206	
Total Purchased Power Over the Benchmark	\$ 1,198,183	\$ 861,342	
Purchased Power Attributable to EV (up to 650MW per hour)	\$ 1,108,511	\$ 861,342	\$ 247,169

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FAC Factor Breakdown

	per MWh		
	FAC 132	FAC 133	Difference
Forecast	\$31.86	\$34.58	\$2.73
Earnings Test	(\$1.10)	\$0.00	\$1.10
Current variance 50%	\$2.15	\$1.86	(\$0.29)
FAC 132 carryover	\$0.00	\$1.77	\$1.77
	\$32.90	\$38.21	\$5.30
Base cost of fuel	\$32.94	\$32.94	\$0.00
FAC Factor before URT	(\$0.04)	\$5.27	\$5.30
FAC Factor grossed up for URT	(\$0.04)	\$5.35	\$5.39

Discussion & Questions

Appendix

- **AVR:** is the abbreviation for Automatic Voltage Regulator which controls the voltage of the generator to match the requirement of the power grid.
- **Breaker:** Often referred to as a circuit breaker, is an automatic device for stopping the flow of current in an electric circuit as a safety measure to protect an electrical device.
 - **41E Breaker:** also called the FCB, Field Circuit Breaker, is a device that functions to apply or interrupt the field excitation to the generator.
 - **52G Breaker:** also called the GCB, Generator Circuit breaker, is device that is used to close and interrupt an a-c power circuit between the power grid and the generator under normal conditions or to interrupt this circuit under fault or emergency conditions.
- **EHC:** Electro-Hydraulic Controller provides the operational control of the steam turbine, including start-up, shutdown, speed regulation and power generation.
- **Excitation Transformer:** used to ultimately provide power to the field windings.
- **86G1 and 86G2 Lockouts:** are 86 Series Lockout Relays which function to shut down and hold the STG equipment out of service upon the occurrence of abnormal generator conditions.
- **OPS:** Operation System which provides the human machine interface for the operators, including the display consoles and data trending functions.
- **Relay:** an electrical device, typically incorporating an electromagnet, which is activated by a current or signal in one circuit to open or close another circuit.
 - **64F1 and 64F2 Relays:** or the Ground Protective Relays, are relays which actuate on failure of the insulation of the generator field, allowing current to short circuit to ground.
- **Synchronize:** the process of connecting the generator to the power grid. The process requires the parameters of the power produced by the generator match the parameters of the power grid, including voltage, frequency, phase sequence and phase angle.
- **Thyristor:** a solid-state semiconductor device.

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing *Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor Public's Exhibit No. 2, Testimony of OUCC Witness Michael D. Eckert* has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on October 22, 2021.

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