

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF BOONVILLE NATURAL GAS )  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF GAS COST) )  
ADJUSTMENT TO BE APPLICABLE FOR THE )  
MONTHS OF NOVEMBER 2020 THROUGH APRIL ) CAUSE NO. 37369-GCA 124  
2021 PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 8-1-2-42 (g) )

TESTIMONY OF BRIAN D. CHERRY

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**IURC Cause No. 37369 - GCA 124**

1   **Q1.   PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2   A1.   My name is Brian D. Cherry; my business address is 1776 N. Meridian, Suite 500,  
3       Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

4   **Q2.   WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION AND BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED?**

5   A2.   I am a Certified Public Accountant and a Partner at LWG CPAs & Advisor (LWG).

6   **Q3.   PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND OR PROFESSIONAL**  
7       **QUALIFICATIONS WHICH YOU BELIEVE ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR**  
8       **TESTIMONY HERE?**

9   A3.   I hold a BS degree in Accounting and Operations Management from Indiana University.  
10       Since 2005 I have worked on a number of GCA proceedings. Recently I took over  
11       management of the Boonville Natural Gas Corporation GCA proceedings.

12   **Q4.   WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

13   A4.   I am sponsoring the GCA Schedules which LWG prepared for Boonville Natural Gas  
14       Corporation in this GCA proceeding.

15   **Q5.   DID YOU PREPARE THE SCHEDULES FILED IN THIS CAUSE?**

16   A5.   No. However, I reviewed the material prepared, discussed that material internally, and  
17       discussed these Schedules with Mr. Lewellyn prior to the Schedules being filed with the  
18       Petition in this Cause.

1 **Q6. DO YOU BELIEVE THESE ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES ACCURATELY**  
2 **REFLECT THE COST OF GAS THAT BOONVILLE SHOULD RECOVER**  
3 **THROUGH GCA FACTORS APPLICABLE FOR NOVEMBER 2020 THROUGH**  
4 **APRIL OF 2021?**

5 A6. Yes, subject to further monthly flexing.

6 **Q7. MR. CHERRY, TURNING TO THE SCHEDULES THAT HAVE BEEN FILED IN**  
7 **THIS CAUSE, DO THOSE SCHEDULES REFLECT A ROLLING 12 MONTH**  
8 **AVERAGE COMPARING THE INCREMENTAL COST OF GAS FOR THE**  
9 **PETITIONER TO THAT PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED?**

10 A7. Yes.

11 **Q8. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE 12 MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE?**

12 A8. (3.39) % through April 2020.

13 **Q9. HAS THE PETITIONER HEDGED ITS GAS SUPPLY FOR THE UPCOMING**  
14 **GCA?**

15 A9. Yes. Petitioner has fixed contracts in place as reflected on Schedule 3.

16 **Q10. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS PETITIONER HAS ACQUIRED GAS AT THE**  
17 **LOWEST REASONABLE COST POSSIBLE FOR ITS CUSTOMERS?**

18 A10. Yes I do.

19 **Q11. MR. CHERRY SINCE THE SCHEDULES PREPARED BY LWG WERE**  
20 **ATTACHED TO THE PETITION WHICH INITIATED THIS CAUSE, DID YOU**  
21 **REVIEW THE PETITION BEFORE IT WAS FILED?**

1 A11. Yes. I reviewed a draft of the Petition which was provided to me by counsel of record.

2 **Q12. DO YOU BELIEVE THE PETITION ACCURATELY DESCRIBES WHAT THE**  
3 **PETITIONER IS REQUESTING IN THESE PROCEEDINGS?**

4 A12. Yes I do. The Petition will give notice to anyone who reads it reflecting what the  
5 Petitioner is seeking in this proceeding. The period of time that this GCA covers, the cost  
6 of gas that has been estimated, and the anticipated GCA factors that are being requested  
7 are all covered in the Petition.

8 **Q13. WHAT IF THE SPECIFIC GCA FACTORS BEING REQUESTED CHANGE?**

9 A13. Changes of GCA factors regularly occur for all regulated natural gas utilities. Further in  
10 light of flexing, these GCA factors often change a few days before the beginning of the  
11 month in which natural gas will be delivered. But importantly, this Petition would tell the  
12 Petitioner's customers that the Petitioner is requesting a change from the currently used  
13 GCA factors.

14 **Q14. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS CAUSE?**

15 A14. Yes, it does.

**VERIFICATION**

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge,  
information and belief as of the date here filed.

  
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Brian D. Cherry

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following counsel of record electronically or by hand delivery this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Parvin Price', is written over a horizontal line.

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