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PETITION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,)
INDIANA FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE)
BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER)
OBLIGATIONS, (2) AUTHORITY TO)
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR) CAUSE NO. 46173
WATER SERVICE, AND (3) APPROVAL OF)
NEW SCHEDULES OF WATER RATES AND)
CHARGES.)

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

On December 19, 2024, City of Columbus, Indiana (“Petitioner”) filed its Verified Petition (“Petition”) in the above-captioned Cause. On January 7, 2025, Petitioner filed its Agreed Procedural Schedule that set forth a procedural schedule that Petitioner asserted all parties have agreed upon, including a waiver of a prehearing conference. The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the proposed schedule, now establishes the following procedural schedule in this matter:

1. **Test Year and Accounting Method.** The test year for determining Petitioner’s actual and pro forma operating revenues, expenses, and operating income under present and proposed rates shall be the 12 months ended December 31, 2023 adjusted for changes that are fixed, known, and measurable for ratemaking purposes and that occur within 12 months following the end of the test year.
2. **Cutoff Date.** The rate base cutoff shall reflect used and useful property at the end of the test year.
3. **Petitioner Prefiling Date.** Petitioner prefiled with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on December 19, 2024.
4. **Field Hearing.** One or more field hearings will be held in this Cause at a date, time, and location set forth in a subsequent docket entry.
5. **OUCC’s and Intervenors’ Prefiling Date.** The OUCC and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before April 2, 2025. Copies of the same shall be served upon all parties of record.
6. **Petitioner’s Rebuttal Prefiling Date.** Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before April 30, 2025. Copies of the same shall be served upon all parties of record.

7. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled, this matter shall proceed to an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:00 a.m. on May 29, 2025 in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Commission has also reserved May 30, 2025 for the evidentiary hearing. At such time, the cases-in-chief of Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented, and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner shall present their prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the OUCC's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement and supporting testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission at least ten business days prior to the evidentiary hearing.

8. **Hearing Exhibits.** Paper copies of exhibits to be offered at the evidentiary hearing must be single-sided and fastened together with staples, binder clips, or other non-permanent bindings that have no more than three holes along the longest edge. Parties shall process exhibits (1) consisting of excel spreadsheets, (2) are oversized, or (3) are voluminous in nature, through an optical character recognition program and offer the exhibits on a compact disc. Parties shall offer confidential exhibits on green paper in an envelope marked "confidential" or, if offered on a compact disc, the compact disc shall be labeled "confidential."

9. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(i), if a party offers prefiled testimony of a witness into evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the evidentiary hearing, the prefiled testimony shall be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

10. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten days of the receipt of such request. After April 30, 2025, the response or objection time shall be made within five business days. Any discovery request served after noon on a Friday or the day before a state holiday or after 5:00 p.m. on any other business day shall be deemed to have been served on the next business day. Discovery shall not be served later than the eighth business day before the final evidentiary hearing.

11. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When a party profiles technical evidence with the Commission, the party shall also file a copy of the workpapers used to produce that evidence within two business days after prefiling of the technical evidence. Copies of the workpapers shall also be served on all other parties in this Cause. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two copies of each document shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

12. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** Filings with the Commission shall comply with General Administrative Order 2016-2. However, the parties need only mail or deliver one paper copy of any electronic filing that exceeds 30 pages within two business days of the filing. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections.

13. **Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.** Parties shall file and serve on all parties of record, any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits as soon as an objection can be reasonably determined, but no less than ten days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

14. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David E. Ziegner', written above a horizontal line.

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin E. Kresge', written above a horizontal line.

Kristin E. Kresge, Administrative Law Judge

Date: January 24, 2025