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PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 2
TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS
WES R. BLAKLEY

**OCTOBER 12, 2023** 

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# TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS WES R. BLAKLEY CAUSE NO. 45911 INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES INDIANA

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

1	Q:	Please state your name, business address and employment capacity.
2	A:	My name is Wes R. Blakley, and my business address is 115 W. Washington St.,
3		Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. I am a Senior Utility Analyst for
4		the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"). My qualifications
5		are attached to this testimony as Appendix A.
6 7	<b>Q:</b> A:	What is the purpose of your testimony?  I am sponsoring the OUCC's overall revenue requirement recommendation in this
8		case and incorporating the impact of other OUCC witnesses' recommendations in
9		the revenue requirement calculations. I have also analyzed and am making
10		recommendations on several proposed adjustments Indianapolis Power & Light
11		Company d/b/a AES Indiana ("AES Indiana" or "Petitioner") requests in its case-
12		in-chief:
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		(1) Ratemaking treatment for the COVID-19 regulatory asset. This was created as a result of the Order(s) relating to Cause No. 45380, permitting deferral of costs associated with utility disconnections and collection of certain utility fees, as well as related uncollectable and incremental bad debt expense over a specified period. The total deferred amount is \$5.4 million amortized over three years for annual pro forma expense of \$1.8 million. I will also review other regulatory assets' amortization periods over the OUCC's estimate of the life of rates for this Cause;
21 22 23 24 25		(2) AES Indiana's proposed increase in vegetation management costs from \$11 million in its last rate case to \$25.2 million in this Cause. Petitioner has a \$15 million test year amount for vegetation management. AES Indiana also proposes to change approved accounting/ratemaking treatment. It would defer vegetation management costs below the approved costs embedded in rates in

1 2 3		this Cause to netting costs above the embedded vegetation management costs, with any regulatory liability given the same treatment Major Storm Reserve receives;
4 5 6 7 8 9		(3) AES Indiana's accounting treatment for the Major Storm Reserve. Petitioner requests no changes to the accounting treatment approved in Cause 45029 other than including an increase to the annual base of major storm expenses from \$1.363 million to \$1.908 million. In this Cause, AES Indiana will be crediting customers \$6.1 million over three years for overcollection on major storm expense; and
10 11 12		(4) AES Indiana has used an outdated IURC fee of \$0.001163. The most recent fee approved, as of July 1, 2023, is \$0.00146703 and will be used to update AES Indiana's revenue conversion factor.
13 14	Q:	To the extent you do not address a specific item or adjustment, should that be construed to mean you agree with AES Indiana's proposal?
15	A:	No. Excluding any specific adjustments or amounts proposed by AES Indiana
16		from my testimony does not indicate my approval of those adjustments or
17		amounts, but rather that the scope of my testimony is limited to the specific items
18		addressed herein.
19 20	Q:	Please describe the review and analysis you conducted in order to prepare your testimony.
	A:	I read AES Indiana's prefiled testimony and reviewed its exhibits, schedules,
		workpapers and responses to certain data requests.
		II. OUCC REVENUE RECOMMENDATION
21	Q:	Please summarize your findings regarding Petitioner's revenue requirement.
22	A:	My compilation of the OUCC's analysis shows AES Indiana's proposed revenues
23		should be increased by \$19,110,000 <sup>1</sup> or approximately 1.20%. This contrasts with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Schedule WRB-1, page 1.

1		AES Indiana's requeste	d increase of \$134,242,000 <sup>2</sup> or 8.4%. The OUCC				
2		recommends a weighted average cost of capital ("WACC") of 6.54% <sup>3</sup> .					
3	Q:	Have you prepared schedules to accompany your testimony?					
4	A:	Yes. The following sche	dules reflect the issues addressed by OUCC witnesses in				
5		this Cause:					
6 7 8		Co	venue Requirement, Revenue Conversion Factor, and mparison of Income Statement Adjustments at December 2022;				
9 10		Schedule WRB-2 - Ba 202	lance Sheet as December 31, 2021 and December 31, 22;				
11 12			Schedule WRB-3 - Net Operating Income Statement for the period ending December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022;				
13 14			Schedule WRB-4 - Pro-Forma Net Operating Income Statement at June 30, 2012;				
15 16			Schedule WRB-5 - Summary of Net Operating Income Adjustments and Adjustment Schedules;				
17		Schedule WRB-6 - Or	ginal Cost Rate Base as of December 31, 2022;				
18 19			eighted Average Cost of Capital as of December 31, 22; and				
		III.	COVID-19 EXPENSES				
20	Q:	What does AES Indiana	request regarding recovery of COVID-19 expenses?				
21	A:	AES Indiana requests rec	overy of costs the Commission authorized in its June 29,				
22		2020, Order in Cause No. 45380. The order permits using regulatory accounting					
23		for operations and maintenance expenses, convenience fees, late fees, utility					
24		disconnections, and uncollectable and incremental bad debt expense relating to the					

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  AES Indiana Financial Exhibit AESI-REVREQ, Schedule REVREQ1 Line 8.  $^3$  Schedule WRB-7.pk, page 1.

1 COVID-19 pandemic. AES Indiana deferred \$5,426,000 of COVID-19 expense, 2 which is shown on Petitioner's Financial Exhibit AESI-RB Schedule RB9 page 4 3 line 30. Petitioner's total deferred COVID-19 expense will not be included in rate 4 base; however, AES Indiana requested to amortize it over three years, for a 5 \$1,809,000 increase in amortization expense. 6 Q: Do you agree with AES Indiana's deferred COVID-19 cost calculation? 7 A: I do not agree with the proposed three-year amortization period. Looking at the 8 dates of Petitioner's most recent rate orders, the Commission issued its Cause No. 9 44576 order on March 16, 2016 and approved its order in Cause No. 45029 on 10 October 31, 2018. The final order in Cause No. 45911 should be approved in the 11 spring of 2024. AES Indiana has had two approved rate case orders in the

years for a \$1,356,500 increase of amortization expense.

approximately eight years preceding the anticipated date for the approved order in

this Cause. Thus, I propose amortizing the COVID-19 regulatory asset over four

Do you have any other concerns regarding the regulatory assets listed on AES

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Indiana's Financial Exhibit AESI-RB Schedule RB9?

Yes. Schedule RB9 details numerous regulatory assets and Petitioner's requested amortization periods. The total of all regulatory assets at the end of the test year December 31, 2022, is approximately \$430 million. There are different amortization periods for each individual regulatory asset. Some of the amortization periods: 1) are over the life of the actual asset that the regulatory asset is associated with, 2) were approved in settlements, or 3) are requested as a result of this Cause. I will address those regulatory assets related to the 20% deferrals associated with Petitioner's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES")

1 investments, National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS")-DBA ("Dibasic 2 acid system") investments, Coal Combustion Residuals ("CCR") Bottom Ash, 3 NAAQS-Other included in AES Indiana's Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") 4 tracker, and the 20% deferrals associated with investments included in Petitioner's 5 Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge ("TDSIC") 6 tracker. 7 Q: What is the requested amortization period for these items? 8 A: Petitioner proposes to amortize these regulatory assets over three years. As I 9 explained above, the period covering Petitioner's previous two base rate orders and 10 the order in this Cause will average approximately four years. For this reason, I 11 recommend each regulatory asset listed in Table 1 below be changed from a three-12 year amortization period to a four-year amortization period:

Table 1: AES Indiana Schedule RB9 Select Regulatory Assets

Regulatory Asset	Pro Forma Balance	Amortization Period	Annual Amortization
20% NPDES	\$14,439,000	4 years	\$3,609,750
20% NAAQS-DBA	\$719,000	4 years	179,750
20% CCR Bottom Ash	\$1,593,000	4 years	398,250
20% NAAQS Other	\$2,198,000	4 years	549,500
20% TDSIC Distribution	\$6,073,000	4 years	1,518,250
20% TDSIC Transmission	\$1,010,000	4 years	252,500
COVID-19	\$5,426,000	4 years	1,356,500
Total OUCC Annual Amortization			\$7,864,750
Less: AES Indiana's Annual Amortization			10,486,000
Decrease Pro forma RB9 Adjustment Amortization			(\$2,621,500)

- 1 With this adjustment, AES Indiana's RB9 amortization expense is reduced from
- 2 \$35.9 million to \$33.3 million.

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- 3 Q: Does the OUCC have additional recommendations regarding Petitioner's requested amortization periods?
- 5 A: Yes. Petitioner should reduce base rates for the amortized expenses once their amortization periods have expired.

#### IV. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT RESERVE

7 Q: Please explain AES Indiana's request for Vegetation Management Reserve.

AES Indiana proposes a \$25.2 million pro forma vegetation management expense.<sup>4</sup> OUCC witness Roopali Sanka's testimony discusses the amount of pro forma vegetation management expense the OUCC supports. I discuss AES Indiana's request to create a vegetation management reserve that would permit the creation of a regulatory asset if its vegetation management expenses rise above one-twelfth of \$25.2 million, which is an annual base amount. Should vegetation management expenses fall below that amount, AES Indiana would record a regulatory liability. The adjustments function the same as the Major Storm Expense adjustments, with either a deferred regulatory asset or liability calculated monthly and carried to the next rate case for recovery through amortization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Direct Testimony of Chadwick Bocook, p. 4, line 20.

Q: Did AES Indiana request similar treatment in its last rate case (Cause No. 45029)?

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Yes. Petitioner requested the same deferral accounting treatment above or below \$12.26 million, the embedded amount requested at that time.<sup>5</sup> Through a Settlement Agreement in Cause No. 45029 ("Settlement Agreement"), the Settling Parties, which included the OUCC, agreed on an \$11.0 million vegetation management expense embedded in base rates. Also in that Cause, the OUCC recommended denying a Vegetation Management Reserve, indicating that AES Indiana management sets vegetation management budgets and decides how much, when, and where money is spent and therefore can be planned. This is unlike major storm expense where AES Indiana's management has no control of when, where, and how much money it will need to spend. It was the OUCC's position in Cause No. 45029, and remains our position, that the base rate revenue requirement should provide enough resources for AES Indiana to proactively manage this activity. Therefore, the use of asset/liability treatment on normal operating and expense accounts should only occur in extreme and unusual circumstances, not for vegetation management which is a recurring part of AES Indiana's operations. Although Petitioner's proposed vegetation management reserve was not accepted as part of the Settlement Agreement, the Settling Parties agreed on AES Indiana establishing a Cap Mechanism for vegetation management costs, wherein AES Indiana deferred any shortfall in annual expenditures for vegetation management costs on its distribution facilities relative to the amount embedded in base rates. No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cause No. 45029, Direct Testimony of James Cutshaw, p. 22, lines 17-18

amounts spent above the embedded amount on a cumulative basis were deferred. If this regulatory liability account has a balance at the time of Petitioner's next base rate case, it will be amortized into cost of service as a credit to ratepayers. There is no regulatory liability for vegetation management in this Cause.

#### Q: What do you recommend regarding the Vegetation Management Reserve?

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The OUCC recommends the same cap mechanism accounting treatment for costs below the embedded amount as approved in Cause No 45029. After review, OUCC witness Roopali Sanka has determined \$18.891 million should be embedded in base rates for vegetation management expense, which is the cap in this Cause. This treatment incents AES Indiana to spend on its distribution system maintenance near the amount it estimates it would. If costs for general maintenance of its distribution system are above the amount embedded in base rates to an extent that is unmanageable, then AES Indiana can petition for a general rate increase that provides the funds for proper maintenance. The OUCC in this Cause is agreeing to a substantial increase in vegetation management expense. The cap mechanism that was agreed to in Cause No. 45029 works for both AES Indiana and its customers so that if general maintenance costs embedded in base rates are not fully spent to maintain the distribution system, then ratepayers would be credited at the time of the next base rate case for those dollars that they had provided that were not used for that purpose.

#### V. MAJOR STORM RESERVE/REGULATORY ASSET-LIABILITY

21 Q: Is AES Indiana requesting approval to continue its major storm reserve accounting treatment?

A: Yes. AES Indiana witness Kim Aliff indicates Petitioner proposes continuing the Major Storm Restoration Reserve and seeks to increase major storm expense with a \$545,000 per price index pro forma adjustment to arrive at \$1.9 million of major storm expense embedded in base rates. The Major Storm Reserve calculation will take 1/12 of the \$1.9 million or \$158,334 (\$1.9 million/12 = \$158,334). Any Level 3 or 4 storm expense exceeding this amount during a month will result in a deferred regulatory asset to be recovered in the next base rate case. If there are no Level 3 or 4 storms or if monthly expenses that are incurred are less than \$158,334, a deferred regulatory liability will be recorded and credited back to AES Indiana customers in the next rate case. Currently, there is a \$6.1 million credit balance in the Major Storm Regulatory Liability Account to be passed back over three years.

### Q: Do you have any concerns with the Major Storm Damage Restoration Reserve mechanism AES Indiana currently uses?

A: The Major Storm Reserve provides an advantage to electric utilities because if an infrequent occurrence such as a Level 3 or Level 4 storm happens, the cost is captured as a deferred regulatory asset if it goes over a monthly average of embedded major storm expense amount. This deferral helps the financials of the company by not having to book the expense. It also sets up a proposal for recovery of the deferred costs in the next rate case. To the extent this treatment appears to be a solution to the problem of infrequent but occasional major storms and the large costs that they can present, the OUCC has been amenable to this very special accounting treatment. The OUCC is not amenable to "accounting reserve" treatment for normal operating expenses such as vegetation management expense.

This treatment should only be reserved for extreme, infrequent, and unusual circumstances like major storm expense.

#### VI. <u>IURC FEE</u>

- 3 Q: Has the IURC Fee changed since Petitioner filed its case-in-chief?
- 4 A: Yes. The new rate is \$0.00146703. AES Indiana should update its revenue
- 5 conversion factor accordingly.

#### VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6 Q: What recommendations do you have for the Commission?
- 7 A: I recommend the Commission:
- 8 1) Approve the OUCC's revenue requirement adjustments and recommendations;
- 9 2) Continue the existing Cap Mechanism and accounting treatment for vegetation management costs below the embedded amount as was approved in Cause No 45029;
- 12 3) Amortize deferred regulatory assets over four years which is calculated as the life of the rates;
- 14 4) Continue the Major Storm Reserve accounting treatment of deferring costs above or below the twelve-month average major storm cost, and;
- 5) Adjust the revenue conversion factor to the current IURC rate.
- 17 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?
- 18 A: Yes.

#### **APPENDIX A**

2	A:	I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with a major in Accounting
3		from Eastern Illinois University in 1987 and worked for Illinois Consolidated
4		Telephone Company until joining the OUCC in April 1991 as a staff accountant.
5		Since that time, I have reviewed and testified in hundreds of trackers, rate cases
6		and other proceedings before the Commission. I have attended the Annual
7		Regulatory Studies Program sponsored by NARUC at Michigan State University

University of Wisconsin-Madison Energy Basics Program.

in East Lansing, Michigan as well as the Wisconsin Public Utility Institute at the

Please describe your educational background and experience.

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#### Comparison of Petitioner's and OUCC's Recommended Revenue Increase/(Decrease) (\$000)

Description:	Amount per Petitioner	Amount Per OUCC	OUCC More/(Less)	Source	
Original Cost Rate Base Required Rate of Return	\$ 3,481,906 7.22%	\$ 3,463,878 6.54%	\$ (18,028)	Schedule WRB 6,p. 1 Schedule WRB-7	
Net Operating Income Required Add: Fair Value Increment	251,392 	226,611	(24,781)		
Net Operating Income Required. Less: Pro-Forma Present Rate NOI	251,392 151,040	226,611 212,331	(24,781) 61,291	Schedule WRB-4	
Net Income Surplus/(Deficiency) Revenue Multiplier	100,352 0.747551	14,280 0.747266	(86,072)	Petitioner	
Base Rate Revenue Increase	\$ 134,241	\$ 19,110	\$ (115,131)		

Notes:
(1) Per IPL Financial Exhibit IPL-REVREQ, Schedule REVREQ1.

	Per IPL	Per OUCC
(2) Calculation of Conversion Factor		
Revenues	1.000000	1.000000
Less: Uncollectibles	0.003814	0.003814
Public utility fee	0.001163	0.001467
•	0.995023	0.996186
Times: State tax rate	0.049000	0.049000
Effective state tax rate	0.048756	0.048813
Revenues	1.000000	1.000000
Less: Uncollectibles	0.003814	0.003814
Less:	0.000000	0.000000
Less: Public Utility Fee	0.001163	0.001467
Effective State Tax Rate	0.048756	0.048813
Federal tax base	0.946267	0.945906
Times: Federal tax rate	0.210000	0.210000
Effective State Tax Rate	0.198716	0.198640
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Revenues	1.000000	1.000000
Less: Uncollectibles	0.003814	0.003814
Less: Effective State Tax rate	0.048756	0.048813
Less: Public Utility Fee Less: Effective State Tax rate	0.001163	0.001467
Less: Effective State Tax rate Revenue Conversion Factor	0.198716 0.747551	0.198640 0.747266
Revenue Conversion Factor	0.747551	0.747266
Effective Federal Tax rate for Taxable Income	0.156986	0.210000
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Revenues	1.000000	1.000000
Less: Uncollectibles	0.003814	0.003814
Less: Effective State Tax rate	0.048756	0.048813
Less: Public Utility Fee	0.001163	0.001467
Less: Effective Federal Tax rate for Income	0.198716	0.198640
Less:	0.000000	0.000000
Revenue Conversion Factor	0.747551	0.747266

### Revenue Conversion Factor (\$000)

Descri	ption:	Tax Rate	Per	Petitioner	F	Per OUCC
Reven	ue Increase/(Decrease)		\$	134,241	\$	19,110
Less:	IURC Fee	0.1163%		156		28
	Bad Debt	0.3814%		512		73
	State Taxable Income			133,573		19,009
	State Income Tax Indiana Utility Receipts Tax	4.9000% 0.0000%		6,545 -		931 -
	Federal Taxable Income			127,028		18,078
	Federal Income Tax	21.0000%		26,676		3,796
Net Inc	come Surplus/(Deficiency)		\$	100,352	\$	14,282

### Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 (\$000)

Line No.	Description:	Assets as of December 31, 2021	Assets as of December 31, 2022
1	Utility Plant In Service	\$6,765,414	\$7,077,649
2	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	3,844,418	4,057,940
3	Net Utility Plant In Service	2,920,996	3,019,709
4	Construction Work In Progress	236,696	280,732
5	Other Utility Plant - Net	1,002	1,002
6	Total Utility Plant	3,158,694	3,301,443
7	Other Property and Investments		
8	Other Property and Investments	4,824	6,164
9	Current Assets		
10	Cash and Equivalents	2,756	199,094
11	Accounts Receivable (Less Allowance for Doubtful		
	Accounts of \$2,595 and \$2,555, respectively)	132,737	155,871
12	Fuel Stock	41,567	60,146
13	Plant Materials and Operating Supplies	86,981	116,158
14	Prepayments and Other Current Assets	102,347	115,813
15	Total Current Assets	366,388	647,082
16	Deferred Debits:		
17	Unamortized Debt Expenses	18,229	21,498
18	Rate-Based Regulatory Assets	411,613	414,885
19	Non Rate-Based Regulatory Assets	446,614	586,190
20	Unamortized Loss on Reacquired Debt	15,703	14,429
21	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes - FAS 109	(4,566)	(4,566)
22	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes - Other	218,255	181,950
23	Miscellaneous	57,012	37,839
24	Total Deferred Debits	1,162,860	1,252,225
25	Total Assets	\$4,692,766	\$5,206,914

### Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 (\$000)

#### Capitalization and Liabilities

		Capitalization and Liabilities			
Line No.	Description:	as of December 31, 2021	as of December 31, 2022		
NO.	Description.	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022		
1	Proprietary Capital				
2	Common Stock - Issued	\$324,537	\$324,537		
3	Preferred Stock - Issued	59,135	<u>-</u>		
4	Premium on 4% Cumulative Preferred Stock	649	-		
5	Other Paid In Capital	939,994	1,193,107		
6	Retained Earnings	422,490	419,818		
7	Unappropriated Undistributed Subsidiary Earnings/(Deficit)	4,307	5,648		
8	Total Proprietary Capital	1,751,112	1,943,110		
9	Long-Term Debt				
10	Bonds	1,803,800	2,153,800		
11	Unamortized Discount on Long Term Debt	(5,855)	(6,651)		
12	Total Long Term Debt	1,797,945	2,147,149		
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13	Other Non-Current Liabilities				
14	Obligations Under Capital Lease - Noncurrent	-	-		
15	Accumulated Provision for Injuries and Damages	200	-		
16	Accumulated Provision for Pensions and Benefits	239	278		
17	Long Term Portion of Derivative Instrument Liabilities	1,000	-		
18	Asset Retirement Obligations.	189,509	217,570		
19	Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	190,948	217,848		
20	Current and Accrued Liabilities				
21	Accounts payable	159,191	184,064		
22	Short Term Debt	60,000	-		
23	Customer Deposits	28,917	35,097		
24	Taxes Accrued	16,341	14,124		
25	Interest Accrued	22,241	24,526		
26	Dividends Accrued	7,500	7,500		
27	Tax Collections Payable	6,908	8,353		
28	Other Current Liabilities	26,653	23,314		
29	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	327,751	296,978		
30	Deferred Credits				
31	Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits	27	24		
32	Other Deferred Credits	4,339	3,127		
33	Other Regulatory Liabilities	108,177	117,137		
34	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes - FAS 109	(104,728)	(93,227)		
35	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes - Other	617,205	573,772		
36	Total Deferred Credits	625,020	600,833		
37	Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$4,692,776	\$5,205,918		

#### Operating Income Statements for the periods ending December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022 (\$000)

Line No.	Description:		Twelve nths Ended mber 31, 2021	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022		
1	Operating Revenues:	\$	1,426,197	\$	1,787,190	
2	Operating Expenses:					
3	Operating Expenses		700,694		1,064,676	
4	Maintenance Expense		160,266		177,654	
5	Depreciation Expense		282,032		295,119	
6	Amortization of Depletion of Plant		11,477		16,253	
7	Amortization of Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustment		13		22	
8	Amortization of Regulatory Debits/Credits		(37,205)		(39,302)	
9	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes		45,214		33,464	
10	Income Taxes - Federal		36,412		31,385	
11	Income Taxes - Other		10,265		8,168	
12	Net Deferred Income Taxes - Federal		(8,410)		(7,278)	
13	Net Deferred Income Taxes - Other		(366)		125	
14	ITC Adjustment - Net		Ž		(3)	
15	Gains on Disposition of Allowances		_		(4,358)	
16	ARO Accretion and Loss on ARO Settlements				, ,	
17	Total Utility Operating Expenses		1,200,394		1,575,925	
18	Net Utility Operating Income		225,803		211,265	
19	Non-Utility Operating Income:					
20	Revenues from Non-Utility Operations		15		10	
21	Expenses of Non-Utility Operations		(9)		(13)	
22	Non-Operating Rental Income		1,020		99	
23	Equity in Earnings of Subsidiaries		4,284		1,416	
24	Interest and Dividend Income		19		672	
25	Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction		5,417		4,784	
26	Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income		4		6	
27	Gain on Disposition of Property		-		-	
28	Total Other Income		10,750		6,974	
29	Other Income Deductions:					
30	Loss on Disposition of Property					
31	Miscellaneous Amortization					
32	Donations		1,479		1,234	
33	Penalties		4		100	
34	Civic Expenditures		552		588	
35	Other Deductions		215		200	
36	Taxes on Other Income and Deductions		213		54	
37	Total Other income Deductions		2,250		2,176	
31	Total Other income Deductions	_	2,230		2,170	
38	Interest Charges:					
39	Interest on Long-Term Debt		83,866		87,166	
40	Amortization of Debt Discount		1,221		1,260	
41	Amortization of Loss on Reacquired Debt		3,785		6,471	
42	Other Interest Expense		<u>-</u>		-	
43	Allowance for borrowed Funds Used During Construction		(4,815)		(8,215)	
44	Net Interest Charges		84,057		86,682	
45	Net Income	\$	150,246	\$	129,381	

### Pro-Forma Operating Income Statement (\$000)

Description:	AES Indiana Pro-Forma Present Rates		Adjı	DUCC ustments e WRB-1, p. 1	 OUCC ro-Forma esent Rates	In (D	evenue crease/ ecrease) le WRB-1, p. 1	Pro-Forma Proposed Rates		
Operating Revenues	\$	1,603,524	\$		\$ 1,603,524	\$	19,110	\$	1,622,634	
Operating Expenses:										
Operations and Management Expense	Э	1,079,488		(27,857)	1,051,631		101		1,051,732	
Depreciation Expense		331,610		(53,000)	278,610		-		278,610	
Taxes Other Than Income		27,275		(1,519)	25,756		933		26,689	
Federal Income Taxes-Current		27,809		17,090	44,899		-		44,899	
State Income Taxes-Current		6,714		-	6,714		3,796		10,510	
Federal Income Taxes-Deferred		(17, 164)		3,995	(13,169)		-		(13,169)	
State Income Taxes-Deferred		(3,245)		-	(3,245)		-		(3,245)	
Investment Tax Credits		(3)			 (3)				(3)	
Total Operating Expenses		1,452,484		(61,291)	1,391,193		4,830		1,396,023	
Utility Operating Income	\$	151,040	\$	61,291	\$ 212,331	\$	14,280	\$	226,611	

### Summary of Adjustments to Net Income for the Test Year Ended December 31, 2022 (\$000)

Description:	Schedule Reference	 Revenues	 O&M Expenses	Ex	preciation opense & Asset Amort.	Ot	Taxes her Than Income	State me Taxes	ederal me Taxes	Net perating Income
Net Income at Present Rates (Per Petitioner)		\$ 1,603,524	\$ 1,079,488	\$	331,610	\$	27,275	\$ 3,469	\$ 10,642	\$ 151,040
OUCC Adjustments:										
AES Indiana Payroll Expense	Schedule 5, p. 2	-	(17,271)		-		(1,519)	846	3,627	14,317
ACES O&M Expense	Schedule 5, p. 3	-	(620)		-		-	30	130	459
Consumable Non-Labor Expense	Schedule 5, p. 4	-	(2,880)		-		-	- 141	605	2,134
Fuel Expense	Schedule 5, p. 5	-	(730)		-		-	36	153	541
Depreciation Expense & Reg. Asset Amortization Adjustment	Schedule 5, p. 6	-	-		(53,000)		-	2,597	11,130	39,273
Vegetation Management Expense	Schedule 5, p. 7	-	(6,356)		-		-	311	1,335	4,710
Interest Synchronization	Schedule 8	-	-		-		-	33	110	(143)
		-		*	-		-	-	-	-
Total OUCC Adjustments		\$ 	\$ (27,857)	\$	(53,000)		(1,519)	\$ 3,995	\$ 17,090	\$ 61,291
OUCC Adjusted Net Income		\$ 1,603,524	\$ 1,051,631	\$	278,610		25,756	\$ 7,464	\$ 27,732	\$ 212,331

### Adjustment to reflect AES Indiana and AES Services payroll expense (\$000)

Description:	Payroll Expense				
Pro forma Adjustment per OUCC (1)	\$	444	\$	19	
Pro forma Adjustment per AES Indiana (2)		17,715		1,538	
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	\$	(17,271)	\$	(1,519)	

- (1) See OUCC Witness Brian Lathem's testimony. (Exhibit 4)
- (2) See IPL Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule OM15

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#### AES Indiana Cause No. 45911

### Adjustment to ACES Project Operation & Maintenance Expense (\$000)

Description:	^	mount
Pro-Forma Adjustment Per the OUCC (1)	\$	10,689
Pro-Forma Adjustment Per AES Indiana (2)		11,309
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	\$	(620)

- (1) See OUCC Witness Kaleb Lantrip testimony. (Exhibit 5)
- (2) See IPL Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule OM18

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#### AES Indiana Cause No. 45911

### Adjustment to Consumables Expense (\$000)

Description:	 Amount			
Pro-Forma Adjustment Per the OUCC (1)	\$ 15,523			
Pro-Forma Adjustment Per AES Indiana (2)	 18,403			
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	 (\$2,880)			

- (1) See OUCC Witness Cynthia Armstrong testimony. (Exhibit 7)
- (2) See IPL Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule OM5

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#### AES Indiana Cause No. 45911

### Adjustment to Fuel Expense (\$000)

Description:	Amount
Pro-Forma Amount Per the OUCC (1)	\$ 40,408
Pro-Forma Amount Per AES Indiana (2)	41,138
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	\$ (730)

- (1) See OUCC Witness Michael Eckert testimony. (Exhibit 1)
- (2) See IPL Financial Exhibit IPL-OPER, Schedule OM2

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#### AES Indiana Cause No. 45911

### Adjustment to Depreciation Expense (\$000)

Description:	 Amount		
Pro-Forma Amount Per the OUCC (1) Plus: Petersburg Units 1 and 2 soon to retire plant (2) Plus: OUCC Regulatory Asset Amortization (3)	\$ 170,900 74,445 <u>33,265</u>	\$	278.610
		Ψ	270,010
Pro-Forma Amount Per Petitioner (4)			331,610
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)		\$	(53,000)

- (1) See OUCC Witness David Garrett's testimony (Exhibit 11).
- (2) See AES Indiana Witness John Spanos testimony Attachment JJS-1.
- (3) See OUCC Schedule WRB-6 page 7 of 7, line 36.
- (4) See Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule DEPR

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#### AES Indiana Cause No. 45911

### Adjustment to Vegetation Management Expense (\$000)

Description:	<u> </u>	Amount				
Pro-Forma Amount Per the OUCC (1)	\$	18,891				
Pro-Forma Amount Per Petitioner (2)		25,247				
Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	\$	(6,356)				

- (1) See OUCC Witness Roopali Sanka's testimony (Exhibit 3).
- (2) See Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule OM12

### Original Cost Rate Base as of December 31, 2022 (\$000)

Line No.	Description:	Schedule Reference	ility Plant In Service	Dep	accumulated preciation and mortization	Jtility Plant in Service	,	aterials and Supplies nventory	iel Stock ventory	egulatory Assets	Orig	ginal Cost Rate Base
1	Per Books December 31, 2022		\$ 7,077,649	\$	(4,057,940)	\$ 3,019,709	\$	116,158	\$ 55,780	\$ 411,614	\$	3,603,261
2	Plus: ACE Project (Schedule RB3)	Schedule 6, p. 2	94,165		-	94,165		-	-	-		94,165
3	Less: Eagle Valley Outage Capital Costs and Pete 2											
	Pete 1 & 2 Shared Assets	Schedule 6, p. 2	(512,743)		492,909	(19,834)		-	-	-		(19,834)
4	Less: Non-Jurisdictional MISO MTEP Plant In Service	Schedule 6, p. 2	(20,788)		3,447	(17,341)		-	-	-		(17,341)
5	Less: Net Asset Retirement Cost	Schedule 6, p. 2	(196,676)		154,349	(42,327)		-	-	-		(42,327)
6	Plus: Materials and Supplies	Schedule 6, p. 2	-		-	-		(16,908)	-	-		(16,908)
7	Less: Fuel Stock Inventory	Schedule 6, p. 2	-		-	-		-	(32, 322)	-		(32,322)
8	Plus: Regulatory Assets	Schedule 6, p. 2	 			 <u> </u>			 	 (104,816)		(104,816)
13	Total Pro-Forma Amount		\$ 6,441,607		\$ (3,407,235)	 \$ 3,034,372		\$ 99,250	 \$ 23,458	 \$ 306,798		\$ 3,463,878

### Original Cost Rate Base as of December 31, 2022 (\$000)

Line No.	Description:	Schedule Reference	Ra	S Indiana ate Base justment	 Rate Base justment	Difference	
1	ACE Project	AESI-RB 3	\$	94,165	\$ 94,165	\$	-
2	Eagle Valley Outage Capital Costs and Pete 2						
3	Pete 1 & 2 Shared Assets	AESI-RB 4		(19,834)	(19,834)		-
	Non-Jurisdictional MISO MTEP Plant In Service	AESI-RB 5		(17,341)	(17,341)		-
4	Net Asset Retirement Cost	AESI-RB 6		(42,326)	(42,326)		-
5	Materials and Supplies (AESI RB7)	OUCC Sch 6 RB 1		(4,474)	(16,908)		(12,434)
6	Fuel Stock Inventory (AESI RB8)	OUCC Sch 6 RB 2		(26,728)	(32,322)		(5,594)
7	Regulatory Assets (AESI RB9)	OUCC Sch 6 RB 3		(104,816)	 (104,816)		
12	Total Pro Forma Rate Base Adjustments			\$ (121,354)	\$ (139,382)		\$ (18,028)

### Materials and Supplies Inventory (\$000)

Description :		T&D on-Capital Spare er Books	Other ial % Supplies Mo. Average	Remove NPDES per Books	Add CCGT Expected Average	Add NPDES Expected Average	ro-Forma djustment
December 31, 2021	\$	-	\$ 61,340				\$ 61,340
January 31, 2022		-	61,684				61,684
February 28, 2022		-	62,115				62,115
March 31, 2022		-	62,285				62,285
April 30, 2022		-	62,391				62,391
May 31, 2022		-	62,124				62,124
June 30, 2022		-	61,105				61,105
July 31, 2022		-	61,741				61,741
August 31, 2022		43,555	62,186				105,741
September 30, 2022		49,360	61,877				111,237
October 31, 2022		50,616	61,998				112,614
November 30, 2022		51,610	62,183				113,793
December 31, 2022		53,335	 62,823				 116,158
Total	\$	248,476	\$ 805,852				
Pro-Forma Materials and Supplies Inventory							\$111,684
Remove 13 month average of Emission allowance inver	ntory (1	1)					\$ (649)
Remove Material and supplies adjustment (2)	- \						\$ (11,785)
Adjsuted Materials and supplies							\$ 99,250
Less: Per Books as of December 31, 2022							\$ 116,158
Pro-Forma Adjustment							\$ (16,908)

<sup>(1)</sup> See OUCC Witness Cynthia Armstrong testimony. (Exhibit 7)

<sup>(2)</sup> See OUCC Witness Michael Eckert testimony. (Exhibit 1)

### Electric Fuel Stock Inventory (\$000)

Description :	Tons	Cost per Ton	Total Cost (000)
Pro-Forma Amounts Coal Inventory (Pro-Forma) Petersburg Harding Street Eagle Valley	1,065,105	\$ 49 -	\$ 52,512 -
Total Pro-Forma Coal Inventory	1,065,105		52,512
Oil Inventory (Pro-Forma) Petersburg Harding Street	413,597 853,429	4 2	1,711 1,557
Total Oil Inventory	1,267,026		3,268
Test Year Ending Amounts Coal Inventory as of June 30, 2017 Petersburg	525,000	49	25,883
Eagle Valley		-	
Total Coal Inventory	525,000		25,883
Oil Inventory as of June 30, 2017 Petersburg Harding Street Total Oil Inventory	319,131 383,226 702,357	4 2	1,344 1,824 \$ 3,168
Pro-Forma Amounts Less: Test Year Amount			\$ 55,780 \$ 29,051
AES Fuel Stock Inventory Adjustment			\$ (26,729)
Less: OUCC Adjustment to Fuel Stock Inventory (1)			\$ (5,593)
Pro forma adjustment			\$ (32,322)

<sup>(2)</sup> See OUCC Witness Michael Eckert testimony. (Exhibit 1)

### Regulatory Assets Includable as Electric Rate base (\$000)

Des	cription :	Regulatory Asset Balance at 12/31/22	Projected Activity Through 5/31/23	Less: Temporary Rates Credit (1)	Pro-Forma Adjusted Balances	Annual Amortization to Electric Cost of Service	OUCC Amortization Adjustment 4 years
1	Petersburg Unit 4 Unit 4 depreciation and post in-service AFUDC from the April 28, 1986 in-service date through the August 6, 1986 IURC Order in Cause No. 37837.	\$ 2,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,478	\$ 676	\$ -
2	Carrying Charges on post-in-service AFUDC from August 6, 1986 IURC Order in Cause No. 37837 through the August 24, 1995 IURC Order in Cause No. 39938	1,388	-		1,388	379	-
3	Total Petersburg Unit No. 4 Deferred Costs	3,866	-	-	3,866	1,055	-
4	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC on projects approved in the November 14, 2002 IURC Order in Cause No. 42170, the November 30, 2004 IURC Order in Cause No. 42700, the April 2, 2008 IURC order in Cause No. 43403, the August 14, 2013 IURC Order in Cause No. 44242, and the July 29, 2015 IURC Order in Cause No. 44540.	10,833	-	-	10,833	988	-
5	Unamortized deferred depreciation on projects approved in the April 2, 2008 IURC Order in Cause No. 43403, the August 14, 2013 IURC Order in Cause No. 44242, and the July 29, 2015 IURC Order in Cause No. 44540.	14,012	-	-	14,012	1,401	-
6	Depreciation of NAAQS-DBA deferred per the April 26, 2017 Order in Cause No. 44794.	36	-	-	36	4	-
7	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC for NAAQS-DBA per the April 262017 order in Cause No. $44794$	71	-	-	71	7	-
8	Depreciation of CCR Bottum Ash deferred per the April 26,2017 order in Cause No. $44794$	847	-	-	847	85	-
9	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC for CCR Bottom Ash per the April 26,2017 order in Cause No. 44794	353	-	-	353	35	-
10	Depreciation of NAAQS-Other projects deferred per the April 26, 2017 order in Cause No. 44794	471 ?	-	-	471	47	-
11	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC for NAAQS-Other projects per the April 26, 2017 order in Cause No. 44794	359	-	-	359	36	-
12	Depreciation of Eagle Valley CCGT and Harding Street 5 & 6 Refueling deferred per the May 2014 IURC order in Cause No. 44339	16,335	-	-	16,335	838	-
13	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC for the Eagle Valley CCGT and Harding Street 5&6 refueling per the May 14, 2014 IURC order in Cause No. 44339	33,110 ?	-	-	33,110	1,643	-
14	Electric vehicle regulatory asset deferred per the March 18, 2015 IURC order in Cause No. 44478	625	-	-	625	106	-
15	Harding Street Unit 7 Preservation Costs deffered per the June 22 2016 IURC order Cause No 42170 ECR-26	1,482	-	-	1,482	423	-
16	20 % HS7 Gas Conversion revenue requirement deferred per the Julu 29, 2015 IURC order in Cause No. 44540	(2,151)	-	-	(2,151)	(717)	-
17	$20\ \%$ NPDES revenue requirement deferred per the July 29, 2015 IURC order in Cause No. 44540.	14,439	-	-	14,439	4,813	3,610
18	$20\ \%$ NAAQS DBA revenue requirement deferred per the April 26, 2017 IURC order in Cause No. 44794.	719	-	-	719	240	180
19	$20\ \%$ CCR Bottum Ash revenue requirement deferred per the April 26, 2017 IURC order in Cause No. 44794.	1,593	-	-	1,593	531	398
20	20 % NAAQS Other revenune requirement deferred per the April 26, 2017 IURC order in Cause No. 44794.	2,198	-	-	2,198	733	550
21	Unamortized Petersburg Unit 1 capital costs at retirement date deferred per the November 17, 2021 IURC order in Cause No. 45502	47,543	-	-	47,543	5,000	-
22	Unamortized Petersburg Unit 2 (& Peter 1&2 Shared) capital costs at retirement date deferred per the November 17, 2021 IURC order in Cause No. 45502	239,920	(104,816)		135,104	13,510	-
23	Depreciation of TDSIC defered per the March 4, 2020 IURC order in Cause No. 45264 original filing.	6,737	-	-	6,737	189	-
24	Unamortized post-in-service AFUDC for TDSIC per the March 4, 2020 IURC order in Cause No. 45264 original filing.	11,133	-	-	11,133	309	-
25	20% TDSIC Distribution revenue requirement per the March 4, 2020 IURC order in Cause No. 45264 TDSIC 1.	6,073	-	-	6,073	2,024	1,518
26	20% TDSIC Transmisson revenue requirement deferred per the March 4, 2020 IURC order in Cause No. 45264 TDSIC 1.	1,010	-	-	1,010	337	253
27	Total regulatory assets to rate base	\$ 411,614	\$ (104,816)	\$ -	\$ 306,798	\$ 33,636	

### Regulatory Assets Includable as Electric Rate base (\$000)

Description :	Regulatory Asset Balance at 12/31/22	Projected Activity Through 5/31/23	Less: Temporary Rates Credit (1)	Pro-Forma Adjusted Balances	Annual Amortization to Electric Cost of Service	OUCC Amortization Adjustment 4 years
28 Net pro-forma regulatory assets adjustments (See Schedule RB1, Line 8)			\$ (104,816)			
29 Eagle Valley forced outage FAC-133S1 Settlement & Order not included in rate base and amortized over 25 years (See Schedule RB4)	11,022	-	-	11,022	441	
30 Forgone revunues deferred related to COVID-19 per the June 29,2020 IURC order in Cause No. 45380-Phase-1	5,426	-	-	5,426	1,809	1,357
31 Total regulatory assets not included in rate base	\$ 16,448			\$ 16,448		\$ 7,865
<ul> <li>Total pro-forma amortization expense</li> <li>OUCC four year amortization of selected regulatory assets</li> <li>Less: AES Indiana three year amortization of selected regulatory assets</li> </ul>				7,865 10,486	\$ 35,886	
35 Decrease in regulatory assets expense (1) 36 Adjusted total pro-forma amortization expense					(2,622) \$ 33,265	

<sup>(1)</sup> See OUCC Witness Wes Blakley testimony. (Exhibit 2)

#### **Weighted Average Cost of Capital**

Indiana Jurisdictional Line Amount per Percent of Weighted Petitioner **Return Rate** Return rate No. **Description:** Total 4.90% 2.43% \$ 1 Long Term Debt 2,153,036 49.52% 2 Preferred Stock 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 3 Common Equity 1,943,109 44.69% 9.10% 4.07% 4 **Customer Deposits** 35,097 0.81% 6.00% 0.05% Prepaid Pension Asset (net of OPEB Liability) (166, 167)5 -3.82% 0.00% 0.00% 6 Deferred Income Taxes 382,560 8.80% 0.00% 0.00% 7 Post 1970 ITC 6.89% 24 0.00% 0.00% 8 4,347,659 100.00% 6.54% Totals 9 Post 1970 ITC Calculation: 10 Long Term Debt \$ 2,153,036 52.56% 4.90% 2.58% 11 Preferred Stock 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 12 Common Equity 1,943,109 47.44% 9.10% 4.32% 13 Totals 4,096,145 100.00% 6.89% Syncronized InterestCalculation 14 Long Term Debt \$ 2,153,036 49.52% 4.90% 2.43% 15 Preferred Stock 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 16 Common Equity 1,943,109 44.69% 0.00% 0.00% Customer Deposits 17 35,097 0.81% 0.00% 0.00% 18 Prepaid Pension Asset (net of OPEB Liability) (166, 167)-3.82% 0.00% 0.00% 19 **Deferred Income Taxes** 382,560 8.80% 0.00% 0.00% 20 Post 1970 ITC 24 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 4,347,659 21 Totals 100.00% 2.43%

<sup>(1)</sup> See the testimony of OUCC Witness Leja Courter (Exhibit 9)

## Interest Synchronization Adjustment Pro-Forma Operating income Statement (\$000)

Description:		Amount	
Rate Base per OUCC (1)	\$	3,463,878	
Synchronized Interest Rate (2)		2.427%	
Tax Deductible Interest per OUCC	\$	84,053	
Tax Deductible Interest per IPL (3)		84,610	
Adjustment to Tax Deductible Interest	\$	(557)	
State Income tax effect at 4.90%		33	
Federal Income Tax Effect at 21.00%		110	
Total Tax Savings	\$	143	

- (1) Per Schedule 6, page 1.
- (2) Per Schedule 7, page 1.
- (3) Per AES Indiana Financial Exhibit AESI-OPER, Schedule TX6.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

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

Wes R. Blakley

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Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

Cause No. 45911 AES Indiana

October 12, 2023

Date

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a copy of the *Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Testimony of Wes R. Blakley* has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on October 12, 2023.

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