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PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY LLC PURSUANT TO IND. CODE §§ 8-1-2-42.7, 8-1-2-61 AND, IND. CODE § 8-1-2.5-6 FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE IN OF RATES; (2) APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES AND CHARGES, RULES AND **REGULATIONS**, GENERAL AND **RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL OF REVISED COMMON AND ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ITS ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE; (4) APPROVAL OF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING RELIEF; AND (5) APPROVAL OF A NEW SERVICE** STRUCTURE FOR INDUSTRIAL RATES.

CAUSE NO. 45159

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

On April 26, 2019, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC ("NIPSCO"), on behalf of itself and NIPSCO Industrial Group, NLMK Indiana, United States Steel Corporation, Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Inc. ("CAC"), Walmart Inc., Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, Sierra Club, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") (collectively, the "Revenue Settling Parties") filed their Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on Less Than All the Issues ("Revenue Requirement Settlement") in the abovecaptioned Cause. On April 30, the Revenue Settling Parties filed a Status Update in which they stated that Indiana Municipal Utilities Group joined the Revenue Requirement Settlement. The Status Update also included a proposed procedural schedule to which all of the active parties did not object.

The Commission held an attorneys' conference on May 1. Based on consent of the attending parties, the Presiding Officers established a procedural schedule for submission of supporting, responsive, and reply testimony to the Revenue Requirement Settlement and the dates for an evidentiary hearing on the parties' respective prefiled evidence.

On May 17, 2019, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC ("NIPSCO"), the NIPSCO Industrial Group, NLMK Indiana, and United States Steel Corporation (collectively, the "Rate 831 Settling Parties") submitted their Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on Rate 831 Implementation ("Rate 831 Settlement"). The Rate 831 Settling Parties also submitted supporting testimony of various witnesses and included a number of procedural requests within the Rate 831 Settlement.

On May 28, 2019, the OUCC and CAC filed their Response to Rate 831 Settlement and Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule or Creation of Sub-Docket ("OUCC/CAC Response"). In the OUCC/CAC Response, the parties stated that the non-Rate 831 Settling Parties need additional time to analyze the effects of the Rate 831 Settlement on all other rate classes, the Revenue Requirement Settlement, allocation factors for trackers, and other issues. The parties requested an additional 30 days up to and including July 7 to respond to the Rate 831 Settlement and for the evidentiary hearing in this Cause to be continued for at least 30 days. In the alternative, the parties proposed that the Commission create a sub-docket to provide the non-Rate 831 Settling Parties additional time for discovery and analysis with a separate evidentiary hearing on the Rate 831 Settlement Settlement commencing 30 days after the evidentiary hearing on the Revenue Requirement Settlement concludes.

On May 29, 2019, the Rate 831 Settling Parties filed their Reply to the OUCC's Response to 831 Settlement ("Reply"). In the Reply, the Rate 831 Settling Parties stated that they do not object to providing additional time to review the Rate 831 Settlement but argued that the OUCC and CAC have requested an excessive amount of time. Instead, they proposed that any non-Rate 831 Settling Party have 30 days from the submission of the Rate 831 Settlement to file responsive testimony and any reply testimony would be due 10 days later. The Rate 831 Settling Parties also opposed the creation of a sub-docket.

Also on May 29, 2019, the Indiana Coal Council and the Indiana Coalition for Affordable and Reliable Electricity (collectively, the "Coal Parties") filed their Position on the OUCC's and CAC's Request for Relief on the Rate 831 Settlement and Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule. The Coal Parties requested that responsive testimony to both the Revenue Requirement Settlement and the Rate 831 Settlement be due on July 7, and they opposed the creation of a subdocket.

On May 30, 2019, Peabody COALSALES, LLC ("Peabody") filed its Response to Settlement Agreements. Peabody stated that it does not oppose the request by the OUCC and CAC for an additional 30 days to file testimony responsive to the Rate 831 Settlement so long as the deadline for responding to the Revenue Requirement Settlement is moved to July 7 as well. Peabody also opposed the creation of a sub-docket.

The Presiding Officers, having reviewed both Settlements, the Responses, and the Reply, now establish the following procedural schedule:

June 7: Revenue Requirement Settlement Responsive Testimony Due June 17: Rate 831 Settlement Responsive Testimony Due June 20: Revenue Requirement Settlement Reply Testimony Due June 27: Rate 831 Settlement Reply Testimony Due

The evidentiary hearing previously scheduled to commence on July 16 will now start on July 25 at 9:30 a.m. and continue as necessary on July 26, July 29, July 30, July 31, August 1, August 2, August 5, and August 7 in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. All other dates and procedures shall remain as established in the May 1, 2019 Docket Entry in this Cause.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

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Brad J. Pope Brad J. Pope, Administrative Law Judge

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