

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**PETITION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER)
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH)
AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR) CAUSE NO. 45120
ELECTRIC SERVICE WITH STEEL DYNAMICS,)
INC.)**

VERIFIED PETITION

Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M or Company) petitions the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC or Commission), for approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Electric Service (Fourth Amendment) between Steel Dynamics, Inc. (SDI) and Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M) dated May 23, 2018. In support of this Petition, I&M represents the following:

1. I&M, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, with its principal offices at Indiana Michigan Power Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. I&M is engaged in, among other things, rendering electric service in the States of Indiana and Michigan. I&M owns, operates, manages and controls plant and equipment within the States of Indiana and Michigan that are in service and used and useful in the generation, transmission, distribution and furnishing of such service to the public. In Indiana, I&M provides retail electric service to customers in twenty-four counties, including DeKalb County. I&M is a public utility as that term is used in the Public Service Commission Act and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission in the manner and to the extent provided by law.

2. SDI is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of

Indiana, with its principal offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana. SDI operates, among other facilities, a manufacturing facility consisting of a steel mill and auxiliary facilities (SDI Plant) located near the Town of Butler, in DeKalb County, Indiana.

3. Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated December 27, 2012, in Cause No. 44256, the Commission approved a contract for electric service between I&M and SDI (Contract). Thereafter, in the Commission's Order dated December 30, 2014, in Cause No. 44530, the Commission approved a First Amendment to the Contract. The Second Amendment to the Contract was approved in the Commission's November 18, 2015 Order in Cause No. 44655. The Third Amendment to the Contract was approved in the Commission's January 10, 2018 Order in Cause No. 44975.

4. The Fourth Amendment presented in this Petition extends the terms and conditions of I&M service to SDI for two additional years under rates and terms and conditions negotiated at arm's length by I&M and SDI.

5. I&M is able to provide the electric service requirements of the SDI Plant under the Contract without adversely affecting the adequacy of service to existing customers. I&M will continue to have sufficient generating capacity to meet the electric service requirements of all of its customers.

6. No existing I&M tariff can appropriately serve the load characteristics of the SDI Plant, including the time, quantity, and purpose of use, and other reasonable considerations. The separate classification created by the Contract, as amended, rather than I&M's existing tariffs, will best serve the needs of the SDI Plant, as well as I&M's other retail customers.

7. Approval of the Fourth Amendment will benefit the parties to the agreement, as well as all of I&M's other customers, and is in the public interest for a number of reasons

including, but not limited to, encouraging and maintaining the economic development of the State of Indiana. The Fourth Amendment will provide for rates and terms that will cover the variable costs of serving the SDI facilities, while also contributing to the recovery of I&M's fixed costs. Under these circumstances, I&M's customers will benefit from the approval of the Fourth Amendment through the contribution to fixed costs and will not be adversely affected since the rates will exceed the total variable cost of serving SDI. I&M's customers will also benefit from the economic opportunity in I&M's service area.

8. I&M submits that the rates and terms of the Fourth Amendment are just and reasonable, beneficial to the parties and to I&M's customers, and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Public Service Commission Act. The rates and terms of the Fourth Amendment will provide I&M with recovery of its variable costs to serve the SDI Plant and will provide a contribution to I&M's fixed costs. Considering the energy source alternatives available to SDI, the unique load characteristics of the SDI Plant and the potential interruptibility of service under the terms of the SDI Contract, the rates are fully cost justified. In support of this filing I&M provides the testimony of Bryan S. Owens and related redacted attachments, including the Fourth Amendment and a fixed cost analysis.

9. I&M is contemporaneously filing a motion for protection seeking a finding by the Commission that certain information contained in the Contract and Amendments, along with the related fixed cost analysis, is confidential, proprietary, competitively sensitive, and/or trade secret, and therefore exempt from disclosure under IC § 8-1-2-29 and IC § 5-14-3.

10. I&M considers the provisions of the Public Service Commission Act, as amended, to be applicable to this proceeding, including Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-24, 25, 29, 38, 39 and 46.

11. The name and address of I&M's duly authorized representative, to whom all correspondence and communications concerning this Petition should be sent, is:

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WHEREFORE, I&M respectfully requests that the Commission make such investigation as it may deem advisable, and thereafter make and enter appropriate orders in this Cause as expediently as possible:

- (i) Approving the Fourth Amendment in its entirety, including the rates and terms for service.
- (ii) Finding the Fourth Amendment is fully cost justified on an incremental cost-of-service basis and reflects the total incremental cost incurred by I&M in serving SDI and the rates will recover I&M's incremental costs and provide a contribution to I&M's fixed costs.
- (iii) Granting such other and further relief to Petitioner as may be appropriate and proper.

Dated at Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 3rd day of July, 2018.

INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY

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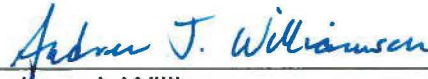
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VERIFICATION


The undersigned hereby swears and affirms under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing factual representations are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Andrew J. Williamson
Director Regulatory Services

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that two (2) copies of the foregoing Petition have been served this 3rd day of July, 2018, by hand delivery upon the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.



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