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# STATE OF INDIANA

#### INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY	)
INDIANA, LLC, INDIANA GAS COMPANY	Ś
D/B/A VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF	Ś
INDIANA, INC., INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER	Ś
COMPANY, INDIANA NATURAL GAS	Ś
CORPORATION, INDIANAPOLIS POWER &	Ś
LIGHT COMPANY, MIDWEST NATURAL GAS	Ś
CORPORATION, NORTHERN INDIANA	Ś
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, LLC, OHIO	Ś
VALLEY GAS CORP. AND OHIO VALLEY GAS,	Ś
INC., SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS & ELECTRIC	Ś
COMPANY D/B/A VECTREN ENERGY	Ś
DELIVERY OF INDIANA, INC., AND	Ś
SYCAMORE GAS COMPANY FOR	ý
(1) AUTHORITY FOR ALL JOINT	Ś
PETITIONERS TO DEFER AS A REGULATORY	ý
ASSET CERTAIN INCREMENTAL EXPENSE	ý
INCREASES AND REVENUE REDUCTIONS OF	ý
THE UTILITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID-19;	ý
AND (2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-	Ś
DOCKETS FOR EACH JOINT PETITIONER IN	ý
WHICH EACH JOINT PETITIONER MAY	ý
ADDRESS REPAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR	Ś
PAST DUE CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS,	Ś
APPROVAL OF NEW BAD DEBT TRACKERS,	Ś
AND/OR DETAILS CONCERNING THE	Ś
FUTURE RECOVERY OF THE COVID-19	~
REGULATORY ASSET	,
REGULATORI ASSEI	)
PETITION OF INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY	)
CONSUMER COUNSELOR FOR GENERIC	)
INVESTIGATION INTO COVID-19 IMPACTS	{
TO BE CONDUCTED OVER TWO PHASES;	)
EMERGENCY RELIEF PURSUANT TO IND.	{
CODE § 8-1-2-113 TO RELIEVE INDIANA	1
RATEPAYERS OF THE THREAT OF UTILITY	~
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SERVICE DISCONNECTION AND PAYMENT	)
ARREARAGES DURING GLOBAL HEALTH	)

**AND ECONOMIC CRISIS** 

CAUSE NO. 45377 (Consolidated Under Cause No. 45380)

CAUSE NO. 45380

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#### SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON COVID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF CITY OF EVANSVILLE

The City of Evansville, Indiana ("Evansville") by counsel, submits information concerning accounts receivable aging required by the Commission's June 29, 2020 Order in this Cause as follows:

45-60 days past due	852 customers	\$307,572.76
61-90 days past due	566 customers	\$270,387.02
91-120 days past due	474 customers	\$237,240.15
121+ days past due	848 customers	\$797,096.00

Evansville currently has 191 customers on active payment plans.

Evansville is complying with the Commission's directions addressed to "jurisdictional utilities" as set forth in the June 29 Order. Evansville is offering extended payment arrangements and has notified customers as set forth in the attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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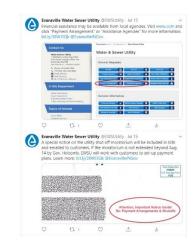
Update July 24, 2020

Shut Off Moratorium News Media, Social Media, Community Outreach

Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) continues to use social media platforms Facebook and Twitter to provide public updates on the utility shut off moratorium possibly ending August 14<sup>th</sup> and to encourage customers with delinquent accounts to make payment arrangements. EWSU is urging delinquent customers to use the utility's online service to schedule payment arrangements in advance of receiving a shut off notice, or to contact EWSU Customer Service by phone or email and a Customer Service Representative will work with them to setup a reasonable payment plan.

**Twitter** posts on July 14, 15, 16, 17 included the City of Evansville handle @EvansvilleINGov to reach a greater audience.

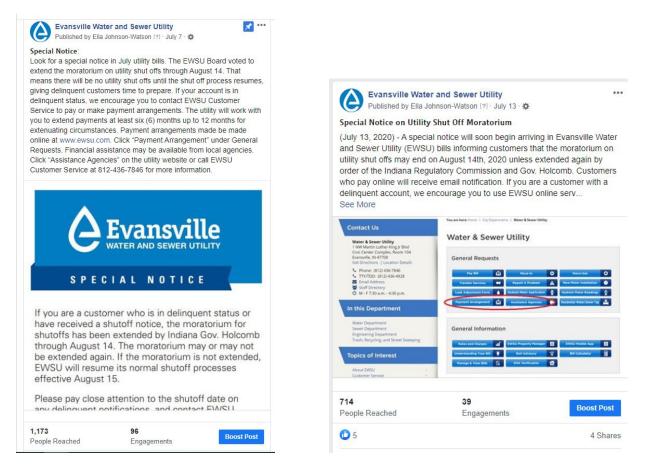




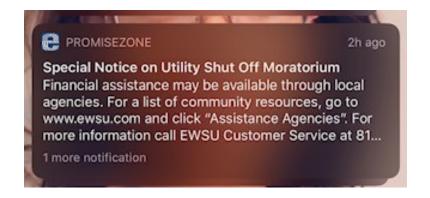


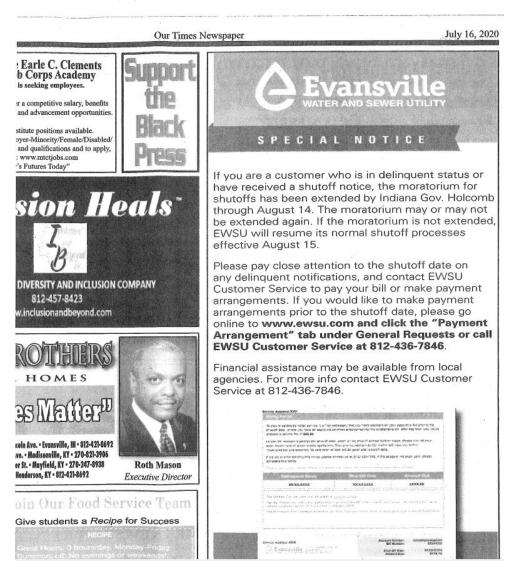


**Facebook** posts (2) have been shared by 24 "Friends" including Evansville Mayor Winnecke, Deputy Mayor Schaefer and numerous neighborhood associations to reach a greater audience. The July 7 post has remained pinned to the top of the page.



**The Promise Zone** sends notifications twice a week to approximately 1,700 users who have downloaded the Promise Zone app.





Our Times Newspaper published a Special Notice ad in the July 16. 2020 edition.

**Press Conference** planned for July 29, 2020 by Evansville Mayor Winnecke, EWSU Executive Director Allen Mounts and EWSU Assistant Director Daniel Claspell will provide another opportunity to notify the public about the shut off moratorium possibly ending August 14<sup>th</sup> and EWSU resuming the normal shut off process August 15<sup>th</sup>. Officials will explain the shut off process, encourage customers with delinquent accounts to make payment arrangement and offer resources for possible financial assistance, including the Water Bill Assistance Program that is a partnership between EWSU, the Community Action Program of Evansville, and HomeServe. Bill Insert went out with July bills and printed for all 9 cycle billings.



If you are a customer who is in delinquent status or have received a shutoff notice, the moratorium for shutoffs has been extended by Indiana Gov. Holcomb through August 14. The moratorium may or may not be extended again. If the moratorium is not extended, EWSU will resume its normal shutoff processes effective August 15.

Special Notice upload in Customer Portal to notify all registered customers.

