

OFFICIAL EXHIBITS

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY)
INDIANA, INC. FOR: (1) APPROVAL OF)
PETITIONER'S 7-YEAR PLAN FOR)
ELIGIBLE TRANSMISSION,)
DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE SYSTEM)
IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO)
IND. CODE § 8-1-39-10; (2) APPROVAL OF)
A TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION)
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COST)
RATE ADJUSTMENT AND DEFERRALS,)
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 8-1-39-9 (3))
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY)
ASSETS; (4) APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY)
DYNAMIC PRICING RIDERS; AND (5))
APPROVAL OF A NEW DEPRECIATION)
RATE FOR ADVANCED METERS)

CAUSE NO. 44720

IURC
INTERVENOR'S - EDF
EXHIBIT NO. 3
5-2-16 AT
DATE REPORTER

NOTICE OF FILING OF RONNY SANDOVAL TESTIMONY

Please take notice that the Environmental Defense Fund is filing the attached pre-filed direct testimony of Ronny Sandoval

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Finnigan

John Finnigan
Temporary Attorney No. 4874-95-TA
128 Winding Brook Lane
Terrace Park, Ohio 45174
(513) 226-9558
jfinnigan@edf.org

/s/ John Watson

John Watson
Attorney No. 17782-15
122-3 South Meridian Street
P.O. Box 430
Sunman, Indiana 47041
(812) 623-4661
jhw8831701@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was served via electronic mail, hard copies available upon request, this 19th day of February, 2016, upon the following:

Kelley A. Karn
Casey M. Holsapple
Attorneys for Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.
DUKE ENERGY BUSINESS SERVICES LLC
1000 East Main Street
Plainfield, IN 46168
Kelley.karn@duke-energy.com
Casey.holsapple@duke-energy.com

Randall Helmen
Jeffrey Reed
OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR
115 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South
Indianapolis, IN 46204
rhelmen@oucc.in.gov
jreed@oucc.in.gov
infomgt@oucc.in.gov

Robert K Johnson
Attorney for Steel Dynamics, Inc.
2454 Waldon Drive
Greenwood, IN 46143
rjohnson@utilitylaw.us

Anne E. Becker
Attorney for Nucor Steel
Lewis & Kappes, P.C.
One American Square, Suite 2500
Indianapolis, IN 46282
abecker@lewis-kappes.com

Jennifer A. Washburn
Attorney for Citizens Action Coalition
603 East Washington Street, Suite 502
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
jwashburn@citact.org
Randolph G. Holt
Attorney for Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.
722 North High School Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46214
r_holt@wvpa.com

Jeremy L. Fetty
Aleasha J. Boling
Liane K. Steffes
Attorney for Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.
Parr Richey Obremskey Frandson & Patterson, LLP
201 North Illinois Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46214
jfetty@parrlaw.com
aboling@parrlaw.com
lsteffes@parrlaw.com

Timothy L. Stewart, Atty No. 2189-49
Tabitha L. Balzer, Atty No. 29350-53
Attorneys for Duke Industrial Group
LEWIS & KAPPES, P.C.
One American Square, Suite 2500
Indianapolis, Indiana 46282-0003
TStewart@Lewis-Kappes.com
TBalzer@Lewis-Kappes.com

Nikki G. Shoultz, Esq.
Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP
111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
nshoultz@boselaw.com

Christopher M. Goffinet
Huber Goffinet & Hagedorn
727 Main Street
Tell City, Indiana 47586
Telephone: (812) 547-7081
Facsimile: (812) 547-7083
cgoffinet@hepn.com

Mike Mooney
Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative,
Inc.
P.O. Box 908
Bloomington, Indiana 47402-0908
Telephone: (812) 876-0316
mmooney@hepn.com

Peter J. Prettyman
Emily Atwood
Indiana Municipal Power Agency
11610 N. College Avenue
Carmel, IN 46032
Telephone: (317) 575-3870
Facsimile: (317) 573-9955
pprettyman@impa.com
emilya@impa.com

/s/ John Finnigan
John Finnigan

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RONNY SANDOVAL
ON BEHALF OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND
CAUSE NO. 44720 BEFORE THE
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

I INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

**A. My name is Ronny Sandoval. My business address is 257 Park Avenue South, 17th
Floor, New York, NY 10010.**

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

**A. I am employed by Environmental Defense Fund (“EDF”) as Director, Grid
Modernization. I am responsible for planning and implementing EDF’s Clean Energy
initiatives relating to grid modernization.**

**Q. WOULD YOU BRIEFLY DISCUSS YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?**

**A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from New York University, a
Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology,
and a Master of Business Administration from New York University. I have over ten
years of management experience in the utility business, including areas of transmission
and distribution system planning and demand side management.**

Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?

A. I am testifying on behalf of EDF, an intervenor in this case.

**Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS
DIRECTOR, GRID MODERNIZATION.**

1 A. My primary responsibilities include developing strategies to modernize and increase the
2 efficiency of the electricity grid, through cost-effective system investments and greater
3 adoption of intelligent system operations.

4 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to make recommendations relating to grid modernization
6 for Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.'s proposed Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure
7 Improvement Plan ("T&D Plan").

8 **II. INTEGRATED VOLT/VAR CONTROL**

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT INTEGRATED VOLT/VAR CONTROL ("IVVC") IS.**

10 A. IVVC involves the management of various electric distribution system assets and
11 advanced control technologies to "right-size" the voltage delivered to end-use electric
12 customers. IVVC can be used to reduce overall voltage levels, while ensuring these
13 voltages remain within acceptable standards for electric distribution. Reductions in
14 distribution system voltage have been demonstrated to result in reductions in energy
15 consumption across the electric circuits on which this practice is applied. For example, in
16 a September 2014 report published by the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") on Duke
17 Energy's smart grid investments entitled "Integrated Smart Grid Provides Wide Range of
18 Benefits in Ohio and the Carolinas," the DOE found that Duke Energy consistently
19 achieved 2% voltage reduction on over 200 Ohio distribution circuits where IVVC was
20 deployed, reducing system losses and fuel costs for its power generation. Electric
21 customers across circuits with active IVVC management and lower voltage levels
22 typically consume less energy without needing to make changes to their individual

1 consumption behavior. Investments in IVVC technology and grid modernization can
2 result not only in energy reductions, but also may provide additional visibility and
3 operational flexibility in responding to a variety of dynamic system conditions.

4 **Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED DUKE ENERGY INDIANA'S IVVC PROPOSAL IN**
5 **ITS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER DUKE'S IVVC PROPOSAL IS**
8 **REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION?**

9 A. Yes. In my opinion, Duke Energy Indiana's IVVC proposal is generally reasonable and
10 should be approved by the Commission, with consideration given to my
11 recommendations discussed below. As a general matter, Duke Energy Indiana should be
12 commended for developing a comprehensive IVVC proposal, and for its proposed efforts
13 to communicate the benefits of grid modernization investments to its customers. Duke
14 Energy Indiana has supported its IVVC proposal with a benefit /cost analysis, with
15 consideration given to its long-range impacts, and demonstrated the investments to be
16 cost-effective. Realizing reductions in energy consumption and carbon reduction as a
17 result of these cost-effective investments, would allow Duke Energy Indiana to meet the
18 future energy needs of its customers in a sustainable manner.

19 **Q. WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING DUKE ENERGY**
20 **INDIANA'S IVVC PROPOSAL?**

21 A. Duke Energy Indiana's IVVC investment plan proposes to deploy IVVC across
22 "Transmission-to-Distribution and Distribution-to-Distribution substation rated 7.5 mVA

1 or higher.” This would result in an installation of IVVC at “179 distribution substation
2 and 543 distribution circuits, representing approximately 50% of the total quantity of
3 Duke Energy Indiana-owned substations and circuits, respectively” covering “6,800 MW
4 of peak retail load.” The business case associated with this deployment, as presented in
5 the petitioner’s testimony (Petitioner’s Exhibit 2-G), shows that the benefits outweigh the
6 costs over a 20-year period, given the benefit components of the business case that were
7 selected.

8 Though the proposed number of IVVC installations is significant, Duke should
9 also continue to periodically examine the cost-effectiveness of potential IVVC
10 deployments across circuits that have been excluded from the existing selection criteria.
11 Duke has indicated that “new standards and rules, technology, load and system changes,
12 and reliability can change over a seven-year period” and “any long-term plan will need to
13 be updated as time proceeds.” Duke Energy Indiana has indicated in its testimony that it
14 plans to make annual updates to its 7-year T&D Plan. As system conditions change,
15 some circuits that have been excluded from the existing selection criteria may become
16 sound, cost-effective investments to the benefit of customers. The Company appears to
17 have already embraced this forward-looking approach in the current T&D Plan, stating
18 that “for the Declared Circuit projects, we have included 213 additional circuits that
19 could likely move into the plan if a need arises.”

20 Though all customers will experience some of the benefits from the proposed
21 IVVC deployment, such as savings through fuel adjustments, customers supplied by the
22 circuits where this technology is deployed can also benefit directly from lower energy use

1 due to the optimized voltage profile. Expanding the deployment, where cost-effective
2 and practical, can enhance the full benefits of this deployment to a greater number of
3 customers. Duke should also assess its benefit/cost calculations to ensure all benefits
4 streams are current and accounted for.

5 **Q. SHOULD THE COMMISSION REQUIRE DUKE TO DO ANY REPORTING**
6 **REGARDING IVVC?**

7 A. Yes. The Commission should require Duke to file periodic reports on the voltage
8 reductions achieved by the IVVC, and the resulting energy usage reductions. The updates
9 should also include the carbon reduction and greenhouse gas impact of its IVVC
10 deployment, which would further help Duke Energy Indiana communicate to its
11 customers and stakeholders the environmental impact of its investments. This will also
12 allow the Commission to monitor whether Duke is achieving the customer benefits that
13 IVVC is projected to produce. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission could
14 consider any reporting mechanisms Duke may have developed for the Ohio Public
15 Utilities Commission in Ohio, where the Company has made significant investments in
16 IVVC.

17 I will now discuss the role of IVVC with respect to integrated resource planning.

18 **III. INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING**

19 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING (“IRP”).**

20 A. The Regulatory Assistance Project (“RAP”) defines an integrated resource plan as a
21 “utility plan for meeting forecasted annual peak and energy demand, plus some
22 established reserve margin, through a combination of supply-side and demand-side

1 resources over a specified future period.” In a June 2013 report entitled “Best Practices
2 in Electric Utility Integrated Resource Planning” RAP further explores this concept. In
3 essence, integrated resource planning explores the business case of a broad portfolio of
4 supply and demand side resources in meeting long-range energy needs, while ensuring
5 that the selection of these resources is in alignment with desired policy outcomes.

6 Indiana Administrative Code (170 IAC 4-7) has set guidelines for integrated
7 resource planning by an electric utility. In addition, Duke Energy Indiana has previously
8 filed Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
9 to identify the long-range planning requirements associated with meeting its customers’
10 future energy needs through supply and demand side resources.

11 **Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INTEGRATED**
12 **RESOURCE PLANNING?**

13 A. Yes. The IRPs should be used to inform and quantify the potential benefits that may be
14 realized through IVVC and distribution automation deployment. If the investments
15 identified in the proposed T&D Plan can defer investments or reduce operational costs
16 identified in the IRPs or other capital investment plans, those benefits should be
17 recognized and accounted for in the T&D Plan.

18 Section 5 of the Indiana Administrative Code (170 IAC 4-7-5) pertaining to
19 integrated resource planning requires utilities to determine the impact of “behavioral
20 factors affecting customer consumption” and “changes in technology” in energy and
21 demand forecasts, among other factors. The Duke Energy Indiana 2013 Integrated
22 Resource Plan accounted for the impacts that energy efficiency and demand-side


1 management had on the forecast of future energy and peak demand requirements. To the
2 extent that IVVC and other components of the proposed T&D Plan can reduce the
3 requirements associated with serving future demand, those impacts should be quantified
4 and included in future IRPs. Doing so may also help identify where additional demand-
5 side management strategies may be able to cost effectively meet the future energy needs
6 of electric customers.

7 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

8 **A.** Yes.

VERIFICATION

I, Ronny Sandoval, hereby affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Ronny Sandoval

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signed: Ronny Sandoval
Ronny Sandoval

Dated: April 28, 2016