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PETITION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,)
INDIANA, FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE)
BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS,)
(2) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES)
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE, (3))
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF WATER)
RATES AND CHARGES, AND (4) AUTHORITY)
TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT SYSTEM)
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES.)

CAUSE NO. 45427

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

On August 28, 2020, the City of Columbus (“Petitioner”) filed its Petition, prepared testimony, and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief in the above-captioned Cause. The Commission scheduled this matter for a Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing for October 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. On September 29, 2020, Petitioner and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) filed their Stipulation and Agreement in Lieu of Prehearing Conference (“Stipulation”).

The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the Stipulation, now establish the following procedural schedule in this matter:

1. **Test Year and Accounting Method.** The test year for determining Petitioner’s actual and pro forma operating revenues, expenses, and operating income under present and proposed rates shall be the 12-month period ending December 31, 2019, adjusted for changes that are fixed, known, and measurable for ratemaking purposes and that occur within 12 months following the end of the test year.
2. **Cutoff date.** The rate base cutoff shall reflect used and useful property at the end of the test year.
3. **Petitioner’s Prefiling Date.** Petitioner prefiled with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on August 28, 2020.
4. **Field Hearing.** A field hearing will be held in this Cause at a date, time, and place to be determined.

5. **The OUCC's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** The OUCC and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before December 11, 2020. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

6. **Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling Date.** Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before January 6, 2021. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

7. **Witness Order.** Parties shall submit their intended order of witnesses to the Commission and the parties in writing at least 72 hours in advance of the evidentiary hearing.

8. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing scheduled to commence on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement, supporting testimony, and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission at least ten business days prior to the evidentiary hearing.

9. **Hearing Exhibits.** Paper copies of exhibits to be offered at the evidentiary hearing must be: (a) single-sided; (b) fastened together with staples, binder clips, or other non-permanent bindings that have no more than three holes along the longest edge. Exhibits that contain excel spreadsheets, are oversized, or are voluminous in nature should be run through an optical character recognition program and offered on a compact disc. Confidential exhibits shall be offered on green paper in an envelope marked "confidential" or, if offered on a compact disc, the exhibits and compact disc shall be labeled "confidential."

10. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the evidentiary hearing, the prefiled testimony shall be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

11. **Post-Hearing Filings.** Petitioner shall file its proposed order on or before February 22, 2021. The OUCC and any Intervenors shall file their respective proposed orders or exceptions to Petitioner's proposed order on or before March 19, 2021. Petitioner shall file its reply, if any, on or before March 26, 2021.

12. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within ten calendar days of the receipt of such request. After December 11, 2020, any response or objection shall be made within five business days. Discovery requests received after noon on a Friday, the day before a state holiday, or after 5:00 p.m. on any other business day shall be deemed to have been received on the next business day. Discovery shall not be served later than the eighth business day before the final evidentiary hearing. The parties agree in advance that for purpose of calculating discovery response dates, November 30, December 28, and December 29, 2020, shall not be considered business days. All discovery requests and responses shall be served on all parties of record.

13. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall file a copy of the workpapers used to produce that evidence within two business days after the prefiling of such technical evidence. The workpapers shall be filed in accordance with the User Manual referenced in General Administrative Order 2016-2. Copies of same shall also be served on all parties of record.

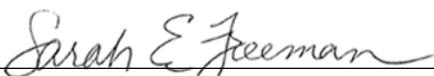
14. **Number of Copies/Corrections and Service.** Filings with the Commission shall comply with General Administrative Order 2016-2. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. The parties shall provide same-day service of filings via email, hand delivery, or large file transfer.

15. **Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.** Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record as soon as an objection can be reasonably determined, but no less than ten days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

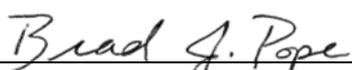
16. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

17. **Waiver of Prehearing Conference.** Consistent with the Stipulation, Petitioner and the OUCC are deemed to have waived conducting the Prehearing Conference in this Cause. As such, the Prehearing Conference scheduled for October 1, 2020, at 10:00 is now vacated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Sarah Freeman, Commissioner



Brad J. Pope, Administrative Law Judge

Date: September 30, 2020