

**STATE OF INDIANA**

**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMPANY LLC PURSUANT TO IND. )  
CODE §§ 8-1-2-42, 8-1-2-42.7 AND 8-1-2-61 FOR (1) )  
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS RETAIL RATES )  
AND CHARGES FOR GAS UTILITY SERVICE )  
THROUGH A PHASE IN OF RATES; (2) )  
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES )  
AND CHARGES, GENERAL RULES AND )  
REGULATIONS, AND RIDERS (BOTH EXISTING )  
AND NEW); (3) APPROVAL OF A NEW SALES )  
RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM; )  
(4) APPROVAL OF REVISED GAS )  
DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO ITS )  
GAS PLANT IN SERVICE; (5) APPROVAL OF )  
NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING )  
RELIEF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO )  
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN DEFERRAL )  
MECHANISMS FOR PENSION, OTHER POST- )  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AND LINE LOCATE )  
EXPENSES; AND (6) TO THE EXTENT )  
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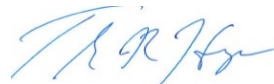
**CAUSE NO. 45967**

**INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S**

**PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 11 –CONSUMER COMMENTS**

**January 31, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,



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# CITY OF LAKE STATION

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Rate Increase - Joint Letter from City of Lake Station and Town of New Chicago

Dear OUCC,

We hope this letter finds you well. We, the undersigned representatives of the City of Lake Station and the Town of New Chicago, are writing to express our collective opposition to the proposed rate increase recently presented by NIPSCO.

Our communities, like many others, have faced numerous challenges, particularly considering the ongoing economic uncertainties.

The proposed rate increase, if implemented, would place an additional burden on the residents and businesses of our cities, who are already grappling with the financial impact of various factors.

We understand the importance of ensuring the stability and reliability of energy services, but we believe that the proposed rate hike is disproportionate and could have adverse effects on the well-being of our constituents. Many families and small businesses in our communities are already facing financial hardships, and an increase in utility costs would exacerbate their struggles.

We kindly request that NIPSCO reconsider the proposed rate increase and explore alternative solutions that prioritize affordability for residents and businesses. We are open to engaging in a constructive dialogue to find mutually beneficial solutions that address both the financial needs of NIPSCO and the economic well-being of our communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to the opportunity to discuss our concerns further.



# CITY OF LAKE STATION

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

William Carroll  
Mayor  
City of Lake Station

Sue Pelfrey  
Town Manager  
Town of New Chicago



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January 8, 2024

Consumer Services Staff  
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)  
115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**RE: NIPSCO Gas Rate Case (IURC Cause No. 45967)**

On behalf of older Hoosiers across Northern Indiana, many of whom are NIPSCO natural gas customers, AARP Indiana is pleased to make the following comments on the utility's rate request. These comments will also be submitted electronically to the OUCC.

AARP Indiana is here representing residential customers, particularly the 50-plus population. Many of these customers are on low or inflexible incomes, which makes rising energy bills a challenge when combined with higher grocery, housing and medical costs. An increase, no matter how small it may seem, can make a large impact on these Hoosiers and their families.

Therefore, the requested 11% gas rate hike is concerning and comes on top of the 18% increase in July of 2022. These back-to-back increases, along with the 14 riders that NIPSCO has in place, continues to push affordability further away from older Hoosiers.

We urge the IURC to cut unnecessary spending, reject the new surcharge, lower the return on equity, and make other changes as described below in order to reduce the 11% requested rate increase.

Our more in-depth comments are as follows:

- **The Company's proposed increase in its residential fixed customer charges from \$16.50 to \$25.50 should be rejected.** The monthly customer charge is already too high and should not be increased by 55%. High fixed charges make controlling your gas bill more difficult and discourages conservation. It becomes even more problematic for the many combined NIPSCO gas and electric customers who pay a high customer charge for their electricity, as well.
- **NIPSCO's requested return on equity (profit rate) of 10.7% is excessive.** AARP is seeing rates in other states at 9% or lower. Indeed, in Illinois, the ICC reduced the return for one utility to 8.72% in a rate case. Furthermore, the Commission has authorized multiple financial risk-mitigating policies for NIPSCO including the fourteen surcharges that were mentioned earlier. This allows NIPSCO to begin recovery of certain capital investments, with little IURC oversight, between rate proceedings. The return should be dramatically lowered to reflect the reduced risk to the utility.
- **The Company's sales reconciliation mechanism should be rejected.** The proposed sales reconciliation mechanism, which would allow NIPSCO to recover certain revenues



even if sales drop, should be rejected unless certain conditions are met, including lowering the return to reflect the reduced risk from the company receiving this guaranteed surcharge.

While we strongly support investments for reliability and safety of the natural gas system, we urge the Commission to adopt the above recommendations to lower the rate increase to a more affordable level.

We would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to offer these comments on behalf of older Hoosiers in NIPSCO Gas' service territory.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Tomcsi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jason Tomcsi  
AARP Indiana

**From:** [Susan Thomas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** JTNWI Comments on NIPSCO IURC Cause #45976  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 4:16:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [LAPORTE\\_CHNA\\_2022-2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

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JTNWI Comments on NIPSCO IURC Cause #45976

Consumer Services Staff  
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

On behalf of Just Transition Northwest Indiana, below are our comments on NIPSCO's request, Cause #45976.

We are writing to request the denial of NIPSCO Cause #45976. We find this to be yet another request in a perpetual effort to squeeze struggling ratepayers while NIPSCO and the parent company, NiSource, accumulate record profits. For instance, NIPSCO received approval to raise gas bills by over \$1 billion in 2020 and 2021 and a gas rate hike in July 2022.

**We ask that the IURC deny this request for an extra \$8 per month on our gas bills, plus an increased fixed rate, and that the OUCC support us in this request for the following reasons:**

- NIPSCO claims the request is necessary to cover operations, maintenance, and infrastructure. However, those charges typically come from a company's profits—not upfront to consumers. This action is an inappropriate double dip.
- These continued rate increases negatively impact the mental health of citizens in the region. According to the recent Franciscan Health Community Assessment, 26.6% of respondents in Northwest Indiana said paying their utility bill was a daily stressor preceded only by financial planning (reference Section 2: Social Determinants of Health, table 2.7).<sup>1</sup> The report also documents income and racial demographics that illustrate increases disproportionately impacting minority and lower-income populations in the NIPSCO service territory. NIPSCO disconnected 18,900 customers between January 2022 and March 2023. Customers on payment plans accounted for most of these disconnects, with an average owed of \$756 over 14 months. According to this Indiana Capital Chronicle article, "Hoosiers \$46 million in debt to state's biggest utilities".<sup>2</sup>
- Though separate from the current request, another pertinent issue is that NIPSCO is charging consumers more than \$140 per year for its company membership in the American Gas Association—now suing the U.S. Department of Energy to stop updated gas appliance efficiency standards from becoming electric.<sup>3</sup> This decision is after a Stanford University report revealed gas stoves emit more carcinogenic benzene than second-hand smoke, leading to a higher risk of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.franciscanhealth.org/community/community-health>

<sup>2</sup> <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2023/07/24/hoosiers-in-debt-46-million-to-states-biggest-utilities/>

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leukemia and other blood cancers as well as a 13% increase in childhood asthma.<sup>4</sup> Consumers should not cover this unethical cost either, and it should be removed.

- NiSource, NIPSCO’s parent company, is reeling in annual profits. NiSource’s net profit margin has jumped 37.15% since last year, and on a quarterly growth basis, NiSource most recently generated a 53.55% jump in its net profit margins. The company operates in even more morally and ethically bankrupt ways, as evidenced by the recent NiSource/Linde deliberate scheme to game demand response, as industry publication Utility Dive recently reported.<sup>5</sup>
- NIPSCO’s profit motives and total lack of regard toward this community are demonstrated through the poisoning of the Town of Pines with coal ash, the cleanup of which is unresolved. The company’s legacy coal ash waste remains onsite on Lake Michigan at the Michigan City Generating Station, threatening the drinking water for more than 10 million people.
- Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 9 unjustly and unfairly inhibits this process.<sup>6</sup> Ramrodded through the legislative process with unprecedented speed, due to SEA 9, monopoly utilities can now get the state legislature to reverse court decisions not in their favor while also allowing them to spend without pre-approval and charge customers. Though there is a provision that IURC can deny this, based on the track record of utility requests rarely being denied, we are not optimistic.

In closing, we ask that IURC hold hybrid meetings. In this time of prolonged COVID-19 and extreme weather, it is unacceptable that hybrid meetings are not held, preventing and not allowing the public to participate fully.

We urge you to deny this gas rate hike proposal, including an increase in the monthly fixed charge, and serve what is in the best interest of the health and well-being of Northwest Indiana communities.

Sincerely,

Susan Thomas  
Director of Legislation & Policy Just Transition Northwest Indiana

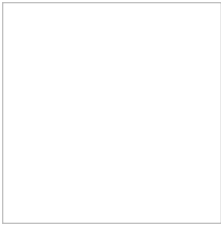
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/gas-stoves-emit-more-of-the-carcinogen-benzene-than-expected/> <sup>5</sup> <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/nipSCO-linde-ferc-miso-demand-response-settlement/703888/>

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**Susan Thomas (she/her)**  
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Note: an attachment provided by Just Transition Northwest Indiana was included and can be found at the end of this document beginning on page 793, with the cover correspondence also duplicated there.

**From:** [william krock](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Krock - Nipsco rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:03:36 AM

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I would like to speak against the rate hike. The Nipsco is seeking for the reason I will outline below.

I do not feel Nipsco should be entitled to a rate hike as they are saying it was for infrastructure. I am a town councilman in Avilla, In., Nipsco has decided that the town needed another substation to be able to send their gas to all customers. This new infrastructure that they recommended that the Town have is all being funded by the Town Of Avilla to the tune of them building the substation for \$365,000, so, not only are they getting a new substation at the expense Avilla they are also profiting by the more gas that is being used in Avilla. So, when they say they need rate increases for infrastructure, it needs to be looked at as to how much they are actually spending of their own money for infrastructure improvements, and not what the towns or cities are having to pay for them to make more money for their gas . Would be more than happy to speak to anyone more in depth. If there are questions, thank you very much for letting me tell you what has happened in Avilla.

William H Krock  
Avilla Town Councilman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

January 15, 2024

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC)  
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Dear Members of the Utility Consumer Council,

**Regarding NIPSCO Gas rate increase request:**

Recent news passed on to NIPSCO customers by our 9th District Representative, Pat Boy is quite disturbing. The utility's decision to ask for large rate increases in both gas and electric rates is a continued symptom of a monopolistic entity that is not in the best interest of Indiana residents.

Per Representative Boy's comments. "The natural gas rate increase would raise NIPSCO's annual revenue by \$161.9 million (16.29%)." A 16.3% increase in rates? Why?

Infrastructure investments should be financed in the bond and equity markets - NOT by ratepayers where the cost to users never goes away!

**Regarding NIPSCO electric rate increase request:**

**Per Representative Boy:**

"In September, the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) electric utility proposed the construction of a 400-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant. The new plant would be located near Wheatfield, IN but will affect all of NIPSCO's customers. The request was filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and is pending approval.

The construction and financing for the plant would cost close to \$641.2 million — which NIPSCO hopes to recover through rate increases. Rates would be adjusted as frequently as every six months. Please note that this rate increase is solely for NIPSCO Electric. This request is separate from the ongoing NIPSCO natural gas rate hike.

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**This is after the recent residential electric customer seeing an “overall increase of approximately \$12 per month (or 10 percent), with the change being phased in over multiple steps beginning in August 2023 and into 2024. This change is lower than the initial proposed monthly increase of approximately \$19 per month, or 16.5 percent.”**

It's proper for NiSOURCE/NIPSCO to upgrade their infrastructure and avoid the earlier disaster seen in Merrimack Valley. Removing the outdated coal fired plants is in everyone's best interests. But who, besides regulated monopoly utilities gets to proceed in these activities solely at their customers' expense?

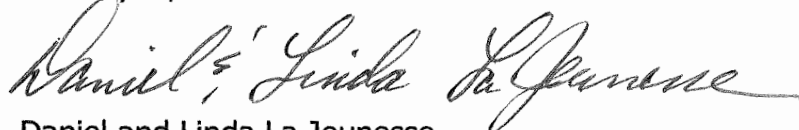
NIPSCO/NiSOURCE has a polished marketing strategy in place. Lot's of good PR from their marketing team about how wonderful and responsible a company they are. But, the simple fact is, they are doing what they are in business to do, in a protected monopolistic environment, and they continue to demand more and more money from their customers simply to do there job!

#### **WHEN DOES THIS OUTDATED MONOPOLISTIC BEHAVIOR END??**

**INDIANA RESIDENTS NEED A COMPETITIVE UTILITY ENVIRONMENT WHERE EFFICIENCY AND SERVICE REWARDS THE PROVIDER.**

Send NIPSCO/NiSOURCE to the bond and equity markets to finance the needed and expected infrastructure they pursue. Invite viable competitors into the Indiana marketplace, vette them for reliability and responsibility. These actions will create a healthy business culture to benefit all residents. Tell NIPSCO to respect their customers. These continued rate increase requests are childish and wrong headed.

Thank you,



Daniel and Linda La Jeunesse  
211 W. 8th Street  
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cc: Representative Pat Boy



**From:** [Marsha Wiechnik](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marsha Wiechnik - Nipsco Gas Rates  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 3:54:55 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Nipsco Increase

I am against the proposed rate increase proposed by Nipsco. In the last 5 months, most of my bill has been due to Transportation/storage, and Delivery charges.

If you look into the proposed rate increase, on the low end of the billing ie: Customer Service Charge increase of 10.75, it will generate \$8,598,590. Then, on top of this charge, the increase in the Distribution charge of \$10.01, it will result in an additional \$9,234,250. More than the \$16,000,000 they are requesting.

For the last 5 months my household has used the following amount of gas:

Aug - \$2.69	Sept: 3.62	Oct: 6.59	Nov: 25.71	Dec: 38.97
Trans 10.76	9.21	4.59	8.16	3.88
Del 25.59	25.67	25.94	41.68	47.52

These charges make up most of the charges for Gas already being charged on our bills. Storage & Distribution charges fluctuate already. With prices going up on everything consumers purchase, i cannot fathom why Nisco is requesting an increase. The profit margin is already where it needs to be. Combined with the fact that the Solar Farms have come to a standstill due to child labor in China, the company should absorb the loss and not pass it onto the consumer.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Marsha Wiechnik  
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NIPSCO is seeking a two-phase \$161.9 million increase in its natural gas utility's annual operating revenues to cover the cost of infrastructure improvements and higher operating and maintenance costs, according to the company's filing. The increase would be fully implemented in March 2025.

**BACKGROUND:** [NIPSCO submits request to raise natural gas rates in second rate hike request this year](#)

If approved, the change would be as follows:

Monthly usage	Current gas bill	Proposed gas bill
50 therms	\$54.89	\$64.90 = <b>18.2%</b>
70 therms	\$70.35	\$80.65 = <b>14.6%</b>
100 therms	\$93.54	\$104.29 = <b>11.5%</b>

Each NIPSCO residential gas bill currently includes a monthly \$16.25 customer service charge that does not vary based on usage. Under NIPSCO's request, the charge would



**From:** [tiger1@localnet.com](mailto:tiger1@localnet.com)  
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Re: IURC Cause No. 459667

Commission Members,

I am a disabled senior citizen on a fixed income. The increase in my Social Security Widow's Benefit is very small this year, \$70 more a month, and my Medicare premium has increased greatly, to almost \$200 a month. I have received Energy Assistance for the past several years, but this year, my monthly income is \$38 a month over the limit to get Energy Assistance. I do not qualify for any other help with my NIPSCO bill. I am really stuck.

I have done all I can to reduce my NIPSCO bill, and my energy usage. In the past 3 years, I replaced some windows, exterior doors, and done other energy saving projects to reduce my usage. The Weatherization Program insulated my home, replaced my water heater with an energy efficient water heater, re-worked my furnace and duct work, and other energy saving work to my home. I took advantage of the appliance program that NIPSCO had, and they hauled away my dehumidifier and my upright freezer, of which I got a rebate of \$70. FTR, I never had hardly anything in the freezer anyway, so it was just a waste of energy to keep it plugged in.

I turn my temperature for my furnace down at night, and keep it down as much as possible during the day. I can't "rock bottom" the temperature to save more, because of my health conditions, and my daughter's heart condition and other maladies. Yeah, my disabled daughter lives with me. Her SSI check isn't even enough to cover rent on a modest place of her own, but with her heart condition, she shouldn't live by herself anyway. She has lost consciousness at home because of her heart, and I had to call 911. She has frequently been to the ER because of her heart.

NIPSCO doesn't need any increases. What they are charging now for all the added fees besides the basic energy used cost, is ridiculous. My last NIPSCO bill, my actual gas usage was \$39.34. When they tacked on the other fees, including a delivery charge of \$49.06, it brought the gas portion of the bill to \$102.31. As for the cost to just have a meter on my home, without any energy usage, \$16.50, is outrageous, and now they want it jacked up to \$25.50?

If NIPSCO wasn't making a profit, their shareholders would have dumped them a long time ago. As for upgrading and the costs associated with a business, if they can't handle it without squeezing more money from their customers, maybe they should just get out of the business. Too bad there isn't a viable alternative to customers of NIPSCO. It's unfortunate that I don't have the money to go solar. OTOH, if I had the money to go solar, I wouldn't have to worry about a bigger NIPSCO bill, as I would be able to pay it with no problem.

Thank You,  
Mary Ellen Slazyk

**From:** [Kelly Hennings](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kelly James Hennings - NIPSCO Gas Rate Hike  
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Kelly & James Hennings, 219-929-5932, rowantree@hotmail.com.

We live in Chesterton, IN. I have lived here my entire life, almost 60 years. During that time, I have never seen NIPSCO make any improvements to their gas or electric services. What's new is I can text an outage, they have an app to show us where the outages are. I haven't seen any signage or news articles about them supporting anything in our community. When we do have an outage, the response times are slow and they're slow getting our power back on. We live right in town, not in a country type area. It's very common for their power station to have an issue and cause a power outage, yet they don't make any improvements.

When we had a tornado go through our town, we called and called several times a day while we watched at least 5 occupied NIPSCO trucks just parked three blocks away, just sitting there. On the 5th day of no power, we finally went up to one of the trucks to ask if they'd had any idea when our street would have power. They checked and told us they were never notified that our entire section was without power. We have elderly neighbors, we had two young children, a woman who runs a dog grooming business, and despite us calling numerous times a day and reporting the outage, it was never relayed. Yet they had 5 trucks just sitting nearby with no communication that people were still without power.

We had a town owned tree whose branches were heavily hanging on the NIPSCO line, so I called and reported it. An older man came to my door and very rudely told me I didn't know what I was talking about, that the line was our cable line. I pointed out to him that our cable line was on the opposite side of our home and he again very rudely told me I was wrong and left. The next night at 9pm they were cutting the branches off the NIPSCO line, which was great that they woke up my entire family, who had school and work the following day.

That is the kind of customer service you get from NIPSCO. Their service is unreliable. It storms or snows? We're without power. They've made no improvements to their lines or poles and their prices are ridiculously high already, so why should they be allowed to cause such a high jump in prices? There are so many people that can't afford this and have enough trouble paying their NIPSCO bill as it is. Sure, they offer a program for those who have trouble paying their bill, but in order to qualify you have to jump through so many hoops and basically have very little to no income to qualify. NIPSCO doesn't care about their customers or the horrible service they provide. They only care about how much more money they can make. It's disgusting because the people don't have any other options for gas and electric here. It's a monopoly, NIPSCO has always known this and has always taken advantage of it. It's way past time to stop them. This increase is outrageously high and there's absolutely no reason for it other than pure greed.

Thank you  
Kelly & James Hennings  
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**From:** [Andrew Kubik](#)  
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In response to the proposed increase for 2024, I submit the following statement:

U.S. natural gas prices rose last year and home heating bills were high amid higher wholesale and retail gas prices. NIPSCO passed these costs on to homeowners, as everyone knows. In 2023, U.S. wholesale natural gas prices have fallen back to the levels from before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, NIPSCO never passed these vast savings onto homeowners in the form of reduced rates for natural gas. In fact we are still paying near record rates for natural gas.

Now, NIPSCO has the unmitigated gall to propose yet another rate increase for natural gas. The greed is unbelievable, surpassed only by NIPSCO stupidity in assuming people are not bright enough to be aware of the record low natural gas prices we have experienced in 2023. This subject has been covered 'ad nauseum' by every form of news media in the country for months.

Not only should this preposterous rate increase be denied to NIPSCO, I believe that this greed driven shareholder corporate monopoly should be reprimanded by the IURC for even presenting the proposal. I further believe that NIPSCO should be ordered to retroactively roll back their natural gas rates (resulting in well deserved ratepayer rebates) to reflect the true lowered natural gas wholesale rates that have benefitted the corporation since late 2022.

Thank you for presenting this opportunity for public comment.

ANDREW KUBIK

Long Beach, Indiana

3 January 2024

OUCC Consumer Services  
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OUCC Consumer Services:

I am writing in regards to a recent gas rate increase request by NIPSCO, cause # 45967. My comments are being made on my behalf as I am a residential gas customer of NIPSCO.

I did receive an information pamphlet from NIPSCO regarding this increase but found the pamphlet to be lacking in specific information. There was no cause number given nor any information on how to contact either the IURC or the OUCC. Neither was there any specific information given as to how much money would be raised by NIPSCO if their proposed rate increase was approved. When I went to the NIPSCO website for more information I could not find out what the new monthly customer service charge would be under this request.

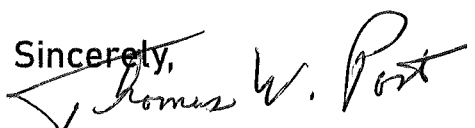
I am not aware of the financial condition of NIPSCO so I do not know what their current liabilities and profit relationship might be. I do know that NiSource, the parent company of NIPSCO, just sold a \$2.16 billion minority position in NIPSCO to Blackstone Infrastructure. How will this money be used? Could it help fund some of the infrastructure improvements NIPSCO seeks to make?

As a residential customer living in Jasper County I do not know how a proposed \$370 million improvement to serve industrial customers along Lake Michigan or a proposed \$209 million improvement in Kokomo will benefit me. Will industrial customers also see a gas rate increase?

I am not aware of any cost saving measures that NIPSCO could implement to lower their rate request.

Given the above comments I find it hard to make informed opinions. Since NIPSCO is asking for a rate increase projected to be about \$8.00/month or 10.6% above current rates I cannot be in favor of such as rate increase. One reason is that it will be well above the current rate of inflation; as well as the unknowns regarding the financial condition of NIPSCO

I would appreciate your conveying my comments to the IURC as they consider this rate increase.

Sincerely,  


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**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bev Lakomek - NIPSCO Rate Increase  
**Date:** Sunday, December 17, 2023 5:04:42 PM

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Dear Commission Members,

I have received information that NIPSCO is raising the monthly customer service charge from \$16.25 to \$25.50 due to an increase in the cost of energy. Once again, actually annually, this energy monopoly that services our area is passing along the increase in THEIR budget to its customers. I'm really struggling to voice my disapproval of this action in a mature and professional manner.

Together for 59 years my husband and I have budgeted our income in a way that pays for our needs and pays our bills in a timely manner. When costs went up or we had to find a way to pay for college expense for our sons, or replace a vehicle, we adjusted our budget and did without and limited unnecessary spending. Never did we find a person or an agency to make up for the increase! We didn't pass it on to someone else. WE DID IT OURSELVES! In simple words, we ate it! Today with grocery prices continuing to rise, we adjust how we eat. When gasoline prices rise, we limit our travel. And now with an increase in our gas and electric bill we will adjust the thermostat and turn off all unnecessary lighting. It's what we do. We are not alone. Thousands of us have lived this way.

So my questions are these. Why is it that a large corporation like NIPSCO never has to "eat" it? Why do they so easily just pass their budget problems on to their customers? I am so so tired of this action! Why do they not look at other ways to adjust other line items in their budget?

You are a regulatory commission for this monopoly. Please consider my words and frustrations with this increase. I know it doesn't seem like a lot, but this has become an annual practice for way too long!

Thank you.  
Bev Lakomek

Sent from my iPhone



DEAR ENO, UTILITY  
CONSUMER COUNSELOR

1/18/24  
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THIS LETTER IS IN REGARDS TO  
ANOTHER INCREASE OF RATES FOR  
NIPSCO. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE  
WRITTEN YOU IN A YEAR AND A HALF.

IT SEEMS NIPSCO WANTS INCREASES  
AFTER INCREASE EVERY 6 MONTHS.

WHERE DOES IT TAKE A BRAKE. I'M  
74 YEARS OLD, ON A FIXED INCOME WITH  
FAILING HEALTH. I CAN'T AND WON'T  
MOVE JUST TO AFFORD TO HEAT AND  
COOL MY HOUSE OF 26 YEARS.

NIPSCO HAS PROMISED TO UPGRADE  
OUR AREA FOR YEARS. WE HAVE FREQUENT  
POWER FAILURES AND LITES FLICKER  
IN HIGH WINDS. THE POLE HAS BEEN  
HIT 3 TIMES LAST YEAR. IN FRONT OF  
MY HOUSE, IT STILL HASN'T BEEN REPLACED  
(I HAD AN ELECTRICIAN CHECK MY HOUSE  
AND WAS TOLD THE PROBLEMS ARE AT  
THE POLE.)

I UNDERSTAND NIPSCO HAS PROGRAMS  
TO HELP WITH COST OF RATES. BUT THEY  
DIFFICULT TO APPLY FOR. (I AM ON THE  
12 MONTH BUDGET PLAN) I HOPE THESE  
INCREASES AREN'T FOR MORE PAY

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AND CEO OF  
NIPS CO. AGAIN I HOPE THESE INCREASES  
ARE SEVERELY CUT OR DENIED, WE SHOULD  
HAVE COMPLETE ACCOUNTABILITY OF WHERE  
ALL THE MONEY GOES.

THANKYOU FOR LETTING ME VENT  
AGAIN BUT THIS IS GETTING VERLEY COSTLY.

WILLIAM BOYER  
4020 ROSS RD.  
GARY, IN. 46408  
PHONE # 219-808-0093

To OUCG

1-16-24

In regards to public opinion on upcoming increases to our gas and electric. Please do not raise our rates, we the people are already struggling to survive. Raising our costs for utilities that are mandatory for our survival is a deterrent for our success as a community. You will be forcing more people into government assistance, which the majority does not want. We would prefer to be independent on our own, without being forced to ask for assistance. We already can't afford, housing, gas, groceries, insurance, and worst medicine.

Where does it stop? I and hundreds like me feel that these major companies need to stop increasing, and start reducing rates. They are making millions in profit, so why can't they take their profits and put it back into the companies they created.

The presidents and CEO's all live a life of luxury. They live and eat well off steak and lobster, while we the people live off baloney and food banks.

If we the people could start actually having more of our paychecks, the majority would put it back into our communities to help more people in need. We the people are like that, helping each other.

These companies are already millionaires or not millionaires from our money already, they should have to start giving up and doing without like they have forced us to do. Let them put their profits back into their company.

So please do not allow yet another increase in either of these companies.

Also something needs to be done about no oversight on the water company.

These rates are also out of control.

We all need water to survive and yet again we keep being ignored. We the people are tired of being threatened with shut offs from all of these companies, for what is the basic needs of our survival.

I am almost 65 years old and I feel sad for these younger generations, they can't leave home because they can't afford to. The demands for basic survival is too high.

I thought the state of Indiana was a great state to live in, but it's becoming quite apparent that we are being lead into a more government controlled state.

We need to go back to the republic for which it was created for. We the People!

So again please do not allow these increases.

Thank you

Sincerely

Tired of being poor  
Candy Smith

I have worked 50 plus years and feel I have surely paid my dues.

8921 Center St

Ft. Wayne IN 46818

## NipSCO GAS Rates

1/18/24

Dear Commission,

We keep our thermostat @ 66 + 67°

Our gas bill for actual gas \$35.81  
interstate transportation 5.26

Delivery charge 45.81

in other words \$36 for gas \*

All 1 million customers \$51 to delivery it. \*  
pay this delivery charge for ever.

All 1 million customers also pay a  
"customer service fee" of \$16.25 now  
NipSCO wants \$25.50.

I guess it's go big or go home.

The consumer has no choice and  
you are our voice

Please keep NipSCO accountable  
and fair

Sincerely,

Curt Smith

1759 Magnolia  
MUNSTER IN 46321

Kathryn MacDonald  
137 EMS B 61 I Lane  
Warsaw, IN 46582

December 28, 2023

To: Indiana OUCC  
115 W Washington St  
Suite 1500 South  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

I read in our local newspaper the proposals by NIPSCO for gas rate increases along with base distribution increases. I also read in another article that NIPSCO is also going to propose an increase in its' electrical rates in the near future.

I am most concerned about these requests. The therm increases proposed range from a 15-20% increase based on consumption! As a retiree on a fixed income, I cannot imagine being able to afford these types of increases! Social security provided a 3.2% COLA, but most of the increase has gone to Medicare increase in premiums. My social security check will increase \$45 per month. Many seniors will simply be cold, needing to keep their thermostats set at a lower setting to afford their monthly bill.

We are still realizing the effects of inflation. The cost of groceries remains high. Gasoline has moderated in price, but the cost most likely will be increasing with the conflict in the middle east.

I understand that NIPSCO is proposing new infrastructure. What is NIPSCO doing to work within their budget? We have had scores of utility poles replaced in our county the past several weeks. I can't imagine what that cost! Additionally, an electrical substation was recently constructed, land was purchased for placement of this station. These are recent expenditures in Kosciusko County. There are more expenditures that I am sure I have no knowledge of.

Most people must work within a budget. What is NIPSCO doing to contain costs? It seems so easy to expect the consumer to pay more. I feel the utility companies need to be accountable in all areas, including how they are responsibly spending the money the consumer pays for their services. Rate increases are forever.

Is it out of question for NIPSCO to ask for Bonds to be offered to the public to support their need?

Thank you,

  
Kathy MacDonald

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor  
115 W. Washington St.  
Suite 1500 South  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dec. 26, 2023

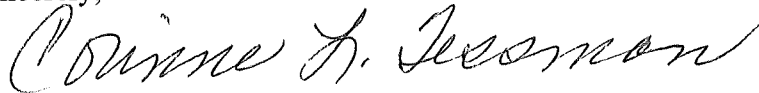
Dear Sir:

This letter concerns the proposed NIPSCO gas rate hikes (IURC Cause No. 45967) and my opposition to the proposed rate hikes.

1. As a senior citizen with limited income, the proposed rate hikes do not line up equally to the cost of living increases in social security.
2. Even though the increases would be spread out over 2 years, it does not help seniors on limited incomes and budgets.
3. My income is not based on market forecasts, supply trends, and storage levels. NIPSCO should have that built into previous accounts
4. As the United States moves toward eliminating gas and replacing it with other renewable resources, NIPSCO should not be raising rates to compensate for future problems.
5. Why are nongas costs, maintenance expenses, and capital infrastructure improvements causing rate increases when non renewable sources are being phased out?

As previously stated, I am opposed to the proposed NIPSCO rate hikes.

Sincerely,



Corinne L. Tessman  
5414 Curry Ford Lane  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46804



Stella Richardson - ~~46385~~  
~~46385~~

~~46385 ZIP code~~

I sure do hope & pray that you do not put the extra \$10.00 on my ribsox bill. Yes, I am on the budget and I still try to pay each month, the amount of the bill.

Right now, the temp. outside is 4 above with a wind chill of minus 11. I have it set on 70 due to the cold weather. Yet I still feel like the cold is coming in from the walls. My hands are cold, as I would have the temp. on 69 or 68 during the day and 67 at night, but I should I do it now, my arthritis would be very painful for me. As I get shouldering stepping pain in my toes & so on. I do it <sup>70</sup> at night and 68 or 69 during the day.

It is so hard to manage on a small social security. I had tried to get the inter net, where the government pays \$30.00 and I pay the rest. I filled out the form wrong, and have to do it again. Now, even thing I need a need furnace, but I don't have the money to buy one. So don't bill me an extra \$10.00 on my bill.

Thank you Stella Richardson

46385-8731

Stella Richardson

46385-8731

This is in regards of putting  
\$10.00 extra on my bill.  
I am 8 yrs old, in poor  
heat health and walk with  
-a cane.

NO \$10.00

**From:** [Doris LaFauci](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Doris and Paolo LaFauci - IURC Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 1:36:02 PM

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This is in regard to the proposed NIPSCO gas rate hike - IURC Cause No. 45967

I am working part time, my husband is not well, and we are struggling (as are many others) to put food on the table. We are very conservative, keeping our thermostat at 60 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer.

We go without many things including regular doctor visits and still have barely managed to keep up with our bills (and we don't have that many, either).

This proposed rate increase is outrageous, to say the least. We can't possibly get any more frugal than we already are.

I understand prices for everything are going up at a ridiculous rate and inflation is out of control, all of which hurt the middle and lower classes the most.

Please reconsider the impact this proposed natural gas rate hike would do to the average person who is struggling just to survive.

There are ways to conserve that even you, the utility, can implement. Private companies cut wages, cut benefits, cut full time workers to part time, and a host of other things. I have experienced all of these things. I know this sounds harsh, but this is a reality even you, NIPSCO, may have to – and should – consider.

Sincerely,  
Doris and Paolo LaFauci  
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46360  
Utilities: NIPSCO cause number 45967  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Dear Commissioners-

After reviewing the NIPSCO Schedule 1 revenue requirements, which illustrates the various different rate increases on the most relevant factors of the NIPSCO proposed rate increase.

(1) The "customer rate" only applies when the customer does not have any gas delivery for a particular month. The current customer charge that NIPSCO is allowed to collect is a flat rate of \$16.25 and the NIPSCO rate proposal for this particular flat rate is a 56.92% increase, if approved.

(2) The current NIPSCO "delivery charge" is a floating charge based on the number of therms used in a month multiplied by a factor of .2793. The proposed NIPSCO factor for this delivery charge will increased to .35864 which amount to a 20.40% increase.

(3) The above two charges are the only charges that are illustrated on a residential customer billing invoice from NIPSCO, as there is no way for a residential customer to determined what the other charges are because NIPSCO only illustrate a "Interstate transportation and storage charge" as one fee of which is probably a combination of all the other fees that are listed in Schedule 1 revenue requirements. These "Interstate transportation and storage charge fees vary from month to month depending on the amount and costs (gas commodity charge) of the therms being consumed each month. If the amount and cost of the therms are low then this " interstate transportation and storage charge" can be a cost greater than 60% of the gas commodity charge, if the amount and costs of the therms are high then this " interstate transportation and storage charge will drop to maybe 5% of the gas commodity charge.

Basically, NIPSCO is requesting a greater than 50% rate increase on the established infrastructure value and a 20% rate increase for moving the gas to the residential home. I don't know how to calculate the " interstate transportation and storage charge because I don't know what factor determine this expense.

In all fairness, the customer rate increase should not be greater than the delivery charge rate increase.

Sincerely,  
Howard Feder  
2807 Wabash Street  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
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Utilities: NIPSCO - Cause Number 45967

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: NIPSCO Natural Gas Rate Case - Cause Number 45967

As a member of "Generation Baby Boomer", my status is retired senior on a fixed income. I reside in an old neighborhood which consists of dwellings that are more senior than its occupants. A few qualified for weatherization perks (i.e. insulation) or a new appliance (i.e. refrigerator), but many failed to meet the criteria for more (windows, etc.). Inflation and Increases in Medicare require a creative strategy for eating well to stay healthy. Gas prices impact many seniors who provide transportation, companionship, and immediate availability to go home without waiting at medical appointments. Many cannot afford Uber or Medicare transport services nor the time a neighbor/friend commits to their experience.

In light of the imbalance in wages earned in households of the middle to low-income families and those of stockbrokers, it would seem only fair that stockholders would "take the hit" since we did just two (2) years ago. Does anybody have the heart for the "underdog" outside of the Super Bowl, World Series, or NBA Finals? Yes, it's cold outside, but you need the seniors, the "other" fixed-income folk, and the minimum wage earners (i.e. still at \$7.25 an hour). Can we get a bonus, called "No Increase"? Thank you in advance for considering my viewpoint.  
January 24, 2024

Dec-2-2023

I am giving my Comment on the issue of RAISING the Customer Service charge and the rate HIKE.

I do not want any higher rates Your Company made Record profits last year. Use some of that money to do your upgrades and maintenance.

Also how about cutting the salaries of your CEO's and employee's. People can't pay there BILLS now. It is insane that you want to raise prices. How about trying to help your customer's

JULIA BOYER  
1614-Rokos2  
DYER, Indiana  
46311

**From:** [Julie](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 5:58:28 PM

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Good Evening,

I am writing you today about the gas increase that Nipsco (NiSource) is asking for.

First of all, when will this end. They come to you one year asking for a increase in Electric, next year, increase in Gas. Frankly, prices are to high to begin with. I live in the Elkhart County area and they're has been more people than ever that applied for some kind of assistance with their Utilities. How do you expect the Elderly to be able to afford another hike? Half of them can't even afford the medication and food as it is. I am really getting tired of Indiana not helping their people. It's like Indiana gets a kick back from Companies they allow to, pretty much, do what they want.

NiSource sold 19.9% of Nipsco to Blackstone Infrastructure for 2.41 Billion plus another 250 Million to fund the Energy Transaction.

So why would Customers have to pay more? I'm sorry but it needs to stop somewhere and you guys denying their amount and giving them a lower amount is not helping us Hoosiers.

I really hope that you think real hard about them asking for a increase to transition new energy when that's what they had said Blackstone money is for. Sounds like they're playing someone as a fool

Sincerely,  
Julie Gaspar  
18482 Brewster Drive  
Bristol, Indiana 46507

JOHN J CICHON

HIGHLAND IN 46327

IN REFERENCE TO NIPSCO GAS RATE

I DO NOT WANT THEM TO RAISE  
THE RATE, WE PAY ENOUGH NOW

NO. 45967

John J Cichon



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
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Crown Point  
IN  
46307  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Good afternoon,

I have been a NIPSCO customer for a little over a year now after purchasing my first home and my comments are on behalf of myself for cause number 45967. Purchasing my home last year was a 5 year struggle. I fought against the marketplace and although I thought I was prepared – I was completely outgunned throughout the entire process. I worked hard to ensure my credit was in pristine condition prior to pre-approval, but after needing to check it every 3 months and watching my interest rate increase after being outbid at every turn - it turned into a horrible chore, not an accomplishment. We settled and overpaid on a home needing a new roof, windows, and appliances in order to stay within a healthy budget and not overextend ourselves.

Within the last year, our savings has dwindled after replacing that leaky roof. Windows were quoted at 20k, a new furnace was quoted at 10k, and in the freezing temperatures we can now hear our pipes rattling in the wall – everything needed to be ‘energy efficient’ needs to be financed. As a result, we have plastic over our windows and keep the thermostat at a strict 66 in attempt to keep costs down. My grocery bill is higher than ever, car insurance to go to work is higher than ever - I feel like there are probably many families, like myself, struggling to choose what is more important in their monthly budget to make ends meet. Everyone, across the board, have implemented an increase within the last year and yet I haven’t had a raise. I’m not unaware that higher prices are a domino effect. Your price is higher, so as a result, my price is higher but please reconsider the timing. My husband and I are doing everything we can to become ‘energy efficient’ and once those windows and furnace are installed maybe then I won’t have to bundle 3 layers versus being afraid to turn up the thermostat – but it takes time. Allow us some time to recover from the inflation hitting us at every turn – it should be an American dream, not an American nightmare to own a home.

**From:** [Lucille Wade](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, December 17, 2023 1:35:25 PM

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Hello,

I have never written or made my opinion public on rate increases for utilities but, I am at a crossroad, as I simply cannot afford an increase in any capacity for any household cost, just this week I was contacted by my local water utilities here in Fort Wayne, Indiana to voluntarily agree to a monthly billing increase for new water lines to be installed in my community at a small monthly increase of 10.00 to 25.00 per month based on my household income. Voluntary is what I'm being told today, but, at this point, I feel soon it will become a mandatory increase. I cannot afford a single more rate increase on my household for utilities. I am middle income - - I make just a little bit over what is required to be considered low income. I live in a food desert. I live in an old house built in the 1900's which is costing more than other homes in the area. I am just barely making it with the income I am making by using coupons for food and the Goodwill for clothes and shoes for my family. I don't qualify for any assistance of any kind.

If I miss one day of work more than likely I will have to let a bill payment go to pay some other pressing bill that is about to be disconnected. What no one is asking is how are middle income folk who are feeling the brutal increases the most but getting the least assistance going to pay for these continuing rate increases while the investors at the top of the bill board are continually making profits off the backs of hard working middle income families. I do get sick and so do my kids , but I cannot afford to miss a day of work to take care of them or myself. I have to ask for help if my kids get sick and have to come home from school.

The rate hikes just keep coming from every direction. These increases are considered small increases to the investors at the top but, they don't consider what I go through to make it through the day with the paycheck I get every two weeks. I can't work a second job, my kids are home alone enough as it is. I have worked to educate myself on the issues that are causing the rate hikes and understand the pandemic, the Ukraine War and the climate crisis are some of the root causes of the gas and other utility hikes

However, there are solutions available other than another rate hike to lower and middle income families.

I want the investors at the top to stop blaming political agendas of the democrats or republican parties and use the profits of the company to develop other solutions rather than to ask for another rate hike.

And, to make it clear I do not approve of another rate hike.

Sincerely,  
Lucille Wade-Fikes  
2319 Gay St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
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Comments: Cause 45967-NIPSCO Natural Gas Rate Increase Request

January 22, 2024

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
C/O Indiana Office of Consumer Counselor  
115 West Washington Street  
Suite 1500 South  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) Request for a Rate Increase for Natural Gas-Cause 45967

To the Commission:

My wife and I have been reluctant NIPSCO customers since we purchased our home in Long Beach, Indiana, on March 30, 1984. Over the past 40+ years, our electrical service has been unreliable, with frequent power outages, with and without prevailing weather conditions. Our electric rates & gas rates have been amongst the highest, when compared to surrounding areas. Due to declining health issues, and concern over the reliability of electrical power from NIPSCO, two years ago we installed a 20Kw natural gas whole-house generator, which required a larger gas meter, to accommodate our natural gas demands. To be efficient, we also operate on-demand natural gas water heaters and a natural gas furnace. Our credit and payment history are impeccable.

My experience with NIPSCO to upgrade the capacity of our gas meter was excruciatingly painful, and extremely expensive, except when dealing with the assigned field engineer and the actual meter installation crew members, whom were a pleasure to work with on the gas meter upgrade project. The NIPSCO website stated that the "average" gas meter in service in the area was in the range of 250,000 BTU's, and that NIPSCO was constantly reinvesting in the system, upgrading the components to make the service more cost-effective & reliable. The field engineer confirmed that our meter was grossly undersized for the most basic service, and that it was installed at the house in the mid-1970's. He also couldn't understand why the neighborhood had not all received meter upgrades-our neighborhood was simply overlooked. NIPSCO took our money every month, but never invested in our service delivery system. The engineer was shocked to see the natural gas demands of the appliances & equipment we were running with this small a gas meter, and the installation crew members stated that our appliances & equipment were certainly "gas-starved."

The engineer recommended that we upgrade to a 625,000 BTU gas meter, which would be able to handle the new demands, with the installation of the whole-house generator. To get this done, after paying for over 30 years for an undersized gas meter, I was charged \$901.00, which had to be paid via check TWO WEEKS prior to calling to schedule the installation. I understand that there was some expense associated with the installation of the new meter, but certainly did not expect to be gouged and treated so poorly by NIPSCO's policies. For these years, they have had record profits, and simply not reinvested in the delivery system for the benefit of their customers. They have paid their executives, board members and shareholders handsomely, through guaranteed profit margins granted & regulated by the regulatory commission, at the expense of their customers. In these difficult economic times, it would be unconscionable to grant them a 16.29% rate increase that will cause such hardship on the people that are struggling to make ends meet, and will force such people to make choices between buying food or heating their homes. NIPSCO should be forced to streamline their operations, and cut the waste and monitor their expenses internally to become more financially efficient-this should not be achieved on the backs of the customers.

NIPSCO is extremely fortunate that they operate in a monopolistic system, because if they had to compete for business based on the rates they charge and the lackluster service that they provide to their customers, they'd be scrambling for business to make ends meet.

If the regulatory finds it necessary to grant NIPSCO a rate increase, I would hope that it would be a far more modest increase than the 16.29% rate increase that NIPSCO is seeking. That would be far more just for NIPSCO customers, who have no choice for natural gas & electrical service.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion regarding their request for a rate increase for natural gas. I URGE THE COMMISSION TO DENY THEIR REQUEST.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Wolz  
219-872-8070  
mikewolz@aol.com

William Fine, Utility Consumer Counselor  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Mr. Fine,

As a consumer of NIPSCO Gas and Electric. I would hope the OUCC would conduct an extremely thorough investigation to validate a \$161.9 million dollar increase. Perhaps look into what NIPSCO is intentionally hiding from the public eye and charging the consumers millions of dollars for years. For example, there is a storage facility located on NIPSCO property that has been lacking improvement for years and kept dormant. If renovated, the facility could reduce millions of dollars for the consumers if they chose to invest in the facility or allow third party investors at no cost to the consumer. NIPSCO/NISOURCE has full intention of keeping O&M flat and leave it to the consumer pay for the additional services such as leased pipelines, storages, expensive no-notice services for the past 20 years. Instead, they could reduce costs substantially and become a safer more reliable gas company if they invest in their own assets. If you compare to their neighbor NICOR, NICOR has 144 BCF of storage and NIPSCO has only 4BCF. NIPSCO has intentionally avoided doing what is right for the consumer. I encourage you to ask NIPSCO for the Mt. Simon Geographic and Engineering Study conducted in 2018-19 for your review. If they refuse, they are being deceptive. Then ask Lee Keeling and Associates for the study they conducted for NIPSCO.

Sincerely,

A Munster Indiana resident

**From:** [Brian Munoz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brian Munoz - IURC Cause No. 45967 - Nipsco Gas Rates  
**Date:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 5:50:47 PM

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Brian Munoz  
Hammond, 46324

IURC Cause No. 45967 - Nipsco Gas Rates

This letter is in regards to the proposed Gas Rate Increase and Customer Charge Increase. I am also a business owner in the region so I am affected doubly. I cannot tell you how many times customers come to my office and we ask "How's it going?" and they reply, "Not good... I just got robbed" which would usually prompt a "What?" from me and then they say they just had to pay Nipsco. We usually just laugh it off, but there is some validity to it. In July I received my businesses Nipsco bill and the Gas portion was 7 Therms which totals to \$3.27 including Interstate Transportation & Storage charges. This is essentially just enough to keep the pilot light on in the furnace. The full gas portion of my bill was \$75.87 because of "Delivery Charges". I believe the infrastructure that is already in place should be maintained by the company that provides the service as an Overhead expense.

As a Business owner who has been here for many years I fully understand the concept of Overhead. This is flagrantly arrogant of Nipsco to not only increase the Gas rate, but then Increase the Customer Charge when they are essentially a monopoly to this region. This coupled with the Electric Increase they processed recently just shows the greed here. Nipsco made a multi-million dollar profit last year, but they have to come knocking on my doors asking to increase my bill so those who get dividend disbursements can still get paid is loathsome. It may be disguised as Higher Operating Cost or Infrastructure improvements, but if you have that large of a profit at the end of the year this is obviously not necessary, unless the real name of the game is to keep the shareholders paid well. Investments are an educated gamble and ups and downs are to be expected so this burden should not have to be borne by the public. If something in my office breaks or due to built in obsolescence I need to upgrade or replace and item such as our computer system, it comes off the top as a business expense and affects our profit at the end of the year, like it should for any responsible business.

The worst part of all of this is the Monopoly factor in that we have no alternative to Nipsco in the region. I know about changing the gas supplier, but it is still Nipsco that is servicing everything and their additional charges, such as Customer charge, are still in play. If there were some kind of alternative Gas/Electric option maybe I wouldn't feel as harshly, but as it stands now I am firmly in the camp of "If you have profited over the last year, you do not need to increase customer expense just to get richer". This is probably just screaming into the void, but hopefully with enough people opposing this we will be heard.

Thanks for your time,  
- Brian Munoz

**From:** [Barbara Jung](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rev. Barbara Jung - Rate Increase  
**Date:** Friday, December 22, 2023 8:57:48 PM

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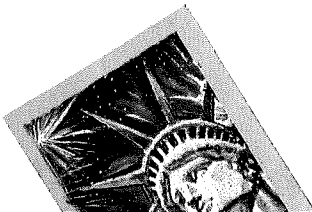
A rate increase of \$9.25 is creeping inflation for all of us. I am a senior citizen and I live on a low income. I need to watch every rate increase or utility hike carefully because it crowds my already tight budget. My rent has gone up and groceries are very high.

I need to know that executives are not getting increases as they already make exorbitant salaries that add to the income disparities in this country. Please consider those of us who already find cost of living expenses too high.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Barbara Jung  
3224 White Maple Court  
South Bend, IN 46628

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ARE ON A FIXED BUDGET  
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DYER, IN.  
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219-365-1844



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**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Veronica Geyer  
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Wakarusa  
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46573  
Utilities: Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We live in Wakarusa, in Elkhart County. We live in a modest home. Last winter, gas and electric combined (both NIPSCO) was nearly an entire paycheck 3 months in a row. We support a high school student full time, and a college student, high school student, and middle school student part time. We cannot afford to dedicate an entire paycheck to a utility bill when we have rent; home, auto, and medical insurance; groceries and other general necessities; and gas for our vehicles to pay for as well. Nearly 17% is a HUGE increase for those of us who can barely afford what we're already paying. I work an hourly position in the RV industry, like many in this area. Not only have I not had a raise in 2 years, I have rarely worked a full week in the last 2 years and sometimes we don't work a full month. This is a horrible time to raise utility costs in this area.

**From:** [maroules@aol.com](mailto:maroules@aol.com)  
**To:** [Rep. Ragen Hatcher](#); [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Christine Maroules - Re: Upcoming public hearing for NIPSCO gas rate hike request  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:31:17 PM

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Representative Hatcher,

Thank you for bringing this proposed Nipsco rate increase to our attention.

While I am unable to attend the public forum, I would like to voice my opposition to another Nipsco rate increase. While inflation at the grocery store can be avoided somewhat, fixed rate increases in Indiana are not and cannot be absorbed particularly by seniors. Home owners insurance is now allowed to sky rocket forcing many out of their homes.

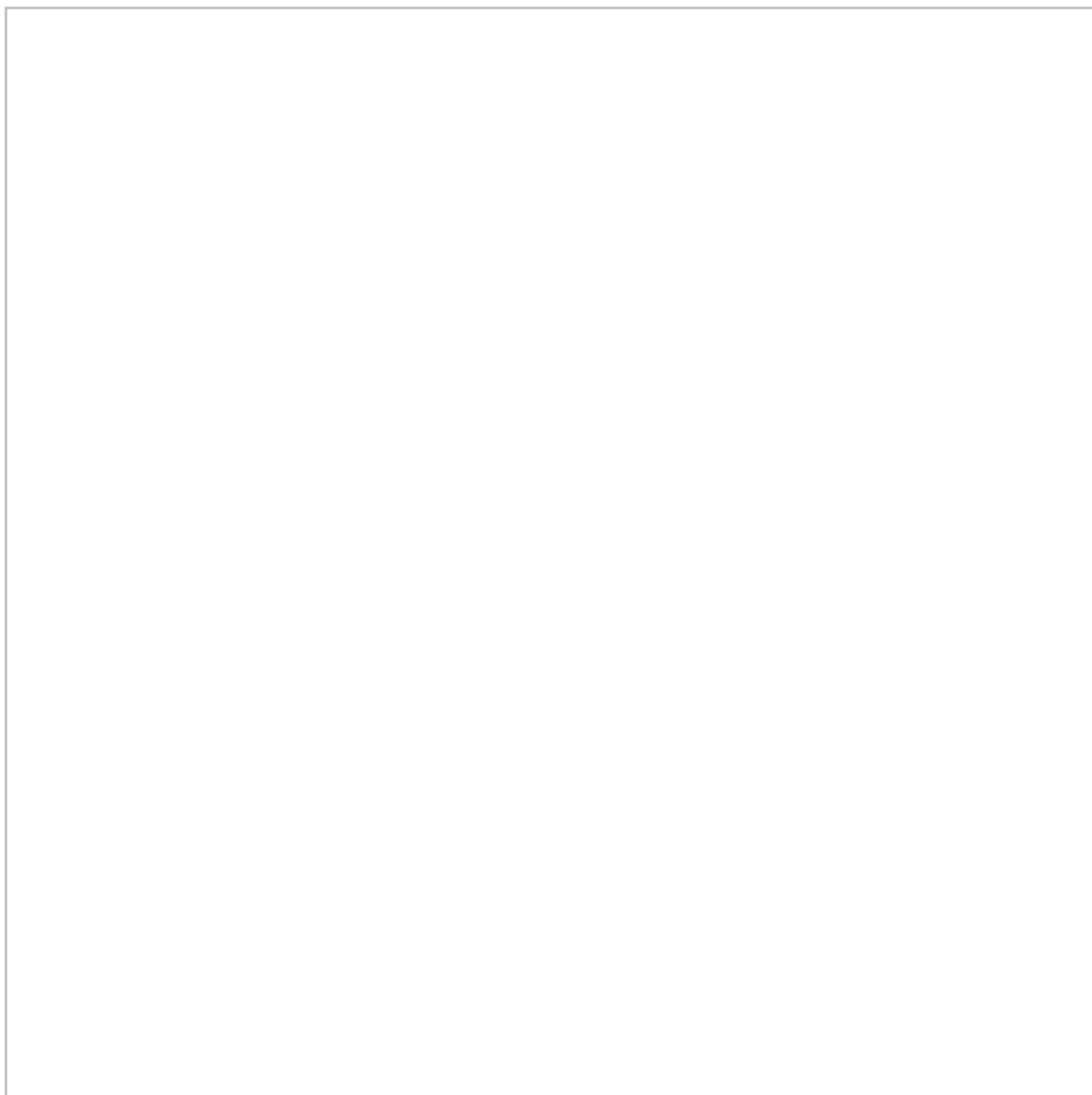
Other than the excuse of "inflation" or upgrade to the grid, there is no proof of need on their part.

Nipsco's 500 plus million dollar recent profits should be used for their infrastructure needs before shareholders and not on the backs of citizens.

Thank you,  
Christine Maroules  
3725 E. 33rd Ln  
Hobart, IN 46342

On Monday, January 22, 2024 at 04:24:15 PM CST, Rep. Ragen Hatcher <[repragenhatcher@substack.com](mailto:repragenhatcher@substack.com)> wrote:

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# Upcoming public hearing for NIPSCO gas rate hike request

REP. RAGEN HATCHER

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Dear Neighbor,

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) confirmed that it will hold a

public hearing in Hammond regarding the Northwest Indiana Public Service Company (NISCO) pending a request to increase consumer rates. The hearing will take place at **6 p.m. on January 23rd at Purdue University Northwest, Student Union and Library Building - Alumni Hall, 2233 173rd St.** The IURC recommends that attendees arrive at 5:45 for an overview of the procedure.

The requested rate hike would raise monthly bills by an initial \$16.25 and an eventual \$25.50. NIPSCO has continuously increased rates over the past decade, making it increasingly difficult for hard-working Hoosier families to pay for critical services like water, power, and gas. One of my legislative priorities for the 2024 session as part of the House Democrats Economic Freedom Agenda is lowering utility rates for the average Hoosier family.

This a great opportunity for residents to get their voices heard by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) regarding NIPSCO's pending request to increase consumer rates. With the ever-increasing costs of utilities, hard-working Hoosiers are shelling out more and more to pay the bills. The extra \$16.25 and eventual \$25.50 per month that NIPSCO wants consumers to pay could add additional stress to budgets already stretched thin.

I urge anyone who can attend the public hearing to submit an in-person public comment. Anyone who wants to submit a public comment but can not attend the in-person event can comment online by emailing [uccinfo@oucc.in.gov](mailto:uccinfo@oucc.in.gov) or visit [www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm). The OUCC is accepting consumer comments no later than January 27th.

Feel free to contact my office at (317)232-9875 or [h3@iga.in.gov](mailto:h3@iga.in.gov) if you have any additional questions.

*Sincerely,*

*State Rep. Ragen Hatcher*

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**State Rep. Ragen Hatcher**

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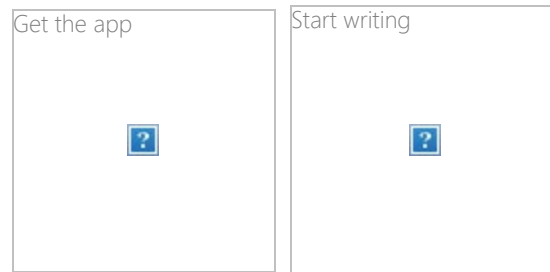
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**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Chumbley  
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Hammond

IN

46320

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I have gone all winter with no Electricity. I still have gas but no electricity. Nipsco is holding 1,000 dollars of my money as security deposit. They did offer me a 3 month payment plan which the payment was larger than the regular payment. I am 62 years old and disabled. After failing the payment plan I found out they could of offered me a 6 month payment and they could of used the interest on my security deposit to help me but they didnt. It all depends on who you get when you call nipsco for help. I say until the consumer gets some type of protection from unnecessary shut offs and reasonable payment plans Nipsco should not receive any rate increase. And our rights should be sent to every customer in clear understandable language so when we call in for help we don't have to worry about weather we are going to get a nice person or be at the mercy of a not so nice of a person.

**From:** [Cindy Douglass](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cindy Douglass - NIPSCO gas rates - IURC Cause #45967  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 12:44:00 PM

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I understand a need for businesses to increase rates at times to cover their costs, especially for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades to more eco friendly methods. What I disagree with, especially, in the recent NIPSCO proposals is the major increase in the base rates. From what I have seen, the base rate of \$16.25 will increase to \$25.50. That, in itself, adds \$9.25 to my monthly bills (\$111/year) that I can do nothing about! And that doesn't include, of course, the per therm and the delivery charges that fluctuate and will also increase.

I am now retired and am on a budget. I will be 67 in January and will be starting to receive SS payments. I will be reliant on SS increases to cover this increase - along with trash pickup increases, city utility increases, Medicare increases, grocery increases, future medicine increases, I&M increases in the future, property tax increases, etc. Each of these increases claim to only cost me \$100 or so a year. Well, guess what, these all add up! And these are just the essential expenses.

I see these increases in Amazon subscriptions, Netflix, cable TV, etc. Because I am retired, I am to drop all the fun things just to get by?

I am fortunate that I worked for an employer that had a great 401k plan thruout my working career. So I do have a little kept away for a vacation every couple of years or for an emergency. Or, for potential future elderly care... which is a huge concern.

What about those that do not have the minimal extras that I do.

The base rate CANNOT BE INCREASED BY \$9.25. I can't do anything to scrimp to decrease my monthly bill for that. I keep my heat at 64° as it is during the winter to keep my bills down from NIPSCO. Raising the base rate takes that method of saving out of my hands.

Thank you.  
Cindy Douglass  
8015 Casa Grande Circle  
Fort Wayne 46815  
260-450-2479

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**From:** [Anthony Lewis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sgt. Anthony Edward Lewis - I oppose the NIPSCO gas rate hike  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 6:29:17 PM

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I oppose the NIPSCO gas rate hike and demand that already overburdened consumers be put first!

Sgt. Anthony Edward Lewis (MCMLXIII)  
USMC / US Army Infantry Combat Veteran (OEF/OIF) (Ret)  
Voting Rights Activist  
Democratic Precinct Chairman for Coolspring 4  
Michigan City, Indiana

Glory to Ukraine!  
Fortune favors the bold!  
"What is life, without adventure?"



**From:** [STACI GARRISON](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Staci Garrison - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1:23:06 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

I'm a single and disabled person, I already can't use water like a normal person with a FIXED \$60 a month fee, and now NIPSCO wants to do the same AND RAISE the bill more! Then they'll have another excuse next year?

When does it stop? What has to happen for people to make this thievery stop?!

We don't get financial updates where all this forced fee money is going.

I'm glad that people in state offices have a nice living wage, but we all don't get to have that wage, I live on \$1,000 a month.

This needs to stop.

Please, support the citizens PLEASE!

Thank you,  
STACI GARRISON  
518 S Bluff St  
Monticello, IN 47960

**From:** [STACI GARRISON](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Staci Garrison - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:43:20 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I hope you take the people who you represent in consideration, as this is my 2nd letter.

But I'm a single 50 yr old disabled person, among hundreds to thousands of others that are or don't make your annual income that cannot afford these constant hikes. Constant hikes that are forced upon us, but we're not a life with the usage of our money that we're forced to pay.

We hire/pay people/companies for a service, a service that we're getting at that time for that purpose, and these hikes don't ever leave after the "purpose" for them is complete, no, just another hike takes its place, just like the local water company and their raised costs and now raised monthly "fee" for this or that, in which I can't afford to use water like a normal person does, like I used to do, because of a \$60 a month "fee" that was recently raised, which the water company doesn't care. Oh, they "understand" your issue....no they don't, no one understands the issue until you can't shower or bath like one should, or do normal laundry but wears the same clothing as long as possible inside the house, keep certain clothes for outside and repeatedly wear those every time you go out because you can't afford to do laundry like a normal person would, flushing the toilet for only certain situations until you go to bed. No, you, them, they do not understand, and now NIPSO wants to play the same game.

I'm already with my thermostat at 65° and I've been quite cold many of times, so now what?

These hikes are stated for building this or that, but funny thing is, the hikes never go back down once issues at hand is completed, no, they just raise them more and now want to penalize you with a monthly fee, which will be raised shortly as well, just give it time.

It's sad enough that we, the people are being penalized for NIPSCOS screw up(s)

Cheaper to build another building vs upkeep, I'd like to see that proof.

This is not fair, it's legal thievery.

We shouldn't be charged for needing a product, but charged for the product alone.

When will this end? It's up to you. Are you here for the people or for them?

I understand prices go up, but to request a monthly "penalty" for needing a service, a penalty that they'll just further raise along with monthly rates is ludicrous.

When will you stand for the people?

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NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
STACI GARRISON  
518 S Bluff St  
Monticello, IN 47960

**From:** [Julie Gaspar](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julie Gaspar - Case number 45621  
**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 1:04:21 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Julie Gaspar and have Nipsco for gas and electric. My concerns are that with the Economy Being the way it is, and showing signs of getting worse, with you allowing Nipsco, who's has a [2.4](#) billion dollar revenue in [2022](#), to increase yet again their rates, people will not be able to afford their monthly payment.

You have Seniors on a fixed income that barley have enough money for food let alone another hike in rates. You have families with children and some that are taking care of a terminal Ill family member that are struggling now to make ends meet. When will this end?

We live in America and yet American people are suffering while we send money to other Countries. Shouldn't we take care of our own before helping others. These big Companies are not loosing money, all their doing is increasing their Top Notch peoples salary and trying to make their Portfolio look good. Your supposed to represent the people of Indiana not the Big Companies.

I pray that you take a closer look at what this increase will do. Imagine if one of your loved ones going to the grocery store and trying to buy food for the month. Walking out with just one bag maybe two if their lucky and praying they will still be able to buy medication and pay their overhead bills. This needs to stop and it can be done with your help.

Sincerely,  
Julie Gaspar

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donna Mendenhall  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 1:12:31 PM

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Hammond  
IN  
46323  
Utilities: NIPSCO gas increase and Customer Service charge increase  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Re: IURC Cause No. 45967

While I enjoy being comfortable in my own home during the winter months, being able to prepare my own meals on my gas appliances, having hot water for washing dishes and bathing, I feel that the proposed increase is exorbitant and am voicing my opposition to the gas rate hike. I am on a fixed income and my disposable income each month is shrinking rapidly. Any COLA I may receive is quickly snatched up by prices at the grocery stores, drug stores and anyone else who can grab it. While I do not oppose an increase, I think the proposed gas increase is too much. Especially since NIPSCO also wants to increase their customer service charge another roughly \$10 per month. A combined increase of a minimum of \$20.00 per month is what I would be facing. I keep my thermostat at 66 degrees during the cold weather months and usually wear a sweater. These amounts multiplied by their 859,000 customers is a staggering amount. In today's economy and the number of customers who regularly need assistance in paying their utility bill each month, increases of these amounts are excessive in my opinion. Please do not approve both increases as they stand as of this date.

Thank you,  
Donna Mendenhall

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stephanie Garcia  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 2:54:15 AM

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Phone: (260) 639-2321

Address:  
Fort Wayne  
IN  
46804

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a customer of Nipsco. My concern is with the proposed rate hike. It comes at a time when we are all struggling to overcome all the various price hikes. Now that the pandemic is over, every business has increased their rates/prices. I understand that companies need to continually raise rates/prices but the amount that Nipsco is proposing is incredibly high. They are profiting extremely well off a necessity (heat) that most of us consumers are struggling to pay. I know that I am not the minority because many people I have talked to agree with this as well. For example, my elderly mother. She cannot afford a 10%+ rate increase. At 80 yrs old with heart issues and bad kidneys (from a botched surgery years ago) she cannot go out and get a job. She will have to make decisions on where to skimp and I don't want her choosing going without her medication, or doctor visits, or food, etc.. Another example is my daughter who recently bought a house. She worked hard for 3 years, saving all of her money and just bought a house. Her budget is very tight and cannot afford these increases. Unfortunately, a lot of people will have to choose between paying their increased bill or going without another necessity. And I hope that you will consider all of this when making a decision. Thank you.

**From:** [smd](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** S DeMayo - Re: Protesting NIPSCO increase Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 8:04:26 AM

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Obviously Nipsco is still raising prices - even with all the publicity AGAINST them and numerous letters!

I do not agree with this proposed increase; I do not agree with any increase . The seniors have spoken and AARP has spoken - ALL are against the increase. Start listening to us!!

Your proposal is excessive! What have YOU DONE to lower your costs/expenses - NOTHING! Have you even evaluated or looked at a way to cut costs?! NO. It seems to me you use 'infrastructure' as an excuse to look for increases every year.

Spell out and detail EVERY expense you anticipate to improve your 'infrastructure' and publish it! Send it to me and I will review it - Let us review your request instead of you trying to cover-up your inability to budget and take ownership of your expenses.

YOU are ACCOUNTABLE to US!

S DeMayo  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845  
(you have my email)

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) is requesting a base rate increase for its natural gas utility, which provides service in 32 counties. The utility's request would raise annual revenues by nearly \$161.9 million (16.29%).

All publicly filed documents in this case ([Cause No. 45967](#)) are available on the [IURC's website](#).

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**From:** smd <idolcii@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 4:57 PM  
**To:** uccinfo@oucc.in.gov <uccinfo@oucc.in.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Protesting NIPSCO increase Cause No. 45967

The purpose of this email is to protest the proposed (162 million) increase Nipsco is making.

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**From:** [Shawn Bowen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shawn Bowen - Case — #45967 Nipsco  
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Hello

The email is in regards to NIPSCO requesting once again to raise rates on natural gas by 10%. Exactly 15 months ago NIPSCO requested and got approved for rate hikes of 10% on natural gas. This is ridiculous. Why after raising rates just a little over a year ago does NIPSCO need to raise them once again? When will the raises stop if this gets approval? They are asking and getting what they want with no push back. NIPSCO already has some of the highest bills in Indiana and with the approval of this it will only get worse. The people who have to pay these bills in order to survive are taking hit after hit. Inflation is through the roof, interest rates are skyrocketing and to make things worse, plenty of people have lost their jobs. Utility bills should not be getting almost yearly increases. As a for profit company they seem to be making enough money as it is. In 2022 they paid their CEO over 7 MILLION dollars. Please think about the people who are struggling day to day to buy food, let alone trying to keep their house heated during the winter or even using their stoves to heat up some food. NIPSCO does not need to be approved for ANOTHER rate hike so soon. If what we are paying is not enough for upgrades and continual service, then where is this pricing coming from? When will the state stand up for its people and not big business?

Thank you

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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46815

Utilities: Raising utility rates

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I want to state that the proposed hike in utility rates is above and beyond. I am a widow, 87 years old . I must keep my house heated to a higher temperature than younger people do, because I have arthritis, gout and a few other "ailments". It is bad enough to keep receiving mailed reminders of how much more gas to heat my home I am using than my neighbors. It is downright frightening to think how much more it is going to cost to heat my home if the current proposed rate hike is granted. I know things go up in price-take groceries for instance, but my social security income does not keep up with the rate hikes. I do not want to run on about how devastating a big rate hike will be for me alone, but for many other widows I know, who will all be struggling as well. Please, please, do not allow the amount of the proposed rate hike to go through. I understand a need for a raise, since everything else is rising, but please keep it to a minimum that may be needed, and nothing raised if there is no evidence of need by the utility companies. Thank you for reading this and for keeping it in mind .

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
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**Subject:** Clifford Jack Brewer  
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46530

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Case 45967:

Gas prices should not increase in 2024. Especially for retirees over 65. Natural gas price trends are currently downward to prices prior to invasion of Ukraine. Futures are currently falling. How about managing their purchase contracts efficiently.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Abby Greutman  
**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 11:50:32 PM

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Fort Wayne

IN

46835

Utilities: IURC cause No. 45967 - NIPSCO gas rates

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The proposed rate hikes will cause a massive financial burden on residents, especially after already having a 10% increase approved last year. Please do not let our NIPSCO gas rates be raised again.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrea Tarbet  
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Fort Wayne

IN

46808

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Regarding the proposed rate hike... Since rampant inflation has hit, many Hoosiers are struggling since the vast majority of wages are not increasing anywhere close enough to offset the inflation. We are in this group. We are already frugal and both spouses work. We drive old cars, have a 36 year old house of 1800 SF, and I hang the laundry outside every chance I get. And now we will see a \$9 / month "customer service" increase, PLUS rate increases? Please do not add to the burden we Hoosiers are experiencing. Seeking help through assistance programs is not the answer- that's a band aid nonsolution to appease utilities' consciences. Please do NOT approve these increases! Thank you!

**From:** [andrew miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Miller - Nipsco rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:41:30 AM

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I see Nipsco is asking for a rate hike. Are people aware that the top 6 executives at Nipsco draw over \$18M annually?

It appears to me if you could fly or shoot lasers out of your eyes, \$1M a year should be substantial compensation.

It's time these executives start paying some of the cost. Let them live on my salary for a year and see what real bills and expenses are.

Thank You,  
Andrew Miller

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Anthony Baker  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:38:07 AM

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Address:  
New Haven  
IN  
46774  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Leaving a note about potential NIPSCO rate hikes-I worry about the trickle down effect on the non-rate costs of utilities. In my case, I use no natural gas between approximately May and October, and while I have no fuel usage, I still accrue delivery charges that hit my first bill of the winter. Case in point, this year I used no natural gas between May and November, and used approximately 1.068 therms in November. This results in a \$5.47 charge for the fuel, \$9.24 charge for transportation and storage, and \$108.34 in delivery charges, plus sales tax. Frankly this is unreasonable, and I'm afraid a rate hike would only encourage NIPSCO's gouging...its a simple cat and mouse game to keep their profit margins. When the non commodity charges don't cover the profit margins, they ask for delivery charge increases, when those don't cover they go back for rate hikes. If they want to hike rates and recover cost via usage, they should ensure that the delivery charges aren't putting people in debt.

**From:** [BETSY ROTH](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Betsy Roth - Nipsco rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:05:26 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Nipsco rate hike for administration and technology improvements. I feel that these are standard operating costs that should be absorbed in the Nipsco operating budget. Please do not allow this rate hike to be approved.

Thank you for your time,

Betsy Roth

2816 Leroy Av.

Fort Wayne, IN 46805



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bev Hmurovic  
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Whiting  
IN  
46394  
Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: As a consumer of both electricity and gas through NIPSCO, I am opposed to both the current rate increase and even more the fixed charge increase. Both increases are excessive compared to what I read about other rate increases. The 55% increase in fixed charges is not necessary and a way of increasing our utility bills on a regular basis regardless of what we as consumers might do to save energy. NIPSCO has already received approval for surcharges that allow them to recover their expenditures on an ongoing basis. I also oppose the sales reconciliation mechanism that allows automatic recovery of revenues even when a sales drop occurs, a revenue guarantee surcharge. No business is guaranteed future revenues. Utilities are necessary expenses for all residents of an area and they need to stay affordable so that all citizens can afford them. I also believe all companies need to make a profit, the question is just how much. These increases are excessive!

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carol Beecher  
**Date:** Saturday, December 23, 2023 12:25:17 PM

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Monticello  
IN  
47960

Utilities: NIPSCO rate increase

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: the rate increase is for them to explore mainly green energy. We do not need to finance their desire to go to green energy. This rate hike will force more people on energy assistance bills. The research of green energy shows it cost more and used more fossil fuels to supply green energy to produce batteries, etc. transportation. Green energy is not for all regions of the states , but they will force it on all. I want too keep two sources of home energy. Electrical for some and gas for another. In harsh weather many power outages. When the electric is out, I still can have some form of heat with the gas. With green energy they want to do away with gas usage appliances, and heating leaving you with no way for survival. The hardship of purchases needed to go all electrical is not acceptable. They are forcing business out who produce gas usage items, They want a monopoly on a population that need the services for survival, and want that same population and customer to pay for them to have a monopoly of what type of energy and appliance they can use. They have no prof that green energy will solve any problems. NO TO RATE INCREASE.

**From:** [Carrie Woodruff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carrie Woodruff - Rate Increase  
**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 10:16:14 AM

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As a long time customer, on a fixed income , I really do not agree with a rate hike. Hope you guys figure out a way to keep costs down. Thank you  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Charles Kallas  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:09:29 AM

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Griffith  
IN  
46319  
Utilities: Cause No. 45967  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Hello,

I wrote previously when NIPSCO was asking for an electric rate increase, which was ultimately approved. Now a year or so later, NIPSCO asks for a gas rate increase.

This is absurd!

NIPSCO makes corporate profit nearly every quarter. NIPSCO chose to make these upgrades, which they can eat the costs associated with it instead of passing them on the general public. They can suffer in their quarterly profits for awhile just like every other corporate entity does when they make upgrades.

I have little faith that the OUCC will act against this rate increase.

Best regards!

**From:** [China Cotton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** China Cotton - NIPSCO Utility increase  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 3:36:58 PM

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Hello I stay in South Bend, IN zip code 44617, I highly disagree with an increase in utility bills. People can barely afford their utilities as is and everything is increasing price wise except for civilian paychecks. So no, I do not think it would be fair to increase tenants utility amounts just because NIPSCO wants to use our hard earned money for "infrastructure improvements and higher operating and maintenance costs". It does not sound as if this would do much benefit to the civilians, this sounds more of a money benefit for the company which seems unfair to those who can barely afford the cost of living, let alone a higher gas bill. Thank You

**From:** [cindy buehrer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cindy Buehrer - Nipsco gas rate hike  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 6:29:31 AM

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This is a bad thing for us consumers especially those of us on a fixed income. SSI only gives a raise once a year and that isn't much of a raise and the you lose part of that because of Medicare increases. The cost of everything else and we have very little if any money to live on. Why should we have to pay for their infrastructure to redone they have alot of capital to use for it instead of making it harder for the rest of us.

**From:** [cindy buehrer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cindy Buehrer - Nipsco raising gas bills  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 6:19:40 AM

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This is ridiculous that they want to raise the price. It is very hard on us that are on a fixed income. Especially those of us on SSI we only get small raises and then they increase Medicare prices so the raise is less than half of what they give and with everything else being so expensive it is hard enough to pay everything as it is now. Why should the customers have to pay for infrastructure that should be on Nipsco to pay for

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cortny Barnes  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:04:46 PM

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North Judson

IN

46366

Utilities: Natural Gas: "IURC Cause No. 45967

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Natural gas is a necessity as well as a natural resource. With inflation rates being what they are, we have to make decisions regarding cutting of finances in order to SURVIVE. This isn't a "want". It's a need. How can your average citizens withstand the financial pressures of keeping a roof over their heads and heat in their homes???

Nipsco-you will be held responsible when our citizens have to make a decision between food and paying these exuberant fees. There HAS to be an alternative.



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daniel Brusco  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:00:37 PM

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Fort Wayne  
IN  
46845

Utilities: Nipsxo

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Nipsco is a company has made so much money in Fort Wayne, is not that they need this money for equipment but to give their upper manager a huge bonus. It will be good to review how much their managers made a year and what kind of bonuses they get. Meanwhile, many of the citizens of Fort Wayne struggles paying rent, food, etc. I think utility companies. Including Firt Wayne Cory Utilities are charging lots is many just to print a bill, when was that invented? I have a \$15 usage but my bill is \$90+ how is that possible? What about getting a real brake on our bills?

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daniel Umlauf  
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Highland  
IN  
46322  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Cause No. 45967

As a NIPSCO customer and a NIPSCO employee I must voice my opinion about how I am against this possibility of a rate hike.

Not only is inflation at an all time current high and a lot of people are living paycheck to paycheck, but I can speak as a NIPSCO shareholder, that most of the NIPSCO CEO's and executives won't feel this at all.

Lloyd Yates (President & CEO) Compensation for last year was \$7,113,506  
Donald Brown (EVP, CFO & President) Compensation for last year was 2,875,240  
Shawn Anderson (SVP Strategy & Chief Risk Officer) Compensation for last year was 1,712,300  
Melody Birmingham (Chief Innovation Officer) Compensation for last year was 3,339,225

Based off of these numbers, our CEO's and executives are able to pay themselves quite handsomely in the current environment  
without being able to raise rates. There shouldn't be a reason to, and they shouldn't be able to.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dauneta Martz  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 3:18:14 PM

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Fort Wayne  
IN  
46825  
Utilities: Nipsco Gas  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Hello,  
An almost \$10 a month rate increase in a service charge is way too high.  
There is nothing one can do to lower this cost.  
Use less gas & you still pay it.  
Most seniors can not afford this.  
Social Security only increases \$50 at most & that is needed for groceries & essentials.  
This should not be approved. It is way too high.  
Thanks

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
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Fort Wayne

IN

46825

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Dauneta Martz Fort Wayne, IN 46825

"IURC cause No. 45967" or "NIPSCO gas rates"

I oppose the gas rate increase & especially the monthly increase. This is way too much especially for seniors on a limited income.

Everything Is increasing in price & this needs to be controlled.

Seniors & others can not afford all these price increases. The monthly increase is about 57%.

Certainly not the 3.1% inflation that they want us to believe.

This is outrageous.

Also, the increase for therms is larger for the less you use. 18% for 50 therms, 15% for 70 therms, 11.5% for 100 therms.

Should be a constant rate per therm you use. This increase is also high. Over 10%

Please do not approve this.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Slosson  
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46804-4289

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My wife and I are natural gas customers of NIPSCO and have been since 1984. This is in relation to IURC Cause #45967. NIPSCO seeks rate hikes for both gas costs and customer service charge. The market price of gas this winter has just been announced as 51% lower than last year, so I don't know how NIPSCO can validate adding roughly \$10 per month to their gas charge. As to the \$9.25 raise to the customer service charge every month, I have no problem with a utility adding an appropriate amount to keep up with the infrastructure and regulation increases, although I'd much rather the source of the regulation pay for the costs to meet said regulation change. It's more about how much will this recapture every year for NIPSCO for a short-term investment? The increase pays for the investment then the utility continues to rake in the extra year after year. That is not fair to the customer who continues to pay the rate increase month after month. Please do your due diligence to ensure the rate increase is proportionate and timely, as well as fair to the customer who sometimes struggles to pay their utility bills, especially in this inflationary economy. Thank you.

**From:** [hanzosteel83](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dean Elliott - Nipsco gas rates  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:43:13 AM

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The new customer charges and rate increases are ridiculous. Most of us find it hard to pay the current rates. Please do not allow these increases.

Regards,  
Dean Elliott  
Fort Wayne  
46835

Sent from my Galaxy

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Fort Wayne  
IN  
46835  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Raising NIPSCO rates. Are you kidding?  
I am 80. Grocery prices are out of sight, health costs have increased. Social Security goes so far. Guess I will have to shop at food banks.

**From:** [Donna theus](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donna Theus - NIPSCO  
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I for one am extremely tired of you raising rates to get richer and give your Corporate leaders bonuses. They are getting richer while consumers get poorer. I can barely pay Nipsco now. How do you expect people to make it when you constantly go up. You are making people choose what food to buy, what products they can afford. You aren't the only bill that we have to pay, so you have us choosing what we can do. It means nothing to you, but everything to consumers. Please don't give these greedy company a raise. It's unfair and unnecessary. How much money do they need.



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Erin Miller  
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Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Subject: Nipsco Gas Rates | IURC Cause No. 45967

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern around the subject NIPSCO gas rate hike proposal which will have the impact of raising my family's annual spend on natural gas service by ~\$120/year. In a period of extreme inflationary pressures, this rate increase will represent a hardship to my family. Please also consider the stretched budgets of the young families trying to make ends meet and the fixed income position of our retired community members as you consider the final ruling on this rate increase case.

Regards,

Erin Miller  
4201 Glen Oaks Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307

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Title: Dr.  
Name: Erin Schwartz  
Email: emsyawa@gmail.com  
Phone:  
Address: 2705 Charlotte Ave

Fort Wayne  
IN  
46805  
Utilities: NIPSCO gas company  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: RE: IURC cause No. 45967  
NIPSCO gas rates

It has come to my attention that NIPSCO has proposed a hike in gas rates in Indiana. With inflation at such a high rate, and decent employment opportunities a scarcity, NIPSCO is crushing middle class Hoosiers just trying to get by. All the adults in my household have full-time jobs, but covering rent and utilities continues to put a financial strain on our family. We don't live a luxurious lifestyle, only the necessities. Please reject this request by NIPSCO, hard working, middle class Hoosiers are struggling enough without being gouged by energy companies. NIPSCO earned over \$2 Billion in 2022, but that's apparently not enough for them. About 80% of NIPSCO was acquired by NiSource in 2022, NiSource is worth over \$10 Billion. Please stand up for Hoosiers, and reject this request.

Thank you.

**From:** [evelyn KOMENAS](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Evelyn Komenas - IURC Cause # 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023 3:20:31 PM

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Dear Indiana Office of Utility,

This is a huge rate hike and will be a terrible burden for me. I'm retired and on a fixed income. I'm single and have relied only on my own income and now only on my pension and Social Security. I was a single parent of 2 good children which was hard financially, then I retired, and then COVID came and that raised everything sky high, which still hasn't come down. Food, Taxes, Medical, Everything, and now this again.

Could you please reconsider this rate hike which is really bad timing and probably not necessary, it's just because you can. Possibly look into some other areas that you can move some money around.

Thank you,  
Evelyn Komenas  
1087 Pearson Rd.  
Chesterton, IN 46304

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gail A Amstutz  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:44:06 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Gail A Amstutz

Email: [gaamstutz@comcast.net](mailto:gaamstutz@comcast.net)

Phone: (260) 797-2794

Address: 8307 Timberwood Ct.

Fort Wayne

IN

46825

Utilities: NIPSCO Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I oppose the proposed Nipsco gas rate increase. The reasons are: the additional charges already on my bills. A good example is in the summer months we were billed as follows: NIPSCO – we only have a gas water heater which costs \$2.32 in gas used but the bill includes interstate charges of \$9.26, delivery charges of \$24.29. And, in reviewing NiSource Company's financials it appears they are financially able to absorb more of the costs. Finally, this is a difficult time for most consumers meeting their basic needs, such as housing, utilities and food. Poor timing for a rate increase. Your consideration is appreciated. Gail Amstutz

**From:** [gregyovich@gmail.com](mailto:gregyovich@gmail.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Greg Yovich - IURC Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:25:14 AM

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From: Greg Yovich  
602 Audubon Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

I am writing this to voice my opinion about NIPSCO raising rates. It's very simple, NO. I understand that prices for everything are continually going up, especially in today's horrible economy, but the answer I would like to know is where will I get the extra money to pay the increase? I'm lucky to get a 3% annual increase, in recent years it's been less than that. I can't go on strike as I do not have a union job so I'm kind of stuck. Everybody wants more money but where will it come from? Look at prices all over, gasoline, food, clothing, mortgage rates, etc.. My income is being taken away from all sides. You just had an increase in July, you want another one? Why don't you work on your budget like we have to instead of stealing from your own customers. Again, NO to any increase.

Greg Yovich

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**From:** [lupita buitron](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Guadalupe Buitron - Re NIPSCO Rate Increases  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 8:58:42 PM

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I am a 90 year old widow with many expenses. I have placed my NIPSCO bill on average billing for the year. My bill is already high on my limited income, and this rate increase will eventually raise my monthly average bill to over \$200. This is too much on my annual income. I am against such a high rate increase that NIPSCO is requesting.

Sincerely,  
Guadalupe Buitron

**From:** [Jill Penrose](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jill Penrose - No increase in our bill(s)  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 2:55:52 PM

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This increase in billing must stop.  
Jill Penrose  
Fort Wayne  
46804  
IURC cause# 45967

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Loree McKinney  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:46:10 AM

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Phone: (219) 241-5051  
Address: 891 Jane Avenue  
Chesterton  
IN  
46304  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: i oppose the proposed NIPSCO rate from \$16.25 to \$25.50 re Cause No. 45967. NIPSCO's gas and electric rates are already very high and create hardships on residents with fixed incomes and budgets.



**From:** [James Crouse](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Crouse - Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:38:51 PM

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My comment on the NIPSCO case is like mine on the I&M case: We need to stop charging Indiana citizens excessive amounts in order to enrich executives and stockholders. No one is worth more than perhaps \$200K per year (total, including bonuses and "perks") even if he/she works 80 hours every week and makes 100% correct decisions. People who gamble in stocks should not be enriched on our backs, either. ALSO, increasing basic charges reduces any incentive to minimize waste of energy by the consumer..

James R. Crouse

NIPSCO gas customer in Fort Wayne/Allen County IN

PO Box 10929

Fort Wayne IN 46854-0929

**From:** [James Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Miller - energy cost increase  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 2:41:15 PM

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**A regular rate for being connected to the energy grid is normal.  
But increasing the rate during this time of abnormal inflation is going to adversely affect a lot of citizens.**

**Giving energy to people and/or corporations that over indulge in consumption of power should not be subsidized by increasing mindful energy users.**

**The cost to use Energy should be associated with the amount of energy used.**

**Unless there is an itemized list of how the funds are going to be distributed.**

**For instance:**

**What employees will get bumps in salaries.**

**What Corporation are currently receiving reduced rates.**

**What percentage of the city/government agencies are budgeting for energy used.**

**etc...**

**An increase in my energy cost should remain stable.**

**Maybe when the inflation rate normalizes, not now.**

**James Miller**

**From:** [Jan Schlegelmilch](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jan Schlegelmilch - NIPSCO rate increase  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:22:37 AM

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This proposed rate increase is another of ever so many your company has imposed on us over the 60 plus years we've been customers. I'm not sure what each of these raises have accomplished other than less coinage in our pockets to use for other things.

While this newest rate won't cause us starvation or losing our home, thankfully, it will cause cutbacks for us to once again make. How about YOU making some cutbacks such as elaborate dinners, huge raises for employees who don't really need them while the ones who really do don't get them, not sending a guy to stand and observe while the others work, and so forth.

Enough from us....rethink this raise in rates, please.

Noel and Janice Schlegelmilch

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lorna Abella](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cause No. 45967 NIPSCO gas rates  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 2:27:07 PM

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John said "I am not happy" .. thank you,

John Zimmerman - 1531 Birdie Way, Chesterton IN 46304 ref Cause No. 45967

**From:** [Jane McDonald](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jane B McDonald - Rate Increase  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 12:33:06 PM

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I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. As you might expect, I am subject to the dramatic price increases at the grocery store and all other retailers, which is a strain on my income. As it stands at the present rate, I keep my thermostat at 63degrees from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. After 4:00, I raise the temperature to 66 degrees. I wear 3 layers of clothing during the day and sleep under a down comforter at night, just to keep my NIPSCO bill under \$300.00! I am uncomfortably chilly during the day, but cannot afford to raise the temperature any higher during the day. If you increase the rate at the predicted percentage, my bill will be nearly \$400 per month! That is an amount that I simply cannot afford. Given your annual profit, I do not agree that this increase is warranted. Tighten your belt and keep the price at the existing rate.

Best,

Jane B. McDonald  
213 Felton St., Michigan City IN 46360

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janet Katich  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1:41:00 PM

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Title:

Name: Janet Katich

Email: [janet6333@att.net](mailto:janet6333@att.net)

Phone: (219) 663-7140

Address:

CROWN POINT

IN

46307

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I have been a long-time customer of NIPSCO and have noted that rate increases while not unusual and sometimes legitimately needed have been noticeably higher and more frequent with this utility. I have followed many of the suggestions for lowering my monthly winter bill including checking for air leaks, replacing weather stripping as needed and insulating electric outlets. During the winter my thermostat is set to 62 degrees. Yes, it is a bit chilly in my house. In any event, I oppose the rate increases and question the necessity of this increase.

**From:** [Jay Buchtel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jay Linda Buchtel - NIPSCO rate  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:50:15 AM

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NIPSCO's across the board rate increase is unfair to low consuming, low income customers. The percentage of increase is disproportionate to use, abusing low income people. NIPSCO has for many years lowered the services provided for flat rate. Response and recovery times are longer. A per term rate is more fair to all consumers. And a study of who receives the most services should be aligned with any increase.

Jay and Linda Buchtel

574-301-9265

[jbuchtel49@gmail.com](mailto:jbuchtel49@gmail.com)

**From:** [Jennifer Dimitroff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jennifer Dimitroff - Nipsco Rate hike public comment  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:07:24 PM

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To whom it may concern:

A rate hike for natural gas consumers might be easier to swallow if:

- Rate hikes are held to \$8/month for residential customers.
- System upgrades and infrastructure modernization includes converting to renewable sources and clean-up/containment of coal ash pools.

Nipsco's vague explanation for rate hikes promise neither of the above. I disapprove of a rate hike for the purpose of searching for new sources of natural gas. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Dimitroff  
Porter Co Nipsco Customer



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** JOHN F HAMM, JR  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 3:43:07 PM

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Email: johnfhamm@frontier.com  
Phone: (220) 490-5314  
Address: 8928 Hickory Glen Trail

Fort Wayne  
IN  
46825  
Utilities: IURC Cause No. 45967 (NIPSCO Gas Rate Increase)  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Office of Utility Consumer Counselor,

I just read in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette this morning an article regarding the proposed NIPSCO rate increase. Obviously, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to such an outlandish rate increase! Maybe it is just me, but it seems as though everyone has their hand out gouging consumers while they can in the name of "inflation". When or where does it end?? Yes I understand companies expenses are going up just as everyone else's are, but most consumers don't have the option to simply tell someone "hey....I need more money!" I believe most working people are still getting yearly increases probably in the 3 – 4 % range, yet household expenses eat that increase up in a heartbeat! I am on a fixed income like so many others, and Social Security recipients are getting a 3% increase in January 2024. How far will that go to pay the NIPSCO proposed monthly rates going forward? We all know the rate request is 'highly padded', so please in your review process, remove the padding and get their rate request down to a reasonable amount.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

John F. Hamm, Jr.  
8928 Hickory Glen Trail  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

**From:** [Jule Anne](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jule Anne -NIPSCO Rate increase  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 4:15:14 PM

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We are retirees on a fixed income which barely increases year to year (only our Social Security payments) ! 16.9% increase for NIPSCO and gas is still almost double what it was under President Trump and food prices are up at least 20% (Thank you Bidenomics!)

I think the rate increase should be more in line with what people can afford. Workers are not getting 16.9% increases.. How about

An 8% increase??

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julia A Terrell  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 8:58:07 AM

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Name: Julia A Terrell  
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Phone: (574) 965-4109  
Address:  
Monticello  
IN  
47960  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Bill are high already comparitavly

**From:** [Julie Mungovan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julie Mungovan - Nipsco gas increases  
**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 11:30:05 PM

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Sent from my iPhone: The timing on this increase is horrible. With cost of living as a retired couple with limited resources , this would force a choice between medication , heating , or food. with current inflation , expensive hardship will increase. Please reconsider this . Tks Julie Mungovan, Ft Wayne, Ind 46835

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kelley Morich - NIPSCO  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:29:12 PM

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Phone: (574) 780-6517  
Address: 1016 N Michigan St

Plymouth

IN

46563

Utilities: Nipsco gas \*error in my original submission \*

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My original submission stated that companies should expect to make more money than the previous year. This should have read "companies SHOULDN'T expect to make more money than the previous year."

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kelley Morich  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:22:18 PM

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Phone: (574) 780-6517  
Address: 1016 N Michigan St

Plymouth

IN

46563

Utilities: Nipsco gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: While the \$10 increase may not seem like much to a company like Nipsco, that \$10 could be the difference in a family putting food on the table. There is already too many struggling families with the current economic conditions. Nipsco already made a comment that the prices wouldn't change and then a week later they are changing their mind. I am a single mom of two and I don't get the help I should from their father, \$10 is a lot when you are trying to budget and get food on the table. \$16.25 for a customer service charge, for what? What do they do for that charge? They already charge for "gas delivery", what exactly are they doing for that charge? When does the nickel and dimming of customers from companies end? Companies should expect to make more money than the previous year. If they are not losing money then these extra costs should not be pushed onto the customers. What does Nipsco profit every year? If it is more than \$0 they are doing just fine. These charges almost sound like racketeering to me!

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kevin Andreassi  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 1:06:01 PM

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Name: Kevin Andreassi  
Email: kvandreassi@yahoo.com  
Phone:  
Address: 1854 Crestwood Blvd

South Bend

IN

46635

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Regarding the NIPSCO Gas Rate Case, the request to raise the fixed monthly customer service charge by 57% is unreasonable and far outpaces the inflation seen in the national economy over the past few years. Nowhere in the request does NIPSCO indicate that they will use increased revenues to address the biggest problem with natural gas usage: carbon emissions. The only way increased revenues would be justified would be if they helped in the transition away from natural gas and to green, renewable fuels. Otherwise, the Indiana government should not give its approval for NIPSCO to maintain their polluting fossil-fuel operations while charging state residents even more. To do so would be extremely myopic, as the long-term health of Indiana residents and the state's natural environment is far more important than the short-term revenue of one energy utility.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kimberly Graham  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 2:36:52 PM

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Phone:  
Address: 9331 Hayes St  
Crown Point  
IN  
46307-1919  
Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please do NOT allow NIPSCO to raise our rates! I just submitted my application for LIHEAP. I appreciate every dollar I receive but it is never enough to pay my bills in full for the entire winter. And then we have to deal with summer. NIPSCO sponsors tons of events all year long, none of which benefit most of us. Those tens of thousands of dollars come from money they are making off of us!! If they REALLY care about helping people, please tell the to STOP SPONSORING all these outside events and GIVE US THAT MONEY BACK for OUR OWN BILLS!! They spend all that money then raise our rates. That is just WRONG. I can decide who to support with my money, I dont need NIPSCO taking it from me and then giving it to others, and then raising my rates to give that away too!



**From:** [Larry Duvall](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Duvall - Nipsco rate request  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:02:14 PM

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It seems like the utilities do not have to live by there means and given rate hikes whenever they desire

They are wanting electrical rate increase to build a new natural gas power station also. I say continue coal fired units as this administration is going to bankrupt the people and this country.

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

**From:** [Linda Murphy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Murphy - NIPSCO Rate Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:08:36 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am retired. To keep my NIPSCO bills lower, I rarely use the air conditioning, and keep lights off. In the colder months, during the day, I keep the thermostat at 63° F which means that some sections of my house are below 60°. Going to the store is a treat, because my car is warmer than my house. If you raise the rates, will I have to keep my heat below 60°? My 1,000 square foot house is energy efficient already so I doubt that could improve. This is not what I had in mind when I retired. A \$25 a month increase is too much. I am already pinching pennies.

Linda Murphy  
8937 Lake Shore Drive  
Gary, In 46403  
219-916-0003

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone  
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**From:** [Michael Hartman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lisa Hartman - Comment on NIPSCO's request to raise natural gas rates  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:10:17 AM

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Lisa Hartman  
Fort Wayne, IN  
46807  
[custodian4christ@gmail.com](mailto:custodian4christ@gmail.com)

Reference to "IURC Cause No. 45967"

As NIPSCO customers, regarding IURC Cause No. 45967  
On behalf of our household, we object to further rate increases.

The instances of persistent rate increase requests  
present economic hardships for ourselves and our community.

Thank you.  
Lisa Hartman  
[custodian4christ@gmail.com](mailto:custodian4christ@gmail.com)

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lothar Klumpp  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:38:30 PM

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Phone: (219) 718-7782  
Address:  
Chesterton  
IN  
46304

Utilities: NIPSCO Gas Rates

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: I am contacting you because I feel that Nipsco Gas rates should NOT be raised. I feel that we already pay enough for our utilities. Electricity was already raised on us. It is hard to be able to afford to pay our bills. Everything is going up and nothing is being done about it. Being disabled and on SSDI we need a break. We can't go on like this. How many things do we have to cut back on until we can no longer cut back?

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Louis Popp  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 2:29:29 PM

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Name: Louis Popp  
Email: [lou.popp@comcast.net](mailto:lou.popp@comcast.net)  
Phone: (219) 921-3041  
Address: 505 Bowser Avenue

Chesterton

IN

46304

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am 75 year old widower living on Social Security Disability and can not afford the \$300 Plus monthly bills, If i have to pay NIPSCO I can't afford my monthly prescription's, groceries, gas and every day expenses. Since my wife passed away in August 2022, things have been very difficult and I have cut out as many necessities as possible. WHY can't NIPSCO do what has to be done with the huge profit's it makes every year, every other company has to why not NIPSCO??

**From:** [M.D](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mandy - Public Comment  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 6:01:16 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am against the proposed rate hikes by NIPSCO. Utility companies, unlike businesses in other industries, enjoy the luxury of stable operational costs. So why is it that utility companies consistently increase service charges? Very unfortunately, it boils down to greed and ineptitude. Even more unfortunately for us residents that live in this region, we require utility services.

For the sake of brevity, what will NIPSCO do when there's no more money to give (from residents), and no more customers to service within legal jurisdiction? What would you do then? When you find the answer to this question - I implore you! - do that INSTEAD of attempting to squeeze blood from a rock. The rock has been ground over 10 times now, and scattered in the wind; there's nothing left to give.

My personal, unsolicited advice to you, either restructure leadership (to individuals that know how to adequately budget), or go to the government for a bailout, and leave us citizens and residents of NWI out of it!

With humility and sincerity,  
A poor resident of NWI

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marisa D Turner  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:48:56 PM

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Name: Marisa D Turner

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Address: 2932 West 38th Place

Hobart

IN

46342

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am writing to voice my comment and ask that the rates not increase. With the economy in the state that it currently is and inflation, I am personally already trying to make ends meet. I have tried to apply for assistance but due to the income guidelines, I "make too much money".

Thank you

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** martha gavagan  
**Date:** Monday, December 18, 2023 5:13:32 PM

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Email: magavagan@comcast.net  
Phone:  
Address: 1252 trillium drive

Chesterton

IN

46304

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a senior citizen on a fixed income and my cola increase on social security does not come close to covering all the increases everyone wants, including NIPSCO. Why do the vast majority of citizens in this country have to choose between eating, paying for their drugs or being warm in winter? I thought NIPSCO got a gas increase a couple years ago. Indiana is becoming an expensive state to live in given the skyrocketing property taxes, along with everyone else, like NIPSCO, with their hand out looking for another way to gouge the customers so executives can supplement their already obscene income. Enough.



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Helmkamp  
**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 4:23:48 PM

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Name: Ronald Helmkamp  
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Phone: (260) 312-2087  
Address: \*9614 Colsons HI

Fort Wayne

IN

46825

Utilities: NIPSCO Gas Increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: What to high of a rate increase and on top of that a \$9 plus customer service fee increase. Do even know what the Customer Service fee is for in the first place. People can not afford these kind of increases on a fixed income

**From:** [Sara Massa](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sara Massa - Nipsco Rate Hike Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:24:51 PM

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Good day,

Please consider that another rate hike hurts the hardworking tax payers and makes it difficult to buy groceries with the inflation of both food and utilities. I'm not sure how much more our household can cut in spending to afford basic necessities like food/water/electricity/gas/trash services.

Please consider the fact that an increase will hurt your customers and perpetuate poverty. Greed is not the answer when you have a monopoly on the electric/gas services in the area. I can only hope that you will reconsider the raise in price, the raise may not seem substantial to you but it is to my household without any children and two full time working adults. I can't even imagine if we had children with the cost of everything having increased so much. I'm disturbed that inflation has been allowed to get so out of control so quickly without the employment cost of living increases to offset it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sara

**From:** [Scott Mason](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Scott Mason - Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 4:42:58 PM

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I am writing about my opposition to Cause No. 45967. I am a customer of NIPSCO, living in Munster IN. I find it quite frankly insulting that a public works company would choose profit over serving the state. Let's make no mistake that this is what NIPSCO wants the rate increase for. They are a publicly traded entity and are showing they want to milk citizens of Indiana's money out of them. I hope the state says no for this reason:

According to their own website, " Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC (NIPSCO) received a decision from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to adjust its natural gas rates, effective Sept. 1, 2022."

So let me get this straight prior to this increase, they went over 4 years without a rate increase and now cannot go past 2 years? This is highly ind stove of poor management which is not the customers issue and is something NIPSCO needs to fix prior to asking the state to increase our rates.

Once again please if a rate increase is necessary, how about the state waits the same interval as before.

Thank you

Scott Mason  
Munster, IN  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Scott Schlegel  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:16:56 PM

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Name: Scott Schlegel  
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Phone:  
Address:  
New Haven  
IN  
46774  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: RE: Cause No. 45967

I'm opposed to any increases in the service fees. The current service fees are already too high and are unavoidable - customers must pay them even if no product is used. Most companies pay for their service costs from the products they sell. For example, I don't pay a parking lot fee or an electricity fee when I go to my local grocery store. As far as the rate increase goes, I'm generally opposed to that too. However if the market prices have gone up and the company has done its best to keep prices low, then they shouldn't have to operate at a loss since that would benefit no one if they had to shut down. Please keep low-income and fixed-income customers in mind when setting the rates.  
Thanks!

**From:** [Shandy Brook](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shandy - NIPSCO Payment hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:29:05 AM

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I'm not a senior and I'm struggling to make ends meet right now. EVERYONE is struggling right now.. I'm sure gas companies considering there's only a few in the US are doing just fine. What about single parent households? This is ridiculous they're already charging way too much in the price hike from the last one. I strongly am against this hike bc it's only beneficial to a company that doesn't need it.

Shandy

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stephen M. Sliger  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 12:55:52 PM

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Name: Stephen M. Sliger

Email: [smsliger@aol.com](mailto:smsliger@aol.com)

Phone: (260) 241-6697

Address: 6723 Forest Creek Court

Fort Wayne

IN

46835

Utilities: NIPSCO, case 2361

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: NIPSCO has consistently raised the delivery charges. Currently the delivery fee minimum is 16.25+\$1.14 tax= \$17.39 with no gas usage. It is easy to see the increases since we use 0 ccf through the summer. We had switched to an alternate gas supplier due to the NIPSCO rate being much higher. NIPSCO has since continued to increase the delivery fee, evidently to make up for the CHOICE program. The delivery fee is pure profit for NIPSCO. I have complained about this with NIPSCO in the past. How many other companies can charge a customer for NOT using their product? The delivery fee should be ZERO when no gas is used. THANK YOU!

**From:** [Mary's Cell Phone](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary - Gas rate hikes  
**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 5:09:02 PM

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My name is Mary Trego from Fort Wayne. Zip code 46845 I am against IURC cause No. 45967. Please note I am against this rate hike.

Mary

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Harrison Yancey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Harrison Yancey - Done Deal  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 5:53:29 PM

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I have from experience whenever there's talk of this nature to discuss a certain topic to put in place. It's already a done deal. NIPSCO does what it always wants to. We the people do not have a choice. Sure there will be a forum but this has been in place for at least 2 or more years. NIPSCO is already one of the highest utility companies in the world and this hike will keep them there. All "We the People" can say or do is bitch about paying these outrageous prices. If we pay our services will be cut off, then we have to pay more to get our services back on. It's is lose lose situation. Next thing is a letter will come out telling us on such and such day your bill will increase this much. Really what "We the People" gonna do. Simple "PAY!!!!!!"  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jaime Llorens  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 8:31:39 AM

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Michigan City  
IN  
46360  
Utilities: Nipsco IURC Cause No. 45967- Nipsco Gas Rates  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: [https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/nisource-turned-a-529-8-million-profit-last-year/article\\_84ee67d8-02d4-584a-9051-ee251c20963e.html](https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/nisource-turned-a-529-8-million-profit-last-year/article_84ee67d8-02d4-584a-9051-ee251c20963e.html)

Nipsco reported record profits last year at the costs of consumers. It is bad enough that we do not have an option other than Nispco. My monthly bills last winter hovered around \$400/per month! Our home is 2300 square feet; we have an energy efficient furnace and we reinsulated our attic last winter. My thermostat is never set above 68 degrees. However, I am glad to know that certain VPs are making nearly \$1 million per year and that my in-laws have a life-long pension! This is ridiculous.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Luchowski  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:20:00 PM

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Phone: (574) 340-0656  
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South bend

IN

46637

Utilities: Natural gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This is regards to proposed rate hikes .. supposedly for ""safety updates"" and ""infrastructure "" I say use some of your record profits to reinvest , basic rate going from 14 to 25 is a large jump for people on a fixed income barely making now , at what point do you assume responsibility for your ""safety updates and infrastructure ?? THE COMPANY ITSELF IS MAKING RECORD PROFITS 4BILLION in 2022 ... but you want people on SSI or young family's struggling to eat to pay for these ""upgrades """" That's not reasonable to me ..... you have the profits , USE some of it

**From:** [Michael Hartman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Hartman - Public comment on NIPSCO's request to raise natural gas rates  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:03:04 AM

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Michael Hartman  
Fort Wayne, IN  
46807  
custodian4christ@yahoo.com

Reference to "IURC Cause No. 45967"

As NIPSCO customers, regarding IURC Cause No. 45967  
On behalf our household, we object to further rate increases.

The instances of persistent rate increase requests present economic hardships for ourselves and community.

Thank you.  
Michael Hartman  
260-456-3803

**From:** [jeri\\_yoder2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jeri_yoder2000@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeri Forrest - Nipsco gas rates  
**Date:** Friday, December 8, 2023 3:39:04 PM

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I, Jeri Forrest, am opposed to the gas rate hikes being proposed. I live in Fort Wayne, 46818.

Thank you,  
Jeri Forrest

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael W McCartin  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 2:25:03 PM

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Name: Michael W McCartin  
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Phone: (260) 436-1945  
Address: 6735 W Canal Pointe Ln

Fort Wayne

IN

46804

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Am strongly opposed to the proposed NIPSCO gas rate increases. Am particularly concerned about the massive 65% increase in the monthly basic service charge.

A significant number of Hoosiers live on fixed incomes, and this 65% increase exceeds the cost of living by a factor of almost 10, which is unacceptable.

**From:** [jpsub1@frontier.com](mailto:jpsub1@frontier.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R Penczak - Proposal for NIPSCO in Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:27:53 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R Penczak  
8329 W 107<sup>th</sup> Place  
Saint John, IN 46373

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Neil Warner  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:13:19 PM

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Name: Neil Warner

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Phone: (260) 341-3529

Address: 1629 Buckskin Dr

Fort Wayne

IN

46804

Utilities: NIPSCO - vIURC Cause No. 45967

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The increase in customer service charge from \$16.25 to \$25.50 is irresponsible of this utility. This is a unfair rate increase to every consumer. My family is taking reasonable steps to conserve energy, and this increase will unfairly pose an increase to every consumer. I live in a neighborhood of middle class and retired "fixed income" consumers who are all facing higher cost on everything from groceries to gasoline, and other utilities. Please refrain from approving another rate increase for this utility.

**From:** [nkopka2004@yahoo.com](mailto:nkopka2004@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nick - Nipsco gas  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2023 5:22:52 PM

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I use nipsco gas for heat and for cooking. I hope you guys change your minds about raising the rates. I'm on a limited income and I am just barely getting by. I keep my house at 70 degrees because I have emphysema and I can't afford to catch pneumonia. There is no reason to raise the rates 2 or 3 times a year. I have seen your works go out to fix a pole that was broken off by a vehicle and there be 1 man working and 20 standing around jacking their jaw. Which is a waste of money. I have also seen them sitting places doing nothing so there is no sense on raising rates to support that. And the ceo doesn't need a mersadies. He drive an old clunker like the rest of poor folks do.

Nck

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**From:** [supremeB](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** NIPSCO raising rates  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:14:12 PM

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screw NIPSCO..they rob people daily..i was always able to keep my bill extremely low and noticed that it shot up a few months..I paid it not thinking much about it being it was winter time, but then it got really high again out of nowhere so I looked into it further and found out they had switched me to a “fixed payment” they claimed was decided on by using past rates averaged out for the home I lived in which I lived..the person before me obviously had their Heat on way more then myself as the bill was very high..NIPSCO did this without my permission and this way of billing is only supposed to take place if the customer asked for it which I didn’t..it was like they realized they weren’t making what they normally did off my address and didn’t like it so they just changed it without permission to make more money which in my book is theft..which is exactly what they are..thieves..wonder how many other people they did this too..no rate hikes needed..they always seem to cover new technology that eliminates jobs for people there so why the hell should we pay them to put people out of work..NIPSCO can piss off  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pat Burke](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pat Burke - NIPSCO Rate Hike  
**Date:** Saturday, January 13, 2024 1:42:43 PM

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I am a NIPSCO residential customer. I cannot afford an additional 10% to my NISCO bill. Social Security checks were only increased this year by 3.2%. This increase will not fit in my budget.

Thanks in advance for asking for my comments.

Patricia S. Burke  
2803 Hazelwood Avenue  
Fort Wayne IN 46805  
260-452-5292

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Peter Beda  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:44:15 PM

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Phone:  
Address: 2610 White Oak Ave

Whiting

IN

46394

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Re: NIPSCO proposed gas rate hike. The 10.6% seems to be just part of it. The customer service charge increase is about 50%! I have not been able to determine the total increase but it is FAR more than inflation. It will certainly add to inflation and cause more hardship for something that is a necessity for the majority of customers. I oppose this rate hike.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ralph C. Howard and Diane S. Howard  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 10:02:26 AM

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Phone:  
Address: 4684 N. 600 W.

LaPorte

IN

46350

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: In regard to the NIPSCO petition to change the monthly rate for the natural gas utility, the proposed increase seems quite excessive when expressed as a percentage increase. Going from a monthly average of \$16.25 to \$25.50 is over a 60% increase, which is quite dramatic. If all other basic living costs such as food, housing, and transportation increased in such a dramatic fashion, how would the vast majority of the population be able to survive?

**From:** [bclif@frontier.com](mailto:bclif@frontier.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca Clifton - Proposed NIPSCO Rate Hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:53:25 AM

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I'm writing to oppose the rate hike requested by NIPSCO. It's my understanding that this request is unrelated to increased gas prices, but rather for admin costs, technology, etc.

I don't feel that this request should be honored. NIPSCO already charges far too much for its service. It should be held to a budget, just like the rest of us are. They need to spend wisely, "tighten the belt" where they can and not expect customers to keep bailing them out.

Regards,

Rebecca Clifton  
Fort Wayne, IN  
46818

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**From:** [Rita Townsend](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rita Townsend - NIPSCO rate hicks  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 5:59:25 PM

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if you plan on increasing rates please explain why?almost Every service , necessity including food has increased when folks are earning less. Without good cause please dont raise your rates. Work your budget and find ways to manage your services without putting additional financial burden on your customers

Sincerely,

Rita Townsend

Zip 46845

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Weiser  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:53:30 PM

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Phone: (765) 461-9046  
Address: PO Box 91

Galveston

IN

46932

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: NIPSCO wants to increase the customer service fee from \$16 to \$26, why? I have lived at my address for 24 years and I've never seen NIPSCO do any delivery system work at all. The only time I've seen NIPSCO in my neighborhood was when I called them out to repair a leak at the meter. As far as delivery fees, NIPSCO states that is for delivery system maintenance and upgrade, I feel system maintenance and upgrade should be budgeted from NIPSCO's profits, not from the customer's wallets. I hate that I use no, or very little, natural gas during the summer months but still pay at least \$20 to NIPSCO just for the delivery fee. Indiana and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has been too complicit in Big Business' scheme to "fee" the customer into business profitability. Profit should be used to reinvest back into the business, not reward fat cat executives with millions in salary and perks. Executive salary and perks should be from the company profits, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, not extra fees tacked onto the already put upon customers. And the customer gets so little "Customer Service" from NIPSCO the fee should be discontinued.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robin Pease  
**Date:** Saturday, December 16, 2023 8:49:26 AM

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Phone: (260) 440-9358  
Address: 3119 Santa Lisa Ct

Ft. Wayne  
IN  
46805  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: I believe it is hard enough on the majority of families to pay for heating and electricity as it is. Increasing the monthly bill would just deepen the hardship. How about some of the executives and CEOs reduce their exorbitant paychecks or bonuses and keep the burden off of the customers.



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steven Ealing  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 7:57:13 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: Steven Ealing

Email: [Stinkoman1@yahoo.com](mailto:Stinkoman1@yahoo.com)

Phone:

Address:

Fort Wayne

IN

46825

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I wanted to voice my displeasure with yet another NIPSCO rate increase proposal. With the economy the way it is I am struggling to stay afloat as it is. I fear that raising the gas rates for consumers like me would not be in the best interest of the citizens of Fort Wayne or Northern Indiana.

**From:** [Suzanne Swentko](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Suzanne Swentko - Nipsco  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 7:39:59 AM

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There should be no way that Nipsco deserves an increase. They recently had an increase. This increase would severely affect the elderly and people who are on social security.

Nipsco should have the CEO and other top management give up their exorbitant salaries or agree to be paid less.

It's just plain greed.

**From:** [Tarry Gmail](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tarry Martin - NIPSCO Rate Hike  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:37:33 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am troubled that NIPSCO continues to affect great harm on its users, many of which are below the poverty line. They want to make another 161 million. Really, this is all done at the cost of distressed customers who are already struggling to pay their current bills. The current payment plan bills are atrocious. I am paying more for my budget plan than the actual consumption at my house. Please do not allow this to be done to your citizens.

Tarry Martin  
CEO/Life Concierge  
Letsgetitdone4u/Letmegosee  
O: 219-985-4205  
C: 219-359-8326  
E:tmartindone4u@gmail.com

**From:** [tracey.croteau](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tracey Croteau - NIPSCO rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 4:16:09 PM

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Nope. No way. No increase. When their "delivery charges" are equal to or higher than the gas usage charges, they don't need a single dime. They should be investigated for the fees charged instead of granted any type of increase. Please do not allow them to rip us off even more than they are now.

Thank you,

Tracey Croteau  
Akron, IN

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Wayne Zeman  
**Date:** Monday, December 25, 2023 6:57:14 PM

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Phone: (219) 608-1714  
Address: 2043 S. Village Road  
Laporte  
IN  
46350  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Regarding the gas rate hike request from NIPSCO.

I oppose this increase due to the poor business decisions that NIPSCO has made which are resulting in electrical power production costs to rise, including, but not limited to, shutting down operational power stations to pursue less reliable means of electric generation. This is another attempt to raise rates to cover for their mismanagement and lack of following best practices. They have prioritized a political stance on energy production over their responsibilities to the consumer to provide reliable and affordable energy for their consumers.

Pursuing a political agenda and ignoring their core responsibilities is not sufficient grounds for yet another rate hike.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bruce D Gregory  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:30:04 PM

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Name: Bruce D Gregory

Email: [gregory2768@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gregory2768@sbcglobal.net)

Phone: (219) 781-9375

Address: 1032 N Tippecanoe Street

Gary

IN

40403

Utilities: Gas / electric

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: Again, again, and again, NIPSCO is attempting to get ahead through the exploitation, and the taking advantage of a monopoly that has no regard for the state of well being and economics of your customers. Being very shrewd in knowing that there are no other choices or options other than having to pay the constant and continuous non-justifiable rate increases. NIPSCO / RIPSCO Rise In Price service company!

**From:** [Laingren, Cindy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** cindy - Nipsco rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:44:28 AM

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Good morning,

I am a full time employed person who has a locked in rate in order to try to budget for utilities I have to pay in order to live, stay warm or cool, drink clean water, dispose of that water as well as have my garbage collected and disposed of.

I agree that there probably needs to be an increase at times because pricing does go up. I worry that once I am no longer employed to have the ability to keep up with all of these utility bills as well as feed my family and still have funds available to be able to enjoy a concert in our city at times.

I believe that an almost \$10 increase for just one utility maybe harmful to our friends who are already on a fixed income. How are they to continue to keep warm/cool with the a rate hike this high in one year.

A concerned citizen.

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**From:** [gackenhj@comcast.net](mailto:gackenhj@comcast.net)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** NIPSCO Gas Price increase  
**Date:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 2:57:35 PM

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Profit are at a record height, no need to continuously burden consumers with multiple yearly increases.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Lemanski  
**Date:** Friday, October 27, 2023 11:45:44 AM

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Name: Andrew Lemanski  
Email: andyl73@yahoo.com  
Phone:  
Address: 15623s 1050w

Wanatah

IN

46390

Utilities: Nipsco gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Why is our government allowing all of these for profit utility companies raise rates for their infrastructure. It is not the consumers responsibility to invest or to pay for a system that we do not own. What happened to businesses have to absorb their own cost of doing business?? A for profit utility should never be asking for a consumer increase when the company is making millions. No price hikes for profit driven utilities.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barbara Stoneburner  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 8:49:59 AM

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Name: Barbara Stoneburner  
Email: [bs@msktd.com](mailto:bs@msktd.com)  
Phone: (260) 437-8703  
Address:  
Fort Wayne  
IN  
46807  
Utilities: NIPS O  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: MIPSCO wants to raise rates again and I would like to Lino's how they expect seniors on a fixed income to afford this? We are already getting a rate increase from I & M. This is ridiculous. Thank you.

**From:** [Bill Schultz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bill Schultz - Nipsco  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:00:45 AM

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Most people I know in my area are on fix in come and for me I have not received raise when I ask. So I'm sit here with 5 people who all say No

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bruce W Funkey  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024 7:32:59 AM

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Name: Bruce W Funkey  
Email: [thhomeinspectorone@frontier.com](mailto:thhomeinspectorone@frontier.com)  
Phone: (121) 976-3208  
Address: 29 SKYLINE DR  
PORTAGE  
IN  
46368  
Utilities: nipsco  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: case 2361 to raise our rates from \$16.25 to \$25.50 is absurd. Try to lower them for a change instead of just trying to get more money.

**From:** [Carol Kelly](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Cc:** [Jeff Rosignol](#)  
**Subject:** Carol Parker - NIPSCO Gas Rate Hike  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:42:41 PM

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Dear OUCC,

I am not in favor of the NIPSCO gas rate hike, it is obsessive. The proposed increased rate for usage is over \$10 and the service charge is just under \$10 per month, that's over \$240 increase for the first year.

Is the consumer being surcharged for the bad decisions that NIPSCO made to utilize more and more solar, wind, and other renewable sources of energy; that are totally not sustainable?

What parts of the maintenance are for natural gas or other maintenance related to solar wind farms with maximum lifespans of 30 years or solar panels that require updating and maintenance?

I'd pay for natural gas updates, not other sources of energy.

Carol Parker  
9506 Hook St.  
Highland, IN  
46322

**From:** [Suzanne Johnson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cause Numbers 44688 & 44733  
**Date:** Monday, November 13, 2023 12:21:12 PM

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Please stop rate increase requested per Nipsco regarding cause numbers 44688 and 44733. The energy prices are out of control and nipsco has a monopoly in NW Indiana. Please add Suzanne Johnson at 501 17th st SE, Demotte, IN to have my voice heard. stop nipsco

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [charles brindle](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Charles Brindle - Nipsco rate hikes  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 2:55:12 PM

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The rate hikes for Nipsco are too high. Please hold them to a reasonable rate. My raise was only 2% for the last 2 years please hold them to a reasonable number.



**From:** [Jagadich, Christopher G](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Chris Jagadich - IURC Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:12:48 PM

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A public utility company that earned a \$530,000,000 profit last year hardly seems like they need to raise their rates.

Please consider the middle-class workers & their families.

Chris Jagadich  
Scherverville, IN  
46375

Christopher Jagadich  
English Teacher & Boys Soccer Coach  
Hammond Morton High School  
219.989.7316 ext. 1851  
Room 120

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**From:** [Cindy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cindy Thompson - NIPSCO RATE INCREASE  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 1:06:04 PM

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I am retired and on a set income  
The delivery fee is outrageous when it's more than the usage fees  
I'm totally against a rate increase  
Thank you  
Cindy Thompson

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CONNIE PUPILLO  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 6:00:18 PM

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Phone: (219) 942-4893  
Address: 1132 LINCOLN ST.  
HOBART  
IN  
46342  
Utilities: NIPSCO  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: I object to NIPSCO raising their already exorbitant rates. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, higher rates are not workable.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Curtis bernard  
**Date:** Friday, December 22, 2023 1:00:58 PM

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Name: Curtis bernard

Email: [curtisb2009@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisb2009@yahoo.com)

Phone: (219) 898-3327

Address: 399 north oak street

Westville

IN

46391

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Nipsco is just using customers as a cash cow so they can spend and spend. It's all about the investors. Nipsco is cutting employees while asking for more money. They have a new sync unit starting up in gary that's ran buy 0 people as the 1 at bailly is run by 10 people.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Bear  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 11:44:00 AM

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Name: Cynthia Bear  
Email: [gcbear75@yahoo.com](mailto:gcbear75@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (260) 622-7658  
Address: 326 Hamilton Forest Cove

Fort Wayne

IN

46814

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry

Comments: My husband and I have just heard of the rate hikes Nipsco is pushing and the seem excessive. We are retired and have to watch our expenses and this sounds like a big increase in our monthly bill

**From:** [Dan Petry](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dan Petry - NIPSCO Base Rate Increase Request  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 11:37:41 AM

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I am a customer with a natural gas furnace, stove, water heater and two fireplaces. While I am not well-versed in what it takes in infrastructure to move natural gas from Point A to Point B, I do know that an increase from \$16.25 to \$25.50 per month in the base rate will take another \$111 per year out of my Social Security check when gas prices already seem very high in the wintertime.

Thank you for advocating for the consumers. While I know that prices go up for everything during an inflationary cycle, I trust you will hold NIPSCO and other utilities accountable for reasonable increases and not greedy grabs for more profits. By the way, I regularly read your newsletter and appreciate your efforts.

Thank you.

Dan Petry  
Bristol, IN

**From:** [Pumkin Pie](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Danita - Nipsco rate hikes  
**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 1:19:54 PM

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Why is my bill so high. A rate hike right now a days is not a good idea. Please reconsider I am single mother and that would really hurt right now as I am barely getting by.

Thank you

Danita

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dawn Lacata  
**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 3:08:13 PM

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Name: Dawn Lacata  
Email: [dmlacata@yahoo.com](mailto:dmlacata@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (260) 416-4054  
Address: 1637 SHORT ST

FORT WAYNE

IN

46808

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: IURC cause No.45967. this rate increase is not acceptable, it is too much, especially for people on fixed incomes.



**From:** [DEAN GONGWER](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dean Gongwer - NIPSCO Gas request  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 4:30:21 PM

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NIPSCO just got approved for a electric increase and now want a gas increase to cover new equipment. I pay NIPSCO .17 cents per kWh for what I buy from them and they pay me .08 per kWh on what I over produce and that is soon going down to .04 cents per kWh. If NIPSCO thinks I should help them pay for the new gas equipment they are getting why wouldn't they feel the same way about me with my solar system as NIPSCO will be making a profit on my investment when it drops to .04 cents.

NIPSCO is my only company that I can buy electricity and natural gas from so when you have no competition someone from our State government needs to look out for us consumers.

Sincerely

Dean Gongwer  
66607 CR 1  
Wakarusa, IN 46573

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Dean Heisey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dean Heisey - Cause Number 45967 NIPSCO Rate Hike  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:57:49 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Dean Heisey  
5360 S Fairfax Ct  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donald R. Dixon  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 10:33:45 AM

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Name: Donald R. Dixon  
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Phone: (219) 218-3704  
Address: 1235 N. 575 East

Westville  
IN  
46391  
Utilities: NIPSCO gas rate hike  
Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry  
Comments: I oppose NIPSCO's proposed rate increase for natural gas. NIPSCO should recover cost and should receive a fixed rate of return tied to an accepted index such as government bonds.

**From:** [Dover](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Doug Verlander - Rate increase  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 7:07:47 PM

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If this passes I am thinking of moving from NW Indiana. This is pathetic yet as usual they will get it. A disgrace. Doug Verlander

**From:** [LADY AQUA DA DANCEHALL MISS](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ebonee' Brimley  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:06:40 AM

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The Nipsco corporation are crooks robbing its residents blind. There is absolutely no way I should see 500\$ on one bill. This is ridiculous and should be criminal!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** edward coleman  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:35:16 PM

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Name: edward coleman  
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Phone: (219) 929-7517  
Address: 409 east 9th

michigan city

IN

46360

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am definitely not in favor of a gas rate increase. I am a senior citizen finding it harder to deal with winter charges that effect me the most.

**From:** [erin.n.collins84](mailto:erin.n.collins84)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Erin Thomas Collins - Nipsco Gas Rates  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 3:30:14 PM

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Attn: IURC cause #45967

I am writing to comment on the proposed rate increase for customer service fees. Increasing the rate from \$16.25 to \$25.50 is extreme. I do not agree with this fee rate increase. I think our NIPSCO bills are high enough with inflation and current gas prices, it seems ridiculous that they want to add additional amounts to fees that many are already struggling to pay. I can understand an increase may be needed, however, an increase of more than 50% seems high. I don't know if this makes any difference, but I wanted you to know my thoughts. Many in the community are struggling to make ends meet, and frivolous fees being increased does not help. I hope you will rethink this increase.

Thank you,

Erin & Thomas Collins  
Chesterton IN 46304

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** F Keith Switzer  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 26, 2023 6:17:50 PM

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Title: Mr.

Name: F Keith Switzer

Email: [kswitz28@gmail.com](mailto:kswitz28@gmail.com)

Phone: (219) 928-0709

Address: 2647 Dombey Rd

Portage

IN

46368

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I don't think it's right to be raising the prices so much. We're just trying to make a living. Ref Nipsco gas rates



**From:** [Francis Allen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Francis Allen - Prosed rate hike  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:05:45 AM

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The cost of living is already too high, especially for those with fixed incomes. NIPSCO, like private citizens, need to live on their current budgets. The old saying of " money doesn't grow on trees" is more applicable today than ever.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fred A Lanahan  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:27:37 AM

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Name: Fred A Lanahan  
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Phone: (260) 456-2590  
Address: 3702 Fairfield Ave

Fort Wayne

IN

46807

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My wife and I are opposed to the rate increase sought by NIPSCO for natural gas service. We are retired and on fixed income with very little increase each year. If this increase is truly needed, then we ask that it be reduced in amount for retirees and others on fixed income. Thank you.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** GALE SWITZER  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 26, 2023 6:19:52 PM

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Phone: (219) 395-0681  
Address: 2647 Dombey Rd  
PORTAGE  
IN  
46368  
Utilities: Nipsco  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: ref case Nipsco gas rates. Don't raise our rates.

**From:** [Ginger Ford](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ginger Ford - Increase in rates and delivery fees  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 12:57:35 PM

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Sent from my iPhone you raised rates last year and now you are doing it again this year - delivery fees are outrageous and you charge everyone whether they use any gas or not. I am strongly against any increases !

**From:** [grace O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Grace OBrien - Nipsco gas rates  
**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 10:12:45 AM

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I'm voicing my concern against the proposed gas rate hikes!!!

Who can keep absorbing these rate increases?

I'm voicing my objection! Help!!

Grace obrien  
8012 cooper point run  
Ft wayne 46835  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [grace O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Grace O'Brien - Nipsco prices  
**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023 10:06:54 AM

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Please do something about these price hikes!!! I can't afford this going forward!!! They are burying us alive!!! There's got to get something to stop this !!

Grace obrien 8012 cooper point run 46835  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Heather Oaks](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Heather Oaks - NIPSCO Gas Rates cause no 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024 1:07:35 PM

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What, the heck? Another hike for what?!?! Especially the service fee! I expect more service for more money. When was the last time you guys didn't approve a hike?!?! Furthermore, who else can I get my gas and electric from?? Nobody. So this is a monopoly that we will be forced to pay higher rates regardless of what is in the best interest of the consumers.

Heather Oaks

Griffith IN 46319

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**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** J. Chris Kent  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 12:51:52 PM

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Name: J. Chris Kent

Email: [chriskent80@gmail.com](mailto:chriskent80@gmail.com)

Phone: (219) 964-9349

Address: 450 Old Stone Rd. Apt 2

Munster

IN

46321

Utilities: Electric and gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Rates and groceries and all... are high enough. Back off of us for awhile. Can we please? My electric bill has doubled even on a budget because of this crap. The next impact will be my HOA FEES BECAUSE OF GAS AND WATER HIKES. We can't afford this!!



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jain M Young  
**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2023 9:29:30 AM

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Name: Jain M Young  
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Phone: (425) 213-7516  
Address: 1703 Howell St

Fort Wayne

IN

46808

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I oppose the (NIPSCO) base rate case for its natural gas utility. The shareholders want to extract more from consumers with an increase that would raise annual revenues by nearly \$161.9 million (16.29%). This is an outrageous increase milking the earnings of hard-working Hoosiers and creating hardship for people on fixed incomes. It would raise the monthly residential customer service charge from \$16.25 to \$25.50. Why? Because they serve the interest of their shareholders' profits over the ability of Hoosier residents who depend on them.

**From:** [Jim Meeks](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Meeks - IURC Cause No. 45967 (NIPSCO Gas Rate)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 8:44:52 AM

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SAY NO to NIPSCO Gas Rate increase request! (IURC Cause No. 45967 / NIPSCO Gas Rates)  
First they make sinful profits already and then they give (my money) away through grants.  
ENOUGH!!! And let's not play the game where they ask for 10% increase and then you give them a  
5% increase..... JUST SAY NO!!!!

People on fixed incomes CAN NOT afford their frivolous rate increases.

James J. Meeks

1193 Rak Road, Chesterton, IN 46304

meeksjj@msn.com

**From:** [James Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Miller - Nipsco  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024 7:53:52 AM

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The rate is ridiculously high for gas delivery. I don't understand how they get away charging this price. I would like to know how they do the calculation on the delivery of gas, it's nearly the cost of usage of gas used. Nipsco doesn't say how much compensation that their upper management is getting yearly. Nipsco's way of charging delivery is totally unacceptable already. Don't give them another dime extra, there giving it to shareholders.

**From:** [Janet Hurd](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janet Hurd - NIPSCO RATE INCREASE.  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 12:15:25 PM

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I am a NIPSCO customer in Columbia City Indiana  
My gas bill is high only because of the delivery charge  
My December bill was \$78.00 which \$35.00 was delivery charge  
I'm on a set income and they want a 16% rate raise  
Ridiculous  
We've complained about and their answer was because we can charge it  
Thank you  
Janet Hurd

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janine Schrader  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:29:11 PM

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Name: Janine Schrader  
Email: [j9schrader@gmail.com](mailto:j9schrader@gmail.com)  
Phone:  
Address:  
Fort Wayne  
IN  
46815  
Utilities: Nipsco  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Please do not allow Nipsco to increase the rates they are currently planning on.  
Seniors have a difficult time paying their monthly bills already without adding an unnecessary increase in charges.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** jerry koehlinger  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 2:03:40 PM

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Name: jerry koehlinger  
Email: [knocs@comcast.net](mailto:knocs@comcast.net)  
Phone: (157) 435-4189  
Address: 1475 ford ln

Warsaw

IN

46580

Utilities: NIPSCO rate increase 45967

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am opposed to the requested rate increase. I think it is too much. NIPSCO needs to cut costs starting with executive pay and not have five guys standing around watching one guy work.

**From:** [Joann Hudson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joann Hudson - Rate Increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:15:58 AM

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I realize that all companies are in business to make a profit but huge increases put on the backs of struggling Hoosiers who are on a fixed income is not fair.

I am barely making ends meet as it is trying to keep up with rising health insurance premiums, food prices and other daily living expenses.

Joann Hudson  
Hammond IN

**From:** [John Gruber](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Gruber - Nipsco Proposed rate hike for 2024-2025  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 10:25:53 AM

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Cause number 45967  
Nipsco  
Current customer  
John Gruber  
Roanoke, Indiana, 46783  
Jagflhtc@msn.com

On behalf of myself and family.  
Being retired and on a fixed income it is becoming ridiculously hard to pay our bills. These constant increases are getting out of hand. With astronomical medical bills and the current administration printing bogus money, we won't make it in this current climate. Please reconsider doing this later when inflation has eased, if that is even possible.

Thank you,  
John

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**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Miller  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:26:33 PM

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Name: John Miller  
Email: [jmiller@weil-mclain.com](mailto:jmiller@weil-mclain.com)  
Phone: (219) 299-5201  
Address: 4201 GLEN OAKS DR

CROWN POINT

IN

46307-8961

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Reference Cause No. 45967, I am writing to support the rejection of NIPSCO's request of a \$161.9 million base rate increase for its natural gas utility that serves Lake County, Indiana. The request would raise my family's annual base rate by ~\$125/year, not to mention the undisclosed impact of a revised volumetric calculations approach. This increase will impose financial hardship to my family already stretched budget.

John Miller  
4201 Glen Oaks Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [john pearson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** JohnPearson - Nipsco rape increase  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 4:28:23 PM

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WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO WITH THIS FREE MONEY? IT WOULDN'T BOTHER ME IF THEY WERE GOING TO USE THE MONEY TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM BUT THE NEWS STORY DIDN;'T SAY WHAT THEY ARE DOING BESIDES GOUGING THEIR CUSTOMERS.

THANK YOU  
JohnPearson

**From:** [Kathleen Batty](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Batty - NIPSCO  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 9:46:51 PM

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I am vehemently against your proposed rate increases. We cannot afford what we're paying now. Give us a break you crooks.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Nordgrdn  
**Date:** Friday, November 10, 2023 5:40:03 PM

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Title: Ms.  
Name: Kathleen Nordgrdn  
Email: [kebn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kebn@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: (219) 290-3585  
Address: 7816 Beech Ave

Hammond  
IN  
46324  
Utilities: Nipsco's proposed rate hike  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Case 45621.

Please deny Nipsco's request for yet another rate increase. The taxpayers of Indiana cannot afford to pay more for gas and electric. I personally unplug things not in use, have battery powered clocks, keep my house at 79° in the summer and 63°- 64° in the winter to keep my monthly cost down only to have my bill go up anyway. Please listen to the concerns of the utility customers. We are footing the bill.

**From:** [Kathy PARRENT](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathy Parrent - Nipsco rate increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:19:21 AM

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I am writing concerning Nipsco again asking to increase their rates. Please do NOT approve this increase. I am a widow and my only source of income is Social Security. Every company says well it is only 10% or this or that. But it all adds up. Any increase will come out of my food budget which is now only \$20 a week. It is unimaginable to think that they want to raise the service charge by \$9.25. I already have my thermostat on 60 degrees in the daytime and 52 degrees at night. I live under an electric blanket and am cold constantly. They always say it is for improvements. My question is what have they been doing with all the revenue they have been receiving. Stop giving raises and they should never be more than the Social Security COLA. Again I ask that you deny all increase requested by NIPSCO.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Parrent

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kati L Stone  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:54:58 PM

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Name: Kati L Stone  
Email: [katiystone@gmail.com](mailto:katiystone@gmail.com)  
Phone: (708) 935-7912  
Address: 4277 N 630 W

La Porte  
IN  
46350  
Utilities: NIPSCO Rate Hike -GAS  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: I petition that NIPSCO not be allowed to raise rates in 2024 on gas.

**From:** [Kim Siebe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kim Siebe - Too high  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 10:29:32 AM

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Nipsco is one of the highest cost utility services in the United States. The raise they are proposing is substantially high. With the economy and especially interest rates right now, it is already extremely difficult to pay bills for the average person. This increase should not be. They receive enough in their high rates. Not in favor of this increase in rates.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Krist Pirovsky  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:44:51 PM

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Title: Mr.  
Name: Krist Pirovsky  
Email: krisrob@sbcglobal.net  
Phone: (219) 669-2618  
Address: 1743 Evergreen Ave

Crown Point

IN

46307

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Nipsco is out of control with all there rate hikes, they have got to be stopped. We are retired and sick of roasting in the summer and freezing in the winter. Please stop this.



**From:** [Lajuana Dukes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lajuana Dukes - Re: Hiking gas prices.  
**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 8:46:15 AM

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Light and gas it too MUCH not to be concerned

On Sat, Jan 20, 2024, 7:37 AM Lajuana Dukes <[timmylarry8@gmail.com](mailto:timmylarry8@gmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern: we as a people that live in apartments are already struggling to pay our bills I have to pay my lights and my gas bill and rent plus high food pricing I am totally against the rise of a price hike. \$16 to \$29 everything is high it's rough on all generation of people all nationalities please have more consideration.. I am one of the ON TIME residents that pays on time before it's due just so I can have lights I'm not getting NO considered for none of that !!!!!I pay The Month AHEAD. SINCERELY MS.  
L. DUKES. 3348 169th St , Apt G139 Hammond, IN 46323

**From:** [Larry Thiel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Thiel - Nipsco rate hike  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 3:59:58 AM

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Please dont let NIPSCO raise the rates again. Us seniors on fixed incomes cant take any more inflationary price hikes, we're living check to check as it is! I don't get a big fat pension like they do. Social security doesn't keep up either. we keep going further and further in the hole.

**From:** [Linda Harris-Webb](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Harris-Webb - Natural Gas Rate Case  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 4:04:55 PM

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Please do not allow NIPSCO to raise our Gas Rate. We are struggling now to keep services on in Gary.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark J Sidor  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:58:55 AM

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Name: Mark J Sidor  
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Phone: (219) 513-6403  
Address: 7948 DULUTH ST, HIGHLAND, IN 46322-1310

Highland IN.

IN

46322

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Ref. NIPSCO Gas Rates. Please turn down there request for another rate increase our bills are too high now. We spent money to insulate our home lower the temperature in the house got a high efficiency furnace it's time Nipsco to tighten there belt on spending and manage the money and work with what the recieve! Thank You, Mark J. Sidor

**From:** [Matthew Brennan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Matthew - Re: Cause No. 45967 (NIPSCO Gas Rates)  
**Date:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 1:01:03 PM

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Please forgive my oversight; my name contact info: Matthew Brennan, 408 E Indiana Ave, Chesterton, IN 46304.

Best regards,  
Matthew

On Sun, Jan 14, 2024 at 11:58 AM Matthew Brennan <[emceeb70@gmail.com](mailto:emceeb70@gmail.com)> wrote:

An increase of more than 50% is simply outrageous. Please do not approve this request as is; a 25% increase would be far more acceptable. Please don't allow corporate profits to bankrupt the common man.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Matthew Markovich  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:32:57 AM

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Email: [wwwwww46394@yahoo.com](mailto:wwwwww46394@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (219) 765-9121  
Address: 1457 Parkview Ave.

Whiting  
IN  
46394  
Utilities: Nipsco  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: Our fuel and food prices have been high since the last election. Maybe reconsider this rate hike until more can afford it. Many are already living paycheck to paycheck.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Matthew serna  
**Date:** Sunday, December 24, 2023 8:27:01 PM

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Phone: (219) 208-1743  
Address: 906 n 1st st  
Kentland  
IN  
47951  
Utilities: Nipsco  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: We already pay these crooks at nipsco enough, they don't need anymore money

**From:** [MATTIE PERRY-Lightfoot](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mattie Perry-Lightfoot - Nipsco Gas Increase  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 5:39:09 PM

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I am a 75 year old senior woman who lives from month to month on a fixed income. Everytime I get an increase on my social security check something or everything goes up. The investors keep on getting rich and we get poorer. Can there be a special rate for Seniors? We just need for someone to have a little mercy on us.

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**From:** [mattieperry=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mattieperry=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mattie Perry-Lightfoot](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mattie Perry-Lightfoot - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:59:24 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Mattie Perry-Lightfoot

**From:** [Michael Susko](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Susko - Nipschal rate increase  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 2:40:24 PM

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I'm retired on social security I can't afford anything else they're making Breaking us Retired people have scarce money because of medicines And other utilities

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nanette Newland  
**Date:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:51:12 PM

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Phone: (574) 269-3974  
Address: 1239 Rozella Rd

Warsaw

IN

46580

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Increase in rates effective in 2025. I would urge the Commission to consider a moderate increase and not the full amount NIPSCO is requesting. NIPSCO could somewhat withhold the income for their senior staff employees to make up some of the difference. Thank you for receiving my comments.

**From:** [ecol ecol](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** -NIPSCO gas rate increase  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:43:17 PM

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I am definitely not in favor of a gas rate increase.

**From:** [ladylove2500](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nipsco  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 2:04:08 PM

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Please let Nipsco know that senior citizens cannot afford a rate increase. I pay more for delivery of gas than what I use in warmer months.

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** PATRICIA NIX  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:15:57 PM

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Phone: (219) 688-9327  
Address: 314 Hoffman Street

Crown Point  
IN  
46307  
Utilities: Nipsco Gas Rates  
Type of Inquiry: Case Comment  
Comments: I oppose the proposed gas rate hike. We already pay higher than average rates!!

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca White  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 10:28:35 AM

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Title: Ms.  
Name: Rebecca White  
Email: [rankin9988@yahoo.com](mailto:rankin9988@yahoo.com)  
Phone:  
Address: 56699 Sundown Rd

South Bend

IN

46619

Utilities: NIPSCO Rate Increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: There should absolutely not be an allowable increase. NIPSCO should be running efficiently enough that there should not be any increases, considering there is an increase regularly already, in addition to the many additional fees and charges currently assessed. Those other fees should be analyzed and diminished before any rate increase is allowed.

**From:** [Robert Kietzman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Kietzman - Nipsco gas rate hike.  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:43:16 PM

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My name is Robert Kietzman I live at 521 Old Chicago Rd, Michigan City, IN 46360. And I already pay too much to heat our house. Please do not let nipsco raise our rates again.



**From:** [Ron Komendat](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ron Komendat - NIPSCO Rate increases  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 5:43:15 PM

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Our utility bill is already to high

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Ron Thode](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ron Thode - Nipsco gas rates  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 4:52:44 PM

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As a senior citizen . I am living off social security they want to raise rates for gas , and than they will want to raise electric rates. We do not get raises in our social security to match these rate increases, maybe if we received higher raises than we could talk about this .

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Horton  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:46:41 AM

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Title: Mr.  
Name: Ronald Horton  
Email: [horton391@comcast.net](mailto:horton391@comcast.net)  
Phone: (219) 716-1432  
Address: 391 E 1300 N

Chesterton

IN

46304

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I understand the need for a rate increase but I think a 16% increase is too much. I feel better at an 8% increase.

Thank You

Ron Horton

**From:** [Betsy Spiegel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Spiegel - Cause Number 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:14:29 PM

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I don't think that NIPSCO needs a raise until they take care of people at a reasonable rate that want to be their customers. I have a neighbor that build a house and they brought it to him for free. His brother is building a house right next-door to him and they want \$20,000 to bring him gas to the next door. I live the next door over back in the woods and they want \$12,000 to bring natural gas to my house. There's no way they can justify these kind of prices to bring somebody fuel that's going to be paying them the rest of their life Until they can start bringing fuel to people that need it without prohibitive cost I don't think they need a raise because apparently they don't need more customers Contact me if you would like to discuss.

Ronald Spiegel  
Leesburg, IN  
574-527-0004  
[Ronandbetsy@embarqmail.com](mailto:Ronandbetsy@embarqmail.com)

**From:** [Roxanne Poturalski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Roxanne P. - Nipsco Gas Rates - IURC Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:37:31 PM

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Please, do not raise the Nipsco rates for customer service to \$25.50 from \$16.25. Everything is outrageous. I am not using customer service that much unless there is a power outage. Even then unless you dial emergency you aren't able to speak to anyone. So what is this increase for? You think you can raise customers on your own just to do it? That's wrong. With this Biden economy our paychecks are as stretched as they can be now. 10.00 is a meal to many. Please reconsider this ridiculous increase. Thank you for your time.

Roxanne Poturalski  
6818 Tyler St.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [sdimaio](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sam DiMaii - NIPSCO Rate Increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 7:56:30 PM

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Hello,

Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) has filed a new base rate case for its natural gas utility. The request would raise annual revenues by nearly \$161.9 million (16.29%). It would also raise the monthly residential customer service charge from \$16.25 to \$25.50. The OUCC is expected to file its recommendations on Jan. 31, 2024.

I understand rate increases are likely to occur as years pass. However, an increase of nearly 55% is unreasonable. Please deny this rate increase by NIPSCO.

Respectfully,

Sam DiMaii

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Scott B Clark  
**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:09:35 AM

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Title: Mr.  
Name: Scott B Clark  
Email: [scout2107@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scout2107@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: (574) 289-9142  
Address: 2107 Riverside Dr

South Bend

IN

46616

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause #45967 and their 16.29% increase. My fixed income is going up 3.2 % , what do I give up to pay their 16+% increase

Thank You

Scott B Clark

**From:** [Sharon Stout](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sharon Stout - NIPSCO  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:48:00 PM

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I oppose NIPSCO request for a rate request.  
So many of us are struggling with groceries, rent, gas, etc.  
Please don't let them take money from our daily necessities.



**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Theresa Beeks  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:02:08 AM

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Title: Ms.  
Name: Theresa Beeks  
Email: [tulip655@yahoo.com](mailto:tulip655@yahoo.com)  
Phone:  
Address: 248 Birchwood Ctnipsco

Wabash  
IN  
46992-1128

Utilities: Nipsco

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I'm writing in regards to the rate increase. I'm a senior on a fixed income, with so many seniors in Indiana why would you want to make it more difficult for us to try and survive? It's difficult enough to stretch our money the way it is. House/rent payments, food, gas for our car to get to appointments, choosing between eating or getting our medicine, those are just the essential. Please consider the people that struggle everyday to make ends meet. With winter here it's even harder.

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tony Paxton  
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023 10:38:16 PM

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Title: Mr.  
Name: Tony Paxton  
Email: [tpax1026@gmail.com](mailto:tpax1026@gmail.com)  
Phone: (256) 201-0972  
Address: 1215 Elston St

Michigan City

IN

46360

Utilities: NIPSCO Natural Gas

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I just learned that NIPSCO has filed to increase natural gas rates. Profit margins are high enough without gouging the poor for even more profit. Try raising the rates for those users that use in excess of a certain amount, such as the businesses and factories. Let them pay for your insatiable greed.

**From:** [V. Andujar](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Valerio Andujar - NIPSCO rate increases  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 6:09:40 PM

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To whom it may concerns:

I am 100% against that. We have a real bad economy and retirees like me can not afford an increase of that magnitude.

We have over three years where we are trying to survive the bad economy and our expenses are very expensive. Food and gas are too bad for the majority of Indiana residents.

Valerio Andujar  
To go heaven, Jesus is the only WAY.  
Call 888-Need-Him

**From:** [vance.myers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vance Myers - NIPSCO rate increases  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:12:04 PM

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That is outrageous for NIPSCO to raise both the device fee by around 25% and also the annual revenues by 16%. I am on a fixed income and my S.S. payment has only risen 3.2 %. If Nipsco can not run responsibly, it should not fall for the customers to pay for their failures. Please do not approved anything more than what the inflation index was for 2023.

Vance Myers

**From:** [Vanessa Boyd](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vanessa Boyd - OPPOSE RATE INCREASE!!!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 6:42:04 AM

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Hello,

I'm a Gary, Indiana and I oppse the rate increase!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vanessa Boyd

**From:** [noreply@in.accessgov.com](mailto:noreply@in.accessgov.com)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William R Delaney  
**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:49:52 AM

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Title: Mr.  
Name: William R Delaney  
Email: [magicmer@prodigy.net](mailto:magicmer@prodigy.net)  
Phone: (219) 306-7294  
Address: 7102 W 129th Ave

Cedar Lake

IN

46303

Utilities: NIPSCO

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: NIPSCO just got a rate hike this year. It was said it was to cover all the upgrades then. How is it that we have some of the higher rates in the country? I have worked on a few projects that were supposed to bring rates down for natural gas. Never seen it in my utility bills. I have been a customer of NIPSCO 23 years.

**From:** [william slonaker sr](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Slonnaker - NIPSCO rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:21:53 PM

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Please stop a company the made 2.4 billion in revenue last year from squeezing already strapped consumers ( who aren't given energy choices) with higher rates to increase their bottom line and increase shareholder dividends.

Thank you  
William Slonaker  
1206 North Webster st  
Kokomo, IN  
46901  
7658608484

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Irions](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Irions - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:08:41 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
David Irions  
24444 Gerencser Dr  
South Bend, IN 46614



**From:** [dixie.augustine7@icloud.com](mailto:dixie.augustine7@icloud.com) on behalf of [Dixie Augustine](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dixie Augustine - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:04:08 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.  
It is just toooo much!!!!

Thank you.

Dixie Augustine

**From:** [Edward Cooney](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Edward Cooney NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 3:40:35 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

My 75 year old mother is on social security and currently spends 1\3rd of her pay on utilities. I have done everything I can do to reduce the costs of her energy usage. How do you expect her to live with some sort of dignity.

It is getting to the point that she has to make decisions between utilities and food. We cannot grow our own food due to the fly ash that has infected our areas. That leaves us to the mercy of the grocery stores. As a disabled Veteran also with a fixed income, this affects me as well.

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Edward Cooney  
1691 Ardentale Ave  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [kathleenwolfe1957@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kathleenwolfe1957@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathleen A Wolfe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen A Wolfe - No to NIPSCO's latest price increase.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:39:20 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Kathleen A Wolfe

**From:** [Laura Demchuck](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laura Demchuck - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 7:43:59 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

\*\*\*\*\*As a senior on a fixed income, I watch my spending and evaluate the value and benefit I receive. I have not seen ANY added value from the NIPSCO rate increases. In fact, I see my money going to NIPSCO acquisition of utility projects in places I'm not even familiar with. Why should we in Gary be subsidizing shareholders by helping to finance NIPSCO's growth.  
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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

I HAVE ALWAYS PAID MY NIPSCO BILL ON TIME, BUT YET ANOTHER RATE INCREASE MAY CHANGE THAT.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Laura Demchuck  
7007 Forest Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [Mary Hughes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Hughes - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:05:46 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Mary Hughes  
564 Hidden Oak Dr  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Michael Wraight](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Wraight - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:39:19 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

No. Just no. I'm already being bled to death financially everywhere I turn. Groceries, health care... I can't afford another increase in my utilities.

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

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Thank you,  
Michael Wraight  
522 Pennsylvania Ave  
Plymouth, IN 46563

**From:** [juanders15=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:juanders15=live.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Judy Anderson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Judy Anderson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:20:21 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Judy Anderson

**From:** [Abby Norden](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Abby Norden - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:22:17 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Abby Norden  
5003 Hatfield Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808



**From:** [Ada Williams](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ada Williams - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:00:45 AM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Ada Williams  
5117 E 13th Pl  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [Adam Thada](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Adam Thada - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 8:53:15 AM

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Respectfully,  
Adam Thada  
10650 Parklane Dr  
Plymouth, IN 46563

**From:** [Adriane Jagger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Adriane Jagger - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:56:54 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Adriane Jagger  
218 S 7th St  
Chesterton, IN 46304

**From:** [lightning1054=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lightning1054=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Aisha Kovass](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Aisha Kovass - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:03:21 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Aisha Kovass

**From:** [tc00k103442=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:tc00k103442=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Albert Cook](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Albert Cook - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:48:52 PM

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Thank you.

Albert Cook

**From:** [Alex Magallanes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Alex Magallanes - NIPSCO Gas price increase  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:02:36 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

Hello, I hope you are having a great day.

NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children like mine.

Reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Alex Magallanes  
4333 Torrence Ave  
Hammond, IN 46327

**From:** [Alice Adamczyk](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Alice Adamczyk - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:30:24 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Alice Adamczyk  
18150 Courtland Dr  
South Bend, IN 46637

**From:** [Alice Kolanko](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Alice Kolanko - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 4:10:58 PM

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Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat, including myself. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Alice Kolanko  
2825 Bagley Dr W  
Kokomo, IN 46902



**From:** [Alice Wong-Lopez](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Alice Wong-Lopez - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:22:28 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Alice Wong-Lopez  
9027 Bunker Hill Dr  
Munster, IN 46321

**From:** [al2067560@gmail.com](mailto:al2067560@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Allen Albert](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Allen Albert - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:55:52 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Allen Albert

**From:** [Amanda Qualls](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Amanda Qualls - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 8:21:51 PM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Amanda Qualls  
326 N Riverside Blvd  
Goshen, IN 46528

**From:** [Andrew Pitstick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Pitstick - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 5:24:43 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Andrew Pitstick  
1721 Waiola Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**From:** [Andrew Pitstick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Pitstick - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:05:22 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Andrew Pitstick  
1721 Waiola Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**From:** [andrewstoner1@gmail.com](mailto:andrewstoner1@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [ANDREW STONER](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Andrew Stoner - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:27:19 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

My furnace is already 18 years old and needs repair - the costs to heat my house are over \$150.00. I am on fixed income and keep my house at 62 degrees, while wearing 3 layers of clothing. Is that fair while 6 million illegals get free housing, food, and medical care ?

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

ANDREW STONER

**From:** [alc2018=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:alc2018=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Angel Colon](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Angel Colon - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:26:28 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Angel Colon

**From:** [ackay3410@gmail.com](mailto:ackay3410@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Angela Campanaro](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Angela Campanaro - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:07:28 PM

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Thank you,

Angela Campanaro



**From:** [ajhull28@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ajhull28@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Angela Hull](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Angela Hull - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:57:20 PM

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Thank you.

Angela Hull

**From:** [Angie Rodriguez-Graham](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Angie Rodriguez- Graham - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 4:52:46 AM

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Thank you,  
Angie Rodriguez-Graham  
1632 W Morgan Ave  
Chesterton, IN 46304

**From:** [Anita Golba](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Anita Golba - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:49:01 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Anita Golba  
422 Manchester Dr  
South Bend, IN 46615

**From:** [ann=annfredrick.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ann=annfredrick.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ann Fredrick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ann Fredrick - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:21:28 PM

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Thank you,

Ann Fredrick

**From:** [longs3=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:longs3=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ann Long](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ann Long - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:11:19 AM

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Thank you,

Ann Long

**From:** [Ann Marqueling](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ann Marqueling - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 4:36:25 PM

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Regards,  
Ann Marqueling  
9003 Trier Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

**From:** [Ann Rak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ann Rak - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:07:42 PM

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Regards,  
Ann Rak  
2214 St John Rd  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [Ann Rak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ann Rak - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:58:51 PM

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Respectfully,  
Ann Rak  
2214 St John Rd  
Scherverville, IN 46375



**From:** [Anna Gross](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Anna Gross - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:40:02 AM

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Regards,  
Anna Gross  
2810 Beacon St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**From:** [amhkok62=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:amhkok62=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [ANNETTE HINES](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Annette Hines - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:18:18 AM

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Thank you,

ANNETTE HINES

**From:** [armon.kauffman@comcast.net](mailto:armon.kauffman@comcast.net) on behalf of [Armon Kauffman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Armon Kauffman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:30:31 AM

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Thank you,

Armon Kauffman

**From:** [artbec96=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:artbec96=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Arthur Mertens](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Arthur Mertens - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:26:21 PM

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Thank you.

Arthur Mertens

**From:** [Ashley Cook](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ashley Cook - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:11:22 PM

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Regards,  
Ashley Cook  
8724 Maple Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [audreyp211@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:audreyp211@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Audrey Bobo](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Audrey Bobo - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:05:25 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Audrey Bobo

**From:** [Audrey Mather](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Audrey Mather - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:07:33 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Audrey Mather  
902 E John St  
Nappanee, IN 46550

**From:** [Barb Lindelien](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barb Lindelien - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:03:05 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Barb Lindelien  
631 Sutton Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804



**From:** [Barbara Brouillette](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barbara Brouillette - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 11:58:22 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Barbara Brouillette  
9025 Moraine St  
Dyer, IN 46311

**From:** [Barbara Crandall](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barbara Crandall - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:47:48 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Barbara Crandall  
52795 Arbor Dr  
South Bend, IN 46635

**From:** [Barbara Hargrove](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barbara Hargrove - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023 1:20:01 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Barbara Hargrove  
22 Coolidge St  
Hammond, IN 46324

**From:** [frogneck13=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:frogneck13=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Barbara Martin-Jordan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Barbara Martin Jordan - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:10:20 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Barbara Martin-Jordan

**From:** [Basil Halkides](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Basil Halkides - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:13:17 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Basil Halkides  
12044 W 95th Pl  
Saint John, IN 46373

**From:** [Bert Harrison](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bert Harrison - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 7:49:46 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children. As expenses are now we have to dip into savings most years to cover all of our financial responsibilities. Our savings are limited.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Bert Harrison  
21884 Auten Rd  
South Bend, IN 46628

**From:** [beverly myers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Beverly Myers - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 5:40:09 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
beverly myers  
741 Colonial Way  
Greenwood, IN 46142

**From:** [Beverly Rodeck](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Beverly Rodeck-NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:00:11 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Beverly Rodeck  
7116 Baring Pkwy  
Hammond, IN 46324



**From:** [bw11750@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bw11750@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Billie Williamson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Billie Williamson -Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:36:22 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Billie Williamson

**From:** [Bob Young](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bob Young - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:59:51 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Bob Young  
605 S Martha St  
Angola, IN 46703

**From:** [Bob Young](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bob Young - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:45:43 PM

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Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Bob Young  
605 S Martha St  
Angola, IN 46703

**From:** [Bob Young](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bob Young - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 1:06:07 PM

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Respectfully,  
Bob Young  
605 S Martha St  
Angola, IN 46703

**From:** [Bobbie Iwobi](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bobbie Iwobi - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:46:34 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Bobbie Iwobi  
3228 S Hanna St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**From:** [schwietfish=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:schwietfish=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brad Schafish](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brad Schafish - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:44:25 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Brad Schafish

**From:** [brenda\\_armand@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:brenda_armand@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brenda Armand](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brenda Armanda - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:54:17 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Brenda Armand

**From:** [gilman245@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:gilman245@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brenda Gilman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brenda Gilman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:32:18 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Brenda Gilman



**From:** [kujawskib=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kujawskib=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brenda Kujawski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brenda Kujawski - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:54:20 AM

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Thank you,

Brenda Kujawski

**From:** [Brenda Lievers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brenda Lievers - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:14:52 PM

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Thank you,  
Brenda Lievers  
6649 E 3rd Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [brett.kessinger@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:brett.kessinger@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brett Kessinger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brett Kessinger - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:33:18 AM

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Thank you,

Brett Kessinger

**From:** [Brian Flory](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brian Flory - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:02:15 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Brian Flory  
1705 Florida Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**From:** [brittanybam07@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:brittanybam07@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Brittany Brown](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Brittany Brown - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:52:31 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Brittany Brown

**From:** [golfbruce=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:golfbruce=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Bruce Adkins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Bruce Adkins - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:32:50 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Bruce Adkins

**From:** [candidachampagne66@gmail.com](mailto:candidachampagne66@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Candace Lawrence](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Candace Lawrence - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:02:26 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Candace Lawrence

**From:** [clnolt55@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:clnolt55@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Carla Nolting](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carla Nolting - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:03:22 AM

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Thank you.

Carla Nolting



**From:** [Carol Kowalewicz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carol Kowalewicz - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 3:35:40 PM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Carol Kowalewicz  
2400 E 35th Ave  
Gary, IN 46405

**From:** [carol.miller23@comcast.net](mailto:carol.miller23@comcast.net) on behalf of [Carol Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carol Miller - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 13, 2024 1:58:21 PM

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Thank you.

Carol Miller

**From:** [mcbj=mac.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mcbj=mac.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Caroline Joiner](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Caroline Joiner - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:15:47 AM

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Thank you,

Caroline Joiner

**From:** [Carolyn Marsh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carolyn Marsh - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 4:13:49 PM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Marsh  
1804 Oliver St  
Whiting, IN 46394

**From:** [carolyn mccrady](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carolyn McCardy - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 12:24:36 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
carolyn mccrady  
8241 Locust Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [carolyn.mccrady](mailto:carolyn.mccrady)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carolyn McCrady - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:05:06 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I live in Gary where people are dealing with the highest poverty and unemployment rates in the state and with the lowest median income of \$31,000. It is time for their stockholders to share some of the burden that the company continues to put on the backs of the working poor and the working class in general. Corporate greed is ugly and so are the results. You must deny this increase!

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Thank you,  
carolyn mccrady  
8241 Locust Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [CARRIE RUEL-FLORES](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carrie Ruel - Flores - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 10:40:21 PM

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Like most of my friends, I am on fixed income. All my life I have been careful not to use any more gas than is necessary for heat and hot water. I close all doors to rooms I rarely use and keep the thermostat 65 at night and raise it only one degree at a time while I wear many layers to keep warm. I am still active physically so that I do not require as much heat as most women my age. I believe any increase rate or fees is greedy and unfair on the part of NIPSCO.

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Thank you,  
CARRIE RUEL-FLORES  
3004 E Perrysburg Rd  
Logansport, IN 46947

**From:** [CARRIE RUEL-FLORES](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Carrie Ruel Flores- NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 1, 2024 10:46:09 PM

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Regards,  
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3004 E Perrysburg Rd  
Logansport, IN 46947



**From:** [Carl Hetler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cart Hettler - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 10:53:08 AM

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Respectfully,  
Carl Hetler  
301 E Lasalle Ave Apt 108B  
South Bend, IN 46617

**From:** [cattm1120=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:cattm1120=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cathy Mark](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cathy Mark - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:53:23 PM

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Thank you.

Cathy Mark

**From:** [Charles Hire](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Charles Hire - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 10:15:45 AM

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Thank you,  
Charles Hire  
9535 Reindeer Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [max16shelton@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:max16shelton@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Charles Shelton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Charles Shelton-Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:34:30 AM

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Thank you.

Charles Shelton

**From:** [mymeme1950@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mymeme1950@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cheryl Anderson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Anderson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:04:20 PM

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Thank you.

Cheryl Anderson

**From:** [richardblaugh=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:richardblaugh=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cheryl Blaugh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Blaugh - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:47:25 PM

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Thank you.

Cheryl Blaugh

**From:** [Cheryl Chapman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Chapman - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 4:48:13 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Cheryl Chapman  
2923 Summit Dr  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [Cheryl Harris](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Harris - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:27:29 PM

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Regards,  
Cheryl Harris  
2218 Tennessee St  
Gary, IN 46407



**From:** [CJUSTAK=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:CJUSTAK=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cheryl Justak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Justak - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:09:17 AM

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Cheryl Justak

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**From:** [Cheryl Kozak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Kozak - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 7:20:35 PM

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Regards,  
Cheryl Kozak  
8521 Oak Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [Cheryl Kozak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cheryl Kozak - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:26:55 PM

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Respectfully,  
Cheryl Kozak  
8521 Oak Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [chris benjamin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Chris Benjamin - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:24:11 AM

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Regards,  
chris benjamin  
717 N Lindberg St  
Griffith, IN 46319

**From:** [Chris Koehler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Chris Koehler - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:57:45 AM

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Thank you,  
Chris Koehler  
2580 Co Rd 56  
Auburn, IN 46706

**From:** [Chris Shanyfelt](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Chris Shanyfelt - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:42:28 PM

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Thank you,  
Chris Shanyfelt  
532 Prospect Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**From:** [davewbillings@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:davewbillings@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [christine billings](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Christine Billings - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024 10:36:18 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

christine billings

**From:** [Christine Colon](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Christine Colon - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:29:49 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Christine Colon  
4024 E 14th Pl  
Gary, IN 46403



**From:** [newtonc937@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:newtonc937@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cindy Newton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cindy Newton - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:24:21 PM

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Thank you.

Cindy Newton

**From:** [Clara Beeler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Clara Beeler - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 10:27:04 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Clara Beeler  
2202 North St  
Logansport, IN 46947

**From:** [Claudia Casiano](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Claudia Casiano - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 4:02:53 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Claudia Casiano  
9425 Timber Wheel Ct  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

**From:** [s-tigue=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:s-tigue=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Connie McTigue](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Connie McTigue - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:22:19 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Connie McTigue

**From:** [cmdah=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:cmdah=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Curtis Hasler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Curtis Hasler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:26:24 PM

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Thank you.

Curtis Hasler

**From:** [C.Y. Colon](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** CY Colon - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, December 29, 2023 9:40:04 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
C.Y. Colón  
2576 Vigo St  
Lake Station, IN 46405

**From:** [ckuehner6@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ckuehner6@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [cynthia Kuehner](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Kuehner - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:08:21 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

cynthia Kuehner

**From:** [cindyrykard=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:cindyrykard=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cynthia Rykard](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Rykard - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:26:20 AM

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Thank you,

Cynthia Rykard



**From:** [wickeykix=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wickeykix=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Cynthia Wickey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Wickey - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:05:19 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Cynthia Wickey

**From:** [dalektucker@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dalektucker@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dale Tucker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dale Tucker - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:07:17 PM

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Dear

As one of many senior citizens on a fixed income, I am writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Dale Tucker

**From:** [Dalena Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dalenda Jimenez - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 11:34:24 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Dalena Jimenez  
902 W 3rd Pl  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [DAN MANICK](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dan Manick - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:11:31 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

How much money does a utility provider need to profit? How much truly is enough? These rate hikes are getting out of control for nothing other than pure corporate greed.

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
DAN MANICK  
908 Tyler Ave  
Dyer, IN 46311

**From:** [dbbasser=earthlink.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dbbasser=earthlink.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Daniel Barker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daniel Barker -Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:26:51 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Daniel Barker

**From:** [dankee981@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dankee981@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Daniel Keefer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daniel Keefer -Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 10:36:19 AM

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Thank you.

Daniel Keefer

**From:** [Dedeebrown1997@gmail.com](mailto:Dedeebrown1997@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Daniell Brown](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daniell Brown - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:07:18 PM

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Thank you.

Daniell Brown

**From:** [Danile Martens](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Danile Martens - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:25:33 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

Again Nipsco comes with its hand out. This company seems to have monopoly power over state officials. It is particularly frustrating when Indiana legislature seems to be doing all it can to suppress clean energy alternatives

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Danile Martens  
15466 Jackson Rd  
Mishawaka, IN 46544



**From:** [Danile Martens](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Danile Martens - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 1:20:49 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Danile Martens  
15466 Jackson Rd  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

**From:** [danmc50=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:danmc50=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dannie McKay](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dannie McKay - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:04:20 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Dannie McKay

**From:** [Daria Depa](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Daria Depa - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:33:27 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Daria Depa  
1320 St Andrews Dr  
Scherville, IN 46375

**From:** [mamabearxo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mamabearxo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Darlene Eckenboy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Darlene Eckenboy - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:00:43 PM

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Thank you,

Darlene Eckenboy

**From:** [David Bohne](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Bohne - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:24:11 PM

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Regards,  
David Bohne  
205 S Maple St  
Brook, IN 47922

**From:** [David Carlson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Carlson - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:31:07 PM

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Regards,  
David Carlson  
231 68th Pl  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [David Carlson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Carlson - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:51:31 PM

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Respectfully,  
David Carlson  
231 68th Pl  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [David Irions](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Irions - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:49:20 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
David Irions  
24444 Gerencser Dr  
South Bend, IN 46614



**From:** [David Irions](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Irions - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Saturday, December 30, 2023 1:09:39 PM

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Respectfully,  
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24444 Gerencser Dr  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [dnelson54521=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dnelson54521=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [David Nelson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Nelson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:39:50 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

David Nelson

**From:** [davidnoy=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:davidnoy=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [David Noy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Noy - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:32:20 PM

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Thank you,

David Noy

**From:** [David phillips](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Phillips - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:51:33 PM

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Thank you,  
David phillips  
3119 N Mexico Rd  
Peru, IN 46970

**From:** [d.plank1=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:d.plank1=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [David Plank](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Plank - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:09:20 PM

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Thank you.

David Plank

**From:** [tzdave=duck.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:tzdave=duck.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [David Smith](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Smith - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024 9:47:56 AM

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Thank you.

David Smith

**From:** [david\\_trachtenberg@msn.com](mailto:david_trachtenberg@msn.com) on behalf of [David Trachtenberg](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Trachtenberg - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:13:21 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

The amount of these increases go way beyond any inflation driven factors and use the same arguments, e.g. the need for infrastructure improvements and maintenance, that were the basis for previous increases. If those increases were not sufficient then NIPSCO's planning is what needs improvement.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

David Trachtenberg

**From:** [David Wojcinski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** David Wojcinski - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 13, 2024 11:32:01 AM

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Respectfully,  
David Wojcinski  
9005 Idlewild Dr  
Highland, IN 46322



**From:** [Deb Reason](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Deb Reason - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:24:06 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Deb Reason  
1423 E 8th St  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [Debzmo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:Debzmo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Debbie Zobel Moughler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debbie Zobel Moughler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:43:25 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Debbie Zobel Moughler

**From:** [Deborah Baker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Deborah Baker - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 7:52:38 PM

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Thank you,  
Deborah Baker  
3450 Sand Point Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

**From:** [hoosierhelmick=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hoosierhelmick=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Deborah Helmick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Deborah Helmick - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:29:23 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Deborah Helmick

**From:** [Deborah Reason](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Deborah Reason - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 8:22:43 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

PLEASE take action and oppose this on behalf of us consumers!!  
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Thank you,  
Deborah Reason  
1423 E 8th St  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [unobella1=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:unobella1=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Deborah Storino](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Deborah Storino - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:23:18 AM

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Thank you,

Deborah Storino

**From:** [dbderolf@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dbderolf@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Debra Benson-DeRolf](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Benson -Derolf - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:06:24 PM

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Thank you.

Debra Benson-DeRolf

**From:** [jeffreydeb=prodigy.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jeffreydeb=prodigy.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Debra Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Jeffrey - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:15:18 AM

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Thank you,

Debra Jeffrey



**From:** [dmj860=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dmj860=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Debra Jobe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Jobe - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:39:19 AM

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Thank you,

Debra Jobe

**From:** [Debra Perzo](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Perzo - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:04:26 AM

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Thank you,  
Debra Perzo  
409 W South St  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [Debra Perzo](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Perzo - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:14:25 AM

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Respectfully,  
Debra Perzo  
409 W South St  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [jamashopper=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jamashopper=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Debra Schragger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debra Schragger - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:35:27 AM

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Thank you.

Debra Schragger

**From:** [Debrah Roemisch](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Debrah Roemisch - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 12:20:25 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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Regards,  
Debrah Roemisch  
2545 Maple Pl  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

**From:** [cadma775@gmail.com](mailto:cadma775@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Delores Maupins-Atkins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Delores Maupins-Atkins - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:47:19 PM

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Thank you.

Delores Maupins-Atkins

**From:** [grovesb=purdue.edu@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:grovesb=purdue.edu@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Delvin Groves](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Delvin Groves - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 10:24:30 AM

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Thank you,

Delvin Groves

**From:** [dbridwell2010@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dbridwell2010@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dennis Bridwell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dennis Bridwell - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:48:55 PM

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Thank you.

Dennis Bridwell



**From:** [gwrldr03@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:gwrldr03@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dennis Kiefer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dennis Kiefer - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:44:20 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Dennis Kiefer

**From:** [dianeduval=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dianeduval=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Diane Duval](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Diane Duval - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:15:22 PM

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Thank you.

Diane Duval

**From:** [dianedz1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dianedz1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Diane Dzurochak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Diane Dzurochak - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:06:23 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

MANY Hoosier are elderly and poor and cannot afford higher utility rates!! We are already struggling to cover expenses. We should not have to freeze, skip showers, and sit in the dark to be able to afford to live. NIPSCO just got a significant increase in 2022!

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas. THIS IS AN INSANE FEE THAT PUNISHES THE ELDERLY THE MOST. DO YOU NOT CARE ABOUT US?? How awful to be stuck in a state that treats its citizens with such disregard.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Diane Dzurochak

**From:** [diane.glosson@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:diane.glosson@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Diane Glosson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Diane Glosson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:08:34 PM

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Thank you,

Diane Glosson

**From:** [dkmyers@gmx.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dkmyers@gmx.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Diane Myers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Diane Myers - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:35:38 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.  
Thank you.

Diane Myers

Thank you.

Diane Myers

**From:** [ladyspider46793@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ladyspider46793@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dianna Richardson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dianna Richardson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:34:18 PM

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Thank you.

Dianna Richardson

**From:** [Don McBride](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Don McBride - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:21:41 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Don McBride  
6853 Laurel Ave  
Portage, IN 46368

**From:** [dkfelger=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dkfelger=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Donald Felger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donald Felger - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:28:21 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Donald Felger



**From:** [donaldgreenhill@icloud.com](mailto:donaldgreenhill@icloud.com) on behalf of [Donald Greenhill](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donald Greenhill - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:03:57 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Donald Greenhill

**From:** [Donald Troyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donald Troyer - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:50:41 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Donald Troyer  
1518 Stone Trail  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [Donna Catalano](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donna Catalano - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 5:00:06 PM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Donna Catalano  
963 Cedar Dr  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [dmdmitt@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dmdmitt@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Donna Dmitt](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donna Dmitt - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:20:42 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Donna Dmitt

**From:** [Donna Strauss](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donna Strauss - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:12:25 AM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Donna Strauss  
1171 Gary Ct  
Elkhart, IN 46516

**From:** [ddvg=juno.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ddvg=juno.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Donovan VanGorp](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Donovan VanGorp - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:48:21 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Donovan VanGorp

**From:** [julywoods2011@gmail.com](mailto:julywoods2011@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dora Woods](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dora Woods - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:20:20 PM

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Thank you,

Dora Woods

**From:** [dlyoder@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dlyoder@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Doreen Yoder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Doreen Yoder - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:52:17 AM

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Thank you.

Doreen Yoder



**From:** [lajaia103@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lajaia103@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Doris Humphrey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Doris Humphrey - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:18:18 PM

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Thank you.

Doris Humphrey

**From:** [dorothyhansen=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dorothyhansen=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Dorothy Hansen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dorothy Hansen - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 1:02:26 PM

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Thank you.

Dorothy Hansen

**From:** [Doug Schirch](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Doug Schirch - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:15:56 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Doug Schirch  
1019 S 7th St  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [douglasbernhard=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:douglasbernhard=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Douglas Bernhard](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Douglas Bernhard - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:34:47 AM

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Thank you.

Douglas Bernhard

**From:** [Durril Household](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Durril Household - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:36:21 AM

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Regards,  
Durril Household  
1415 Wood Moor Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Dwayne Thomas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dwayne Thomas - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:52:02 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Dwayne Thomas  
3040 W Ridge Rd  
Gary, IN 46408

**From:** [Dwayne Thomas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dwayne Thomas - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:51:01 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Dwayne Thomas  
3040 W Ridge Rd  
Gary, IN 46408

**From:** [Dwayne Thomas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Dwayne Thomas - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 7:54:13 AM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Dwayne Thomas  
3040 W Ridge Rd  
Gary, IN 46408



**From:** [Edith Kenna](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Edith Kenna - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 9:40:42 PM

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Respectfully,  
Edith Kenna  
5011 Pinebrook Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [millerek=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:millerek=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Edward Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Edward Miller - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:35:18 AM

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Thank you,

Edward Miller

**From:** [eclaybough@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:eclaybough@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Eileen Claybough](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Eileen Claybough - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:43:18 PM

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Thank you,

Eileen Claybough

**From:** [ehclassyone=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ehclassyone=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [elaine harton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Elaine Harton - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:41:18 PM

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Thank you.

elaine harton

**From:** [blytle53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:blytle53@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Elizabeth Lytle](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Elizabeth Lytle - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:06:24 PM

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Thank you,

Elizabeth Lytle

**From:** [Elyse Roseberry](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Elyse Roseberry - NIPSCO Gas Rate Hike Complaint: IURC Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023 2:11:23 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the gas rate hike NIPSCO is requesting. Not only do the top execs at NIPSCO make millions, they have a very plush retirement plan to look forward to. They will never feel the squeeze of a rate hike the way our communities will. We just suffered an electric rate increase. We are tired of blindly padding the bank accounts of these NIPSCO executives.

Commercials don't come cheap. Your relentless and annoying ads on the Audacy app are certainly no incentive to use energy-saving devices. I can get a double scoop of ice cream with a smart thermostat?!! Whoa! Cut the ads or make them more intelligent.

NIPSCO has not indicated whether any of the additional money will go towards renewable energy sources and infrastructure. Instead, NIPSCO will continue to pollute our precious natural resources and balk at the clean-up.

I cannot support a rate hike that will allow NIPSCO to continue to manage our environment so irresponsibly. Enough of the "profit before Earth" mentality.

Sincerely,  
Elyse Roseberry  
La Porte, IN 46350

Cause No: IURC Cause No. 45967

**From:** [emeko@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:emeko@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [emeko\\_jones](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Emeko Jones - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:53:17 AM

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emeko jones

**From:** [Emerson Hernly](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Emerson Hernly - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 3:16:09 PM

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Thank you,  
Emerson Hernly  
2501 Soldiers Home Rd  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



**From:** [Emily Guerrero](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Emily Guerrero - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 7:15:58 PM

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Thank you,  
Emily Guerrero  
5515 Cresthill Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Emily Sawyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** emily Sawyer - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:18:33 AM

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Respectfully,  
Emily Sawyer  
2812 Stadium Dr  
Logansport, IN 46947

**From:** [ericj135=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ericj135=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Eric Good](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Eric Good - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 12:01:19 AM

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Eric Good

**From:** [estumpf21@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:estumpf21@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Eric Stumpf](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Eric Stumpf - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:13:20 PM

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Eric Stumpf

**From:** [Eric Walton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Eric Walton - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:41:37 AM

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Eric Walton  
24518 Rolling Oak Dr  
South Bend, IN 46628

**From:** [guardianangeldaycare4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:guardianangeldaycare4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Erin Al-Khazali](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Erin Al-Khazali - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 2:51:21 AM

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Erin Al-Khazali

**From:** [Ernest Palmer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ernest Palmer - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:20:29 AM

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Thank you,  
Ernest Palmer  
411 S Clay St  
Morocco, IN 47963

**From:** [Fabiola Ceballos](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fabiola Ceballos - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:33:07 PM

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Thank you,  
Fabiola Ceballos  
4928 Olcott Ave  
East Chicago, IN 46312



**From:** [fbabis4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:fbabis4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Fred Babis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fred Babis - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:13:19 PM

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Fred Babis

**From:** [Fred Longenecker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fred Logenecker - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 6:19:53 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Fred Longenecker  
1351 Berkshire Dr  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [Fred Longenecker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fred Longenecker - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:40:59 AM

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1351 Berkshire Dr  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [kilin41.66@gmail.com](mailto:kilin41.66@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Fred Traweek](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Fred Traweek - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:39:20 PM

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Thank you,

Fred Traweek

**From:** [kc9kl18@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kc9kl18@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Frederick Schumacher](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Frederick Schumacher - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:11:51 PM

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Thank you,

Frederick Schumacher

**From:** [g0sullivan=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:g0sullivan=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Gail O'Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gail O'Sullivan - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:44:21 PM

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Thank you,

Gail O'Sullivan

**From:** [doodlebug140=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:doodlebug140=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Gary Janosky](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gary Janosky - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:03:23 PM

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Thank you.

Gary Janosky

**From:** [GARY KLINE](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gary Kline - NIPSCO rate increase  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:42:15 PM

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To the OUCC,  
Please do not increase the rate increase NIPSCO is requesting as it is an unfair amount to this senior living on a fixed income.  
Taxes, utility, medical prescriptions, fuel and grocery items impact my budget in a profound way, as well as all non working people.  
I encourage the OUCC to review the rate increase with an eye to the cost to seniors and the consumer pocket book, especially us living on a non-working budget.  
Thank you  
Gary Kline  
12111 Blaceberry Drive  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46814  
gskline@comcast.net



**From:** [wms7754=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wms7754=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [George Williams](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** George Williams - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:37:20 PM

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George Williams

**From:** [Gerald Hapats](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gerald Hapats - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:42:15 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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Thank you,  
Gerald Hapats  
305 Pokagon Dr  
Michiana Shores, IN 46360

**From:** [Gina Jones](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gina Jones - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:56:46 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Gina Jones  
7507 Maple Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [rogueparrot@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rogueparrot@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Greg Fidler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Greg Fidler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:15:20 PM

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Thank you.

Greg Fidler

**From:** [Greg Rockstroh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Greg Rockstroh - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:58:40 AM

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After 3 consecutive years of Gas price increases, I think another one is uncalled for and ridiculous. Over a 10% increase is not feasible for most people. They didn't see their income increase by that much in the past year. The fixed charge increase of 55% is not tolerable.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Greg Rockstroh  
2911 McArthur Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

**From:** [Greg Welsh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Greg Welsh - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:28:05 AM

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Regards,  
Greg Welsh  
12117 Willow Cove  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**From:** [gjw624=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:gjw624=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Greg Williams](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Greg Williams - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:22:18 AM

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Thank you.

Greg Williams

**From:** [hgtjr49=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hgtjr49=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Gregg Taylor](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gregg Taylor - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:15:45 AM

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Thank you,

Gregg Taylor



**From:** [theeyesabove@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:theeyesabove@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Gregory Stuart](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Gregory Stuart - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:14:16 PM

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Thank you.

Gregory Stuart

**From:** [Helen Lyons](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Helen Lyons - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 7:18:06 PM

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Regards,  
Helen Lyons  
760 Arthur St  
Gary, IN 46404

**From:** [hfwood961@gmail.com](mailto:hfwood961@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Helen Wood](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Helen Wood - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:13:25 AM

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Thank you,

Helen Wood

**From:** [koithahn=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:koithahn=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Henry Koithahn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Henry Koithahn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:32:20 PM

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Thank you,

Henry Koithahn

**From:** [hollyhull260@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hollyhull260@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Holly Hull](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Holly Hull - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:57:23 AM

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Thank you.

Holly Hull

**From:** [Irene Hardin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Irene Hardin - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:16:12 PM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Irene Hardin  
605 W Sigler St  
Hebron, IN 46341

**From:** [Irene Hardin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Irene Hardin - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:18:23 AM

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Regards,  
Irene Hardin  
605 W Sigler St  
Hebron, IN 46341

**From:** [Jack Kidwell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jack Kidwell - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:13:28 PM

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Respectfully,  
Jack Kidwell  
421 S Meridian St  
Greentown, IN 46936



**From:** [jackstob=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jackstob=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jack Stob](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jack Stob - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:18:22 PM

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Thank you,

Jack Stob

**From:** [Jacob Cseke](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jacob Cseke - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 5:10:03 PM

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Thank you,  
Jacob Cseke  
1205 Lincoln St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [rossjacqueline=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rossjacqueline=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jacqueline Ross](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jacqueline Ross - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:41:21 PM

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Thank you.

Jacqueline Ross

**From:** [Jacqueline Wilson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jacqueline Wilson - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 7:48:36 AM

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Respectfully,  
Jacqueline Wilson  
2616 Violet Rd  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [Jain Young](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jain Young - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:30:50 AM

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Respectfully,  
Jain Young  
1703 Howell St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

**From:** [eb8858=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:eb8858=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [James Burch](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Burch - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:13:24 PM

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Thank you,

James Burch

**From:** [James Byrer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Byrer -Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 10:06:46 AM

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Respectfully,  
James Byrer  
57961 Co Rd 1  
Elkhart, IN 46517

**From:** [jimfunk50@gmail.com](mailto:jimfunk50@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Funk](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Funk - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:26:20 AM

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Thank you.

James Funk



**From:** [James Greve](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Greve - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 4:19:54 PM

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Thank you,  
James Greve  
232 David St  
South Bend, IN 46637

**From:** [james.marrs=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:james.marrs=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [James Marrs](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Marrs - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:39:20 PM

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Thank you,

James Marrs

**From:** [James Robinson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Robinson - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:59:49 AM

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Regards,  
James Robinson  
5206 Michigan Rd  
Plymouth, IN 46563

**From:** [James Robinson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Robinson - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 1, 2024 7:33:57 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
James Robinson  
5206 Michigan Rd  
Plymouth, IN 46563

**From:** [James Robinson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Robinson - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 10:54:23 AM

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Respectfully,  
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5206 Michigan Rd  
Plymouth, IN 46563

**From:** [James Scott](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Scott - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 2:50:35 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
James Scott  
300 W 150 S  
Angola, IN 46703

**From:** [JAMES SWEENEY](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Sweeney - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 8:50:12 AM

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Thank you,  
JAMES SWEENEY  
1773 Selo Dr  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [karensuetaylor@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:karensuetaylor@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [James Taylor](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Taylor - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:47:17 AM

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Thank you,

James Taylor



**From:** [jamesward12082000@gmail.com](mailto:jamesward12082000@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Ward](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** james Ward - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:59:18 AM

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Thank you.

James Ward

**From:** [jyazel@gmail.com](mailto:jyazel@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Yazel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Yazel - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 12:19:19 PM

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Thank you.

James Yazel

**From:** [James Yoder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Yoder - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:13:28 AM

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Thank you,  
James Yoder  
2360 Redspire Blvd  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [zablocki.j=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:zablocki.j=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [James Zablocki](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Zablocki - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:19:18 AM

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Thank you,

James Zablocki

**From:** [Jamie Barnett](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jamie Barnett - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:04:59 PM

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Respectfully,  
Jamie Barnett  
6667 Massachusetts St  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**From:** [Jan Barry](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jan Barry - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:14:06 AM

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Regards,  
Jan Barry  
13782 Golden Grove Ave  
Dyer, IN 46311

**From:** [janice.e.sullivan@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:janice.e.sullivan@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [jan sullivan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jan Sullivan - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 12:39:24 AM

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Thank you.

jan sullivan

**From:** [Jane Bohnsack](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jane Bohnsack - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:15:35 AM

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Regards,  
Jane Bohnsack  
1152 Cr-325 E  
Valparaiso, IN 46383



**From:** [Jane Buller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jane Buller - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:54:14 AM

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Regards,  
Jane Buller  
2711 S Main St  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [Jane Krause](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jane Krause - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 11:57:21 AM

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Thank you,  
Jane Krause  
2200 W 3rd St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [zuroff=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:zuroff=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jane Zuroff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jane Zuroff - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:33:19 AM

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Thank you.

Jane Zuroff

**From:** [jb72891@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jb72891@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Janet Post](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janet Post - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 6:16:20 PM

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Thank you,

Janet Post

**From:** [shoes1953@gmail.com](mailto:shoes1953@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janice Styles](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janice Styles - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:13:18 PM

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Thank you.

Janice Styles

**From:** [weedhoov33=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:weedhoov33=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Janice Wiedenhoeft](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janice Wiedenhoeft - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:37:23 PM

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Janice Wiedenhoeft

**From:** [j9schrader@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:j9schrader@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Janine Schrader](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Janine Schrader - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:27:17 PM

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Thank you,

Janine Schrader

**From:** [Jason Coons](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jason Coons - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:11:40 AM

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Thank you,  
Jason Coons  
7339 N 1190 W  
Monticello, IN 47960



**From:** [Jason Dunfee](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jason Dunfee - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:18:36 AM

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Regards,  
Jason Dunfee  
2623 Sherborne Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**From:** [jayedouglass@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jayedouglass@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jaye Douglass](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jaye Douglass -Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:46:23 PM

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Thank you.

Jaye Douglass

**From:** [jblank=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jblank=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jeffrey Blankenberger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeffrey Blankenberger - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:35:19 PM

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Thank you,

Jeffrey Blankenberger

**From:** [Jeffrey DeLanghe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeffrey DeLanghe - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:11:25 AM

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Regards,  
Jeffrey DeLanghe  
1834 E Donald St  
South Bend, IN 46613

**From:** [bearsfan6465@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bearsfan6465@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jeffrey Kibler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeffrey Kibler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:34:35 AM

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Thank you,

Jeffrey Kibler

**From:** [jeffking1001=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jeffking1001=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jeffery King](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeffrey King - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:35:39 AM

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Thank you,

Jeffery King

**From:** [Jennifer Dimitroff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jennifer Dimitroff - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:07:10 PM

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Respectfully,  
Jennifer Dimitroff  
18 E Burwell Dr  
Porter, IN 46304

**From:** [Jennifer Rudderham](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jennifer Rudderham - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:21:47 AM

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Thank you,  
Jennifer Rudderham  
7905 Hemlock Ave  
Gary, IN 46403



**From:** [bjsharp54@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bjsharp54@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jennifer Sharp](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jennifer Sharp - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 459J67  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:06:16 AM

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Jennifer Sharp

**From:** [Jeremiah Jackson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jeremiah Jackson - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:59:37 PM

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Thank you,  
Jeremiah Jackson  
4005 Cardinal Ln  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**From:** [Jerrol Shaum](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jerrol Shaum - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:35:18 PM

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Respectfully,  
Jerrol Shaum  
1402 Elmherst Ct  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [JERRY Cadwalader](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jerry Cadwalader - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:30:15 AM

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Thank you,  
JERRY Cadwalader  
9746 Georgetowne Dr  
Highland, IN 46322

**From:** [JERRY Cadwalader](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jerry Cadwalader - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:04:24 AM

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Respectfully,  
JERRY Cadwalader  
9746 Georgetowne Dr  
Highland, IN 46322

**From:** [Jessica Dosen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jessica DOsen - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:05:47 PM

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Respectfully,  
Jessica Dosen  
1732 La Porte Ave  
Whiting, IN 46394

**From:** [Jessica Rodrick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jessica Rodrick - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 7:12:38 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Jessica Rodrick  
290 N Wabash St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Jill Scheibelhut](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Jill Scheibelhut - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:39:38 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

It is absolutely impossible for those of us on social security to make ends meet, but you as a corporation are very wealthy and doubtfully pay much in taxes. PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR RATES AGAIN

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Jill Scheibelhut  
7910 Juniper Ave  
Gary, IN 46403



**From:** [Joan Baca](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joan Baca - Greedy NIPSCO should not be allowed to demand more!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 3:02:58 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

The citizens of Indiana desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Joan Baca  
50926 Lexington Glen Dr  
Granger, IN 46530

**From:** [Joan Crist](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joan Crist - Please support NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1:51:02 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

Dear regulators,

This may sound bizarre, but I support the gas rate hike. Customers need incentives to burn less natural gas, as it is a climate change causing greenhouse gas, and horribly destructive to mine. It's time to find other ways to heat our homes and our water.

Thank you,  
Joan Crist  
7 Detroit St  
Hammond, IN 46320

**From:** [dutchchic=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dutchchic=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joanne Vandrunen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joanne Vandrunen - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:06:50 PM

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Thank you,

Joanne Vandrunen

**From:** [metalrep1=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:metalrep1=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joe Dietrich](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joe Dietrich - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:13:34 PM

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Thank you,

Joe Dietrich

**From:** [Joe schroder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joe Schroder - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 10:50:00 AM

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Regards,  
Joe schroder  
Yuma Dr  
IN 46825

**From:** [osharyl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:osharyl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joel Obermeyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joel Obermeyer - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:35:18 PM

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Thank you,

Joel Obermeyer

**From:** [johnjrc15=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:johnjrc15=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [John Cosgrave](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Cosgrave - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:06:22 PM

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John Cosgrave

**From:** [jdmaag6101@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jdmaag6101@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [John Maag](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Maag - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:09:46 AM

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Thank you,

John Maag



**From:** [JOHN RUZICH](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Ruzich - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:09:23 AM

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Thank you,  
JOHN RUZICH  
12616 W 85th Ave  
Saint John, IN 46373

**From:** [orrsiorek@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:orrsiorek@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [John Siorek](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Siorek - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:29:22 PM

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Thank you.

John Siorek

**From:** [jsotebeer82@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jsotebeer82@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [John Sotebeer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Sotebeer - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:54:17 AM

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John Sotebeer

**From:** [johnwetz155@gmail.com](mailto:johnwetz155@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Wetzel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** John Wetzel - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:04:20 PM

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Thank you.

John Wetzel

**From:** [joyrickel@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:joyrickel@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joy Rickel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joy Rickel - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:45:21 PM

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Thank you.

Joy Rickel

**From:** [bethanyrh=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bethanyrh=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joyce Diltz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joyce Diltz - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:24:44 PM

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Joyce Diltz

**From:** [wb9lrk=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wb9lrk=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Joyce Hau](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Joyce Hau - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:11:30 PM

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Thank you.

Joyce Hau

**From:** [Judith Montuori](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Judith Montuori - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:25:14 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Judith Montuori  
5523 Victoria Pl  
Crown Point, IN 46307



**From:** [jdstamps03@gmail.com](mailto:jdstamps03@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Judy Stamps](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Judy Stamps - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:41:21 PM

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Thank you.

Judy Stamps

**From:** [Julia Chismar](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julia Chismar - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:43:17 AM

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Regards,  
Julia Chismar  
52815 Searer Dr  
South Bend, IN 46635

**From:** [Julie O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julie O'Keefe - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 7:59:45 AM

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Regards,  
Julie O'Keefe  
8441 Oak Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [julinted=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:julinted=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Julie Vitek](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Julie Vitek - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:30:55 AM

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Thank you.

Julie Vitek

**From:** [June Caliendo](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** June Caliendo - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:35:13 AM

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Regards,  
June Caliendo  
1401 Peachtree Dr  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**From:** [JUNIUS PRESSEY](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Junius Pressey - STOP NIPSCO RATE HIKE NOW!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 7:16:44 PM

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Regards,  
JUNIUS PRESSEY  
6005 Sawmill Woods Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

**From:** [Justin McCurdy](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Justin McCurdy - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:09:03 AM

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Regards,  
Justin McCurdy  
1917 Garland Cir  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**From:** [Karen Gindele](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Gindele - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 12:51:06 PM

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Regards,  
Karen Gindele  
831 Park Ave  
South Bend, IN 46616



**From:** [Karen Kazmierzak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Kazmierzak - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:22:28 PM

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Regards,  
Karen Kazmierzak  
23364 Lawrence St  
South Bend, IN 46628

**From:** [Karen Lachance](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Lachance - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:17:18 PM

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Respectfully,  
Karen Lachance  
56932 Meadowood Dr  
Elkhart, IN 46516

**From:** [hd8831=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hd8831=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Karen Long](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Long - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:07:06 PM

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Thank you,

Karen Long

**From:** [kwillcutts@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kwillcutts@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Karen Willcutts](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Willcutts - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:18:29 AM

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Thank you.

Karen Willcutts

**From:** [kimi\\_ziemski@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kimi_ziemski@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Karen Ziemski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Ziemski - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:49:20 AM

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Thank you.

Karen Ziemski

**From:** [bkgriffin1988=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bkgriffin1988=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Karol Griffin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karol Griffin - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:57:52 PM

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Thank you.

Karol Griffin

**From:** [kdferman1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kdferman1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathleen Ferman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Ferman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:29:23 PM

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Kathleen Ferman

**From:** [kmartine=lcscmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kmartine=lcscmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathleen Martinez](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Martinez - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:56:17 AM

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Thank you.

Kathleen Martinez



**From:** [1miller.kathleen@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:1miller.kathleen@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathleen Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Miller - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:20:36 AM

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Thank you,

Kathleen Miller

**From:** [kathyvoigt@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kathyvoigt@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathleen Voigt](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathleen Voigt-Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:42:20 AM

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Kathleen Voigt

**From:** [Kathryn Oyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathryn Oyer - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:25:36 AM

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Respectfully,  
Kathryn Oyer  
401 Gra-Roy Dr  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [bowling0409=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bowling0409=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathy Fosnaugh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathy Fosnaugh - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:24:18 PM

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Thank you.

Kathy Fosnaugh

**From:** [kth51=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kth51=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kathy Horan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kathy Horan - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:33:22 PM

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Thank you.

Kathy Horan

**From:** [Kayla Allen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kayla Allen - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills AGAIN  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 2:26:59 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Kayla Allen  
10355 Price St  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [mhbroker00@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mhbroker00@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [K D GOULD](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** KD GOULD - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:37:20 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today in opposition to the recent two-pronged rate hike proposal from NIPSCO Gas, in Cause No. 45967. I urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates, especially so soon after their July 2022 increase, and closely scrutinize the basis for their increased income request. We've seen this company gouge their customers in the past, and appreciate your involvement to keep their greed in check.

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Thank you.

K D GOULD

**From:** [mercyme7=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mercyme7=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Keith Goddard](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Keith Goddard - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:29:21 PM

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Thank you.

Keith Goddard



**From:** [Kelly Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kelly Gilbert - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:44:55 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Kelly Gilbert  
1315 W 75th Ave  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**From:** [hoosiergal64@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hoosiergal64@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kelly Harkins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kelly Harkins - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:18:58 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Kelly Harkins

**From:** [Kendell Buckley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kendell Buckley - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 5:25:06 PM

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Thank you,  
Kendell Buckley  
911 Fleming St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [filler1950@gmail.com](mailto:filler1950@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kenneth Filler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Filler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:39:21 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Kenneth Filler

**From:** [khoesman@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:khoesman@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kenneth Hoesman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Hoesman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:04:22 PM

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Thank you,

Kenneth Hoesman

**From:** [klnmeyer@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:klnmeyer@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kenneth Meyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Meyer - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:50:21 PM

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Thank you,

Kenneth Meyer

**From:** [kenploe@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kenploe@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kenneth Ploesser](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Ploesser - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:54:18 AM

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Thank you.

Kenneth Ploesser

**From:** [kendar4750=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kendar4750=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kenneth Ruffner](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Ruffner - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:17:17 PM

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Thank you.

Kenneth Ruffner



**From:** [Kenneth Simmons](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Simmons - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:29:43 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Kenneth Simmons  
9752 IN-5  
Ligonier, IN 46767

**From:** [kenjwash=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kenjwash=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kenneth Washburn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kenneth Washburn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:04:01 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Kenneth Washburn

**From:** [lolasdaughter01@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lolasdaughter01@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Keshia Smith](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Keshia Smith - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 10:05:20 AM

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Thank you.

Keshia Smith

**From:** [Kevin angstmann](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kevin Angstmann - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 5:08:42 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Kevin angstmann  
1720 W Saxon Dr  
Marion, IN 46952

**From:** [kevinfitzg@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kevinfitzg@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [KEVIN FITZGERALD](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kevin Fitzgerald - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:32:23 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

KEVIN FITZGERALD

**From:** [krhynard54@gmail.com](mailto:krhynard54@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kevin Rhynard](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kevin Rhynard-Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:23:25 AM

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Thank you.

Kevin Rhynard

**From:** [Kim](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kim Nordhoff - Objections to Case No.45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:03:49 PM

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NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

I can't even afford it now. I can only afford to keep my heat on 65 right now just to keep my pipes from freezing. Times are hard and you are making it hard for people to live and afford basic heat and electricity. I never thought in my lifetime I would have to choose between heat, food, or basic necessities. All because of a greedy monopoly utility who makes millions of dollars.

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break.

I am asking the commission to, for once, reject this request and protect our consumers and keep them warm in the winter. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Kim Nordhoff  
1736 Warwick Avenue  
Whiting, Indiana 46394

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Kim Nordhoff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kim Nordhoff - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 7:55:19 PM

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Plus I can't even afford it now. I can only afford to keep my heat on 65 right now just to keep my pipes from freezing. Times are hard and you are making it hard for people to live and afford basic heat and electricity.

Respectfully,  
Kim Nordhoff  
1736 Warwick Ave  
Whiting, IN 46394



**From:** [kimd42404@gmail.com](mailto:kimd42404@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kimberly Decker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kimberly Decker - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:34:19 PM

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Thank you.

Kimberly Decker

**From:** [Kimberly Wellman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kimberly Wellman - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:45:36 AM

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Respectfully,  
Kimberly Wellman  
37 Lake Shore County Rd  
Beverly Shores, IN 46301

**From:** [ksail41=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ksail41=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Kirk Quam](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kirk Quam - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:24:20 PM

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Thank you.

Kirk Quam

**From:** [Kristina Shultz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Kristina Shultz - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:07:38 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Kristina Shultz  
2000 Dogwood Trl Apt 3B  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**From:** [Lance Irwin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lance Irwin - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023 6:50:18 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Lance Irwin  
13018 Tuscany Way  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**From:** [quieta78=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:quieta78=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Laqueta Waite](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laqueta Waite - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:49:17 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Laqueta Waite

**From:** [ldcallahan8387@gmail.com](mailto:ldcallahan8387@gmail.com) on behalf of [Larry Callahan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Callahan - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:03:22 PM

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The increase to the customer charge is an unjustified appropriation of wealth for NIPSCO's investors. The increase does not benefit their customers, it inflicts more pain on them and contributes to inflation harming the economy in general. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes all Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Larry Callahan

**From:** [wb9lrk=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wb9lrk=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Larry Hau](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Hau - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:10:19 PM

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Thank you.

Larry Hau



**From:** [sebaiden781=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sebaiden781=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Larry Hughes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Hughes - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:31:49 PM

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Thank you.

Larry Hughes

**From:** [bigdog6745@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bigdog6745@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Larry Janovsky](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Janovsky - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:45:24 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Larry Janovsky

**From:** [Larry Secrist](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Secrist - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:18:34 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Larry Secrist  
14712B Drummond St  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

**From:** [Larry Secrist](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Secrist -Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 10:58:45 AM

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Respectfully,  
Larry Secrist  
14712B Drummond St  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

**From:** [lphelpsbrokerage@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lphelpsbrokerage@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Latasha Phelps](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Latasha Phelps - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:23:28 AM

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Thank you.

Latasha Phelps

**From:** [Laura Fuderer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laura Fuderer - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:27:23 PM

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Regards,  
Laura Fuderer  
18485 Garwood Ct  
South Bend, IN 46637

**From:** [Laura Pepin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laura Pepin - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:18:24 AM

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Respectfully,  
Laura Pepin  
3520 171st Pl  
Hammond, IN 46323

**From:** [Laura Weaver](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laura Weaver - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:56:45 AM

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Plus, haven't they been making RECORD PROFITS the last FOUR YEARS!?? My income has not been equal to that! ABSOLUTELY NO to these price increases!!!

Regards,  
Laura Weaver  
4025 N 245 E  
Lagrange, IN 46761



**From:** [Lauren Bloem](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lauren Bloem - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:18:18 PM

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Respectfully,  
Lauren Bloem  
718 E Rudisill Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**From:** [Laurie McGowan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Laurie McGowan - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:22:16 AM

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Respectfully,  
Laurie McGowan  
2007 E Madison St  
South Bend, IN 46617

**From:** [ndlarry=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ndlarry=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Lawrence Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lawrence Hoffman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:16:23 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Lawrence Hoffman

**From:** [Lawrence Stutzman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lawrence Stutzman - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 4:37:07 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Lawrence Stutzman  
66162 IN-15  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [scottishleah857@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:scottishleah857@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Leah Cohen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Leah Cohen - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:15:23 PM

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Thank you.

Leah Cohen

**From:** [Les Gustafson-Zook](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Les Gustafson-Zook - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 3:09:07 PM

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Respectfully,  
Les Gustafson-Zook  
1608 S 8th St  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [ldelya=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ldelya=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Leslie Delya](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Leslie Delya - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:13:19 PM

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Thank you,

Leslie Delya

**From:** [Letteer Lewis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Letteer Lewis - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 7:45:51 AM

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Respectfully,  
Letteer Lewis  
555 W County Rd 425 N  
Frankfort, IN 46041



**From:** [dreamer1962=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dreamer1962=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Linda Burgh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Burgh - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:08:20 AM

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Thank you.

Linda Burgh

**From:** [ljb1978@comcast.net](mailto:ljb1978@comcast.net) on behalf of [Linda Burrus](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Burrus - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:13:22 PM

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Thank you,

Linda Burrus

**From:** [Linda Flagg](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Flagg -Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:39:49 AM

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Respectfully,  
Linda Flagg  
17636 Woodthrush Ln  
South Bend, IN 46635

**From:** [Linda Goff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Goff - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:31:24 AM

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Respectfully,  
Linda Goff  
315 St Dunstan Dr  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [koithahn=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:koithahn=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Linda Koithahn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Koithahn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:32:40 PM

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Thank you,

Linda Koithahn

**From:** [Linda Kolmodin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Kolmodin - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:04:59 PM

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Respectfully,  
Linda Kolmodin  
11557 Austin St  
Osceola, IN 46561

**From:** [lindalew@comcast.net](mailto:lindalew@comcast.net) on behalf of [Linda Lewandowski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Lewandowski - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:07:19 PM

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Thank you.

Linda Lewandowski

**From:** [simonl=tds.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:simonl=tds.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Linda Simon](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Linda Simon - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:59:22 PM

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Linda Simon



**From:** [Lisa Stojanovich](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lisa Stojanovich - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:33:17 PM

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Thank you,  
Lisa Stojanovich  
905 E Cleveland Ave  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Lois Mast](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lois Mast - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:43:44 PM

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Respectfully,  
Lois Mast  
2423 College Ave  
Goshen, IN 46528

**From:** [Lola Bowley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lola Bowley - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:55:22 PM

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Respectfully,  
Lola Bowley  
2872 Bridgestone Cir  
Kokomo, IN 46902

**From:** [Lynn Medved](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lynn Medved - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, December 29, 2023 11:43:15 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Lynn Medved  
7704 Maple Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [mamaraiser=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mamaraiser=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Lynn Raiser](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lynn Raiser - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:30:19 AM

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Thank you.

Lynn Raiser

**From:** [lynsmuts@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lynsmuts@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Lynn Smuts](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lynn Smuts - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:20:18 PM

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Lynn Smuts

**From:** [agilityterriers@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:agilityterriers@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Lynne Miller](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Lynne Miller - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you.

Lynne Miller

**From:** [madonna thelen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Madonna Thelen - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:22:54 PM

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Regards,  
madonna thelen  
2855 Hearthstone Dr  
Valparaiso, IN 46383



**From:** [acct4clubs@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:acct4clubs@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [marchan Jackson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marchan Jackson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you.

marchan Jackson

**From:** [mak0310=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mak0310=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [MARCIA KEILMAN](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Keilman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:21:25 AM

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Thank you.

MARCIA KEILMAN

**From:** [margcarroll=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:margcarroll=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [margaret carroll](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Margaret Carroll - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:44:19 AM

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Thank you,

margaret carroll

**From:** [Mariann Clark](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mariann Clark - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:18:34 AM

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Regards,  
Mariann Clark  
471 Ridgeland Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**From:** [ml14901=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ml14901=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Marianne Langman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marianne Langman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you,

Marianne Langman

**From:** [marilyngodfrey38@gmail.com](mailto:marilyngodfrey38@gmail.com) on behalf of [Marilyn Godfrey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Marilyn Godfrey - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:04:38 PM

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Thank you,

Marilyn Godfrey

**From:** [Mark Claassen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Claassen - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 9:33:52 PM

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Regards,  
Mark Claassen  
60908 Kelsie Ct  
Elkhart, IN 46517

**From:** [habzanmj=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:habzanmj=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mark Habzansky](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Habzansky - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:28:23 AM

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Thank you.

Mark Habzansky



**From:** [msjustak=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:msjustak=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mark Justak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Justak - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you.

Mark Justak

**From:** [mrwillcutts101@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mrwillcutts101@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [MarkKaren Willcutts](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Karen Willcutts - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:27:20 AM

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Thank you.

MarkKaren Willcutts

**From:** [mlucas508=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mlucas508=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mark Lucas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Lucas - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 7:29:21 PM

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Thank you,

Mark Lucas

**From:** [markjenmonks@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:markjenmonks@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mark Monks](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Monks - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:02:24 PM

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Thank you.

Mark Monks

**From:** [n9mr.mwr@gmail.com](mailto:n9mr.mwr@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Mark Reese](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Reese - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:05:25 PM

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Mark Reese

**From:** [mhsnedden=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mhsnedden=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mark Snedden](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Snedden - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:04:58 PM

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Thank you,

Mark Snedden

**From:** [mws Summers73=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mws Summers73=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [mark summers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mark Summers - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:31:20 AM

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Thank you.

mark summers

**From:** [mjmedley=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mjmedley=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Martha Medley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Martha Medley - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 1:12:20 PM

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Thank you.

Martha Medley



**From:** [mmostyn50@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mmostyn50@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Martha Mostyn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Martha Mostyn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 4:41:22 AM

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Thank you.

Martha Mostyn

**From:** [martyperry49@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:martyperry49@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Martha Perry](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Martha Perry - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:13:23 AM

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Thank you.

Martha Perry

**From:** [martyandsue=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:martyandsue=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Martin Gellert](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Martin Gellert - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:02:26 PM

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Martin Gellert

**From:** [mawieand@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mawieand@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mary Ann Wieand](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Ann Wieand - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:15:18 PM

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Thank you.

Mary Ann Wieand

**From:** [Mary Cahill](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Cahill - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:41:12 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Mary Cahill  
6362 Maryland Ave  
Hammond, IN 46323

**From:** [Mary Church](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Church - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:43:49 PM

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Regards,  
Mary Church  
520 S W Blvd  
Elkhart, IN 46514

**From:** [Mary Jensen](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Jensen - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 11:26:51 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they want to raise our bills yet again. These increased are not justified. They are excessive and burdensome.

NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas.

Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a high fixed charge in Cause Number 45967.

Respectfully,  
Mary Jensen  
1803 Provincial Ct  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [mw7827339@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mw7827339@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [mary wilson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mary Wilson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:19:22 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

mary wilson



**From:** [Matthew Crabill](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Matthew Crabill - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023 5:52:11 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Matthew Crabill  
9530 Yearling Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Maureen Metcalf](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Maureen Metcalf - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 1:48:48 PM

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Respectfully,  
Maureen Metcalf  
18170 Courtland Dr  
South Bend, IN 46637

**From:** [maddmaxx67=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:maddmaxx67=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [max spohn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Max Spohn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:51:17 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

max spohn

**From:** [Meghan Stetter](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Meghan Stetter - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 1, 2024 5:52:50 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Meghan Stetter  
1530 Buckskin Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Melinda Maddox](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Melinda Maddox - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 12:57:02 AM

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Thank you,  
Melinda Maddox  
405 Congress Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**From:** [Milia said Klimkofski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Melissa Klimkofski - Nipsco rate increase  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 8:50:18 AM

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My name is Melissa Klimkofski of Fort Wayne Indiana. ZIP Code is 46845 and I am a current Nipsco customer. I understand they have requested a rate increase again. I do not understand why revenues do not pay for upgrades. No one pays for my upgrades in my home except for myself. That's what savings accounts are for. Do not ding the customer for changes or improvements you want to make. That is part of doing business. With current inflation, I don't see were a rate increase is necessary. Thank you, Melissa Klimkofski.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melissa Leetz-Linn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Melissa Leetz-Linn - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:36:11 AM

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Thank you,  
Melissa Leetz-Linn  
567 Waterford Dr  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**From:** [melodylane=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:melodylane=ameritech.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Melody Pistello](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Melody Pistello - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:11:19 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Melody Pistello



**From:** [bud.hettrick@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bud.hettrick@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Melvin Hettrick](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Melvin Hettrick - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:41:24 PM

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I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

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Thank you,

Melvin Hettrick

**From:** [Micah Bennett](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Micah Bennett - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 9:41:14 AM

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Respectfully,  
Micah Bennett  
5667 Appledown Ave  
Portage, IN 46368

**From:** [misterd812@gmail.com](mailto:misterd812@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael DeArmond](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael DeArmond - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 4:53:22 AM

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Thank you.

Michael DeArmond

**From:** [Michael Hosier](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Hosier - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 1, 2024 9:53:27 PM

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Respectfully,  
Michael Hosier  
7638 Hope Farm Rd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

**From:** [michaelmarcotte3@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:michaelmarcotte3@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Michael Marcotte](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Marcotte - I am firmly against any Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:48:32 PM

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Thank you,

Michael Marcotte

**From:** [Michael Potter](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Potter - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:59:43 PM

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Respectfully,  
Michael Potter  
15021 Iowa St  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [Michael Rosswurm](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Rosswurm - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 12:06:22 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

Please take this request seriously.

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Michael Rosswurm  
2532 Valley Creek Run  
New Haven, IN 46774

**From:** [Michael Rosswurm](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Rosswurm - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 12:20:05 PM

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Thank you,  
Michael Rosswurm  
2532 Valley Creek Run  
New Haven, IN 46774



**From:** [Michael Schlemma](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Schlemma - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 6:24:00 PM

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Thank you,  
Michael Schlemma  
52800 Farmingdale Dr  
Granger, IN 46530

**From:** [Michael Schlemma](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Schlemma -NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:34:07 AM

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Regards,  
Michael Schlemma  
52800 Farmingdale Dr  
Granger, IN 46530

**From:** [michaelsusnar-icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:michaelsusnar-icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Michael Susnar](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Susnar - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:34:14 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Michael Susnar

**From:** [urbasm967@gmail.com](mailto:urbasm967@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Urbas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Urbas - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:10:18 PM

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Thank you,

Michael Urbas

**From:** [Michael Walsh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Walsh - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:30:23 PM

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Regards,  
Michael Walsh  
1004 W Washington Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**From:** [cmkozi=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:cmkozi=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Michael Koziol](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Koziol - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:20:16 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult. I'm on social security and I barely get raises once a year and I'm struggling to pay my bills now with increased bills on everything and it's very hard!

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Michael Koziol

**From:** [Michele Morris](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michele Morris - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:33:04 PM

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Thank you,  
Michele Morris  
3304 Sudbury Pl  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

**From:** [Michelle Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michelle Hoffman - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:10:07 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

I am a customer of NIPSCO gas and oppose their request of a rate raise. NIPSCO gas is a monopoly in Indiana. NIPSCO should not be able to continue to put their obligated operational costs onto consumers bills.

NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

In this case, NIPSCO wants a hefty increase in the fixed monthly charge. They want to raise it all the way up to \$25.50 before we even use any gas. People work hard to save energy so they can save money, and high fixed charges make it harder for us consumers to benefit from everything we do to keep our bills as low as possible.

We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Michelle Hoffman  
14225 N 200 W  
Wheatfield, IN 46392



**From:** [reeve\\_michelle@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:reeve_michelle@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Michelle Reeve](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michelle Reeve - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:12:22 PM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Michelle Reeve

**From:** [Miguel Adame](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Miguel Adame - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:32:34 PM

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Respectfully,  
Miguel Adame  
4508 Elm Ave  
Hammond, IN 46327

**From:** [mikeandbecky=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mikeandbecky=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mike Beach](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mike Beach - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:34:20 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967.

Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Mike Beach

**From:** [scamihornads@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:scamihornads@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Mike Scamihorn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Mike Scamihorn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:15:24 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Mike Scamihorn

**From:** [Myra Cseke](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Myra Cseke - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:46:10 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

The rate increases need to stop.

NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020 and it is time to stop. Our utility bills are too high and difficult to pay.

Please do not allow NIPSCO to increase the fixed monthly charge. Times are hard, the people need a break. Our income can't keep up with the increases, please stop.

Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Myra Cseke  
1205 Lincoln St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Myrtle Coleman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Myrtle Coleman - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 7:53:13 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Myrtle Coleman  
765 Arthur St  
Gary, IN 46404

**From:** [Nancy Graber](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy Graber - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 4:50:43 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Nancy Graber  
715 N 7th St  
Goshen, IN 46528

**From:** [nbm205@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:nbm205@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Nancy McWilliams](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy McWilliams - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:41:18 PM

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Of particular concern is the increase to the customer charge. A \$9 a month increase in this fee, before even turning on the furnace or the stove, punishes older Hoosiers even if they use less natural gas.

Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Nancy McWilliams



**From:** [nancy3617=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:nancy3617=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Nancy Neal](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy Neal - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:57:24 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Nancy Neal

**From:** [Nancy Stanton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy Stanton - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:33:07 AM

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The population needs gas service to stay safe and healthy in homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Nancy Stanton  
809 W North Shore Dr  
South Bend, IN 46617

**From:** [Nancy Walter](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy Walter - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:59:54 AM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Nancy Walter  
1057 Poppyfield Pl  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [Nancy Walter](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nancy Walter - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:58:30 AM

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Respectfully,  
Nancy Walter  
1057 Poppyfield Pl  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [Natasha Rippe](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Natasha Rippe - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:51:49 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Natasha Rippe  
430-1 Pembroke Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

**From:** [nathan=koontzlake.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:nathan=koontzlake.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Nathan Ecker](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nathan Ecker - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:08:20 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Nathan Ecker

**From:** [Neil Warner](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Neil Warner - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:13:12 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Neil Warner  
1629 Buckskin Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [nora bachtel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Nora Bachtel - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 15, 2024 12:29:03 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
nora bachtel  
242 E Eckman St  
South Bend, IN 46614



**From:** [Pam Claeys](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pam Claeys - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:50:45 AM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Pam Claeys  
1106 Bellevue Ave  
South Bend, IN 46615

**From:** [Pamela Bailey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Bailey - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 6:29:41 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Pamela Bailey  
2405 Ohio St  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [pamelabanks4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pamelabanks4@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Pamela Banks](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Banks - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 6:11:20 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Pamela Banks

**From:** [Pamela Barcalow](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Barcalow - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 10:41:07 AM

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Thank you,  
Pamela Barcalow  
4009 Indiana Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

**From:** [pbelclonly@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pbelclonly@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Pamela Bell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Bell - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:37:19 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

How much did the executives make? Do they really need that much?

Thank you,

Pamela Bell

**From:** [Pamela Claeys](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Claeys - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:16:53 AM

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Thank you,  
Pamela Claeys  
1106 Bellevue Ave  
South Bend, IN 46615

**From:** [pamclaeys52=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pamclaeys52=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Pamela Claeys](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Claeys - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:16:04 AM

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Thank you,

Pamela Claeys

**From:** [pimbo=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pimbo=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Pamela Jackson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Jackson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:04:02 PM

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Dear

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Pamela Jackson



**From:** [Pamela Samuels](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Pamela Samuels - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Saturday, December 30, 2023 7:57:40 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Pamela Samuels  
4013 Monroe St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

**From:** [ptb625@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ptb625@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patricia Burke](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patricia Burke - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:04:18 PM

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Thank you.

Patricia Burke

**From:** [jsgard83@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:jsgard83@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patricia Gard](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patricia Gard - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:54:11 PM

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Thank you,

Patricia Gard

**From:** [pabh49@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pabh49@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patricia Horn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patricia Horn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:21:21 PM

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Thank you.

Patricia Horn

**From:** [beatles9545@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:beatles9545@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patricia Russell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patricia Russell - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:01:21 PM

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Thank you,

Patricia Russell

**From:** [patty816=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:patty816=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patricia Wiggins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patricia Wiggins - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:23:25 PM

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Thank you,

Patricia Wiggins

**From:** [prwilk=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:prwilk=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patrick Wilkerson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patrick Wilkerson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:12:26 PM

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Thank you,

Patrick Wilkerson

**From:** [pkalina9125=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pkalina9125=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patti Kalina](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patti Kalina - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:06:18 PM

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Thank you,

Patti Kalina



**From:** [pattik5512@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pattik5512@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patti Knuth](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patti Knuth - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 1:17:19 PM

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Thank you.

Patti Knuth

**From:** [gabbypatty0@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:gabbypatty0@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Patty Akers](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Patty Akers - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:41:50 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Patty Akers

**From:** [pasciarra=antoninsurance.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:pasciarra=antoninsurance.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Paul Sciarra](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Paul Sciarra - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:14:23 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Nipsco should be honest with the public and let them know the closing of their Michigan City and Wheatfield coal generated plants is also driving up the cost of energy.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Paul Sciarra

**From:** [magicp48=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:magicp48=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Paula Richards](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Paula Richards - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:03:54 PM

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Thank you.

Paula Richards

**From:** [paulatratebas@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:paulatratebas@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Paula Tratebas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Paula Tratebas - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:00:29 PM

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Thank you,

Paula Tratebas

**From:** [Peg Maginn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Peg Maginn - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 10:07:55 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Peg Maginn  
7811 Watersedge Cove  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Peg Maginn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Peg Maginn - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1:59:09 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants to raise our fixed charge again. I can't say I'm surprised, because it seems like every base rate case includes a request to raise this flat monthly fee. I am irritated by NIPSCO's greed in asking for such a high fixed charge of \$25.50. When is enough enough?

We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Peg Maginn  
7811 Watersedge Cove  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

**From:** [Peg Maginn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Peg Maginn - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:56:28 AM

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NIPSCO just got a gas rate hike in July 2022. Now they already want to raise our bills yet again. How on earth are we supposed to keep up with all of these continuous increases?

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Respectfully,  
Peg Maginn  
7811 Watersedge Cove  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804



**From:** [plmkmdsws=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:plmkmdsws=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Philip Murach](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Philip Murach - lease Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:12:28 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request. This almost nothing that would justify any rate increase, much less an increase of this size. And the monthly bill charge should actually be decreased. It only got to it's present amount due callus greed.

Thank you.

Philip Murach

**From:** [Philip Noonan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Philip Noonan - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:25:41 AM

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We don't just pay our utility bills each and every month, we also have to pay for housing, food, and healthcare. With rising costs across the board, it's getting harder and harder to afford our gas bills. I am really worried for the people in my community who may have to choose whether to heat their homes or eat. That's not a decision anyone should ever have to make.

Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Philip Noonan  
15423 Tabor Hill Ct  
Granger, IN 46530

**From:** [Juttak05=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:Juttak05=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Jutta Kerstin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:35:19 PM

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Thank you,

Jutta Kerstin

**From:** [perezrobert0813=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:perezrobert0813=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Perez](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:40:24 PM

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Thank you,

Robert Perez

**From:** [Rachel Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rachel Jenkins - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:16:46 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Rachel Jenkins  
9209 E 00 N S  
Greentown, IN 46936

**From:** [Rachel Thiel](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rachel Thiel - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:50:10 AM

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Respectfully,  
Rachel Thiel  
12223 Saddlehorn Ct  
Granger, IN 46530

**From:** [ramonajarvis1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:ramonajarvis1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ramona Jarvis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ramona Jarvis - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 26, 2024 8:45:18 AM

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Thank you,

Ramona Jarvis

**From:** [Randy Jackson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Randy Jackson - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 8:19:53 AM

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Thank you,  
Randy Jackson  
1510 N 29th St  
South Bend, IN 46635



**From:** [Randy Jackson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Randy Jackson - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 3:09:23 PM

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Respectfully,  
Randy Jackson  
1510 N 29th St  
South Bend, IN 46635

**From:** [rvpperez@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rvpperez@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Raymond Perez](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Raymond Perez - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:16:32 AM

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Thank you.

Raymond Perez

**From:** [Raymond Plys](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Raymond Plys - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:39:59 PM

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Respectfully,  
Raymond Plys  
9314 4th St  
Highland, IN 46322

**From:** [Rebecca Bouse](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca Bouse - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:37:03 PM

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Respectfully,  
Rebecca Bouse  
5302 Tatum Ct  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

**From:** [steweygal66@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:steweygal66@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Rebecca Stewart](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca Stewart - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:13:18 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Rebecca Stewart

**From:** [bzaseck@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bzaseck@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Rebecca Zaseck](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rebecca Zaseck - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 12:04:19 PM

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I am 71 years old and recently retired. I planned my retirement with a specific monthly budget. Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

If I can be of any assistance or if you should need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Rebecca Zaseck

Thank you.

Rebecca Zaseck

**From:** [Jim Sweeney](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Reject NIPSCO's request for a dirty & expensive gas plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 8:42:40 AM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO just got an electric rate hike in August 2023. Now they want us to pay another \$641 million to build a gas plant that will only run 20% of the year.

We cannot keep up with all of these hikes in our bills! I'm very concerned about how much NIPSCO customers like me will end up paying for this gas plant because of the Construction Work in Progress tracker. CWIP makes it so utilities like NIPSCO have no real incentive to keep construction costs low because they know they can just pass the costs onto us.

NIPSCO has already said that the \$641 million price tag is only an estimate, and that costs for the plant could increase by up to 30%. We can't afford to be treated like cash cows for an expensive project that's going to sit idle most of the year, especially when we should be tapping cleaner and cheaper options like renewables and efficiency!

Please REJECT NIPSCO's request to hike our bills for a dirty gas plant in Cause Number 45947.

Please SUPPORT cheaper, cleaner options like battery storage and demand response that would help NIPSCO meet peak demand at a lower cost.

Respectfully,  
Jim Sweeney  
1773 Selo Dr  
Scherverville, IN 46375

**From:** [reenepinkerton=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:reenepinkerton=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Renee Pinkerton](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Renee Pinkerton - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:55:19 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Renee Pinkerton



**From:** [richard.blair6=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:richard.blair6=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Richard Blair](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Blair - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:51:21 AM

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Thank you.

Richard Blair

**From:** [Richard Dvorscak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Dvorscak - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:54:54 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Richard Dvorscak  
1556 Maine Ave  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [Richard Dvorscak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Dvorscak - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:00:01 AM

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Respectfully,  
Richard Dvorscak  
1556 Maine Ave  
Michigan City, IN 46360

**From:** [Richard Fisette](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Fisette - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 1, 2024 9:24:11 AM

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Regards,  
Richard Fisette  
21100 Baneberry Trail  
South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [Richard Fisette](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Fisette - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:24:18 AM

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South Bend, IN 46614

**From:** [rlheiss=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rlheiss=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Richard Heiss](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Heiss - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:35:39 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Richard Heiss

**From:** [rwhunt12=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rwhunt12=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Richard Hunt](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Hunt - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:07:26 AM

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I'm a retiree, and I don't have a ton of money for you to laugh all the way to the bank. You are asking way too much after just increasing it a couple years ago, We cannot continue to fund your extra vacation homes, we can't afford to pay utilities on our own home, this is absolutely ridiculous!

Thank you,

Richard Hunt

**From:** [Richard James](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard James - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:18:26 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Richard James  
17400 Nicar Rd  
Bremen, IN 46506



**From:** [rlarosa67@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rlarosa67@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Richard LaRosa](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard LaRosa - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:57:21 PM

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Thank you.

Richard LaRosa

**From:** [regalado23=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:regalado23=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Richard Regalado](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Richard Regalado - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 2:26:26 PM

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Thank you,

Richard Regalado

**From:** [hochimitchener@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:hochimitchener@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Rick Mitchener](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rick Mitchener - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 10:33:23 AM

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Thank you.

Rick Mitchener

**From:** [rgsmith2775@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rgsmith2775@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Rick Smith](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rick Smith - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:08:25 PM

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Thank you,

Rick Smith

**From:** [rlkmmn=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rlkmmn=outlook.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ritchie Kunnemann](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ritchie Kunnemann - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:52:22 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Ritchie Kunnemann

**From:** [guitarplayer260@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:guitarplayer260@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Bailey](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Bailey - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:04:23 AM

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Thank you,

Robert Bailey

**From:** [Robert Castagna](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Castagna - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 12:17:27 PM

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Thank you,  
Robert Castagna  
11751 Homestead Heights Dr  
Saint John, IN 46373

**From:** [rderez=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rderez=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Derezinski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Derezinski - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:52:19 PM

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Thank you,

Robert Derezinski



**From:** [BOBGENEGARDNER=netzero.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:BOBGENEGARDNER=netzero.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [ROBERT GARDNER](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Gardner - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:21:24 PM

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Thank you.

ROBERT GARDNER

**From:** [kmk33=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:kmk33=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Giordano](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Giordano - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:01:44 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Robert Giordano

**From:** [bobgresh=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:bobgresh=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [robert\\_gresh](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Gresh - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:01:18 PM

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Thank you.

robert gresh

**From:** [rjones8405@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rjones8405@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Jones](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Jones - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:18:49 PM

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Thank you,

Robert Jones

**From:** [rk.silvereagle=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rk.silvereagle=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Kuehn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Kuehn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 9:39:26 AM

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Thank you.

Robert Kuehn

**From:** [slvregl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:slvregl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Mynsberge](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Mynsberge - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you,

Robert Mynsberge

**From:** [rps33=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rps33=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Sattler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Sattler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:02:26 AM

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Thank you.

Robert Sattler

**From:** [rvoik52@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rvoik52@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robert Volkmann](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Volkmann - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you.

Robert Volkmann



**From:** [Robert Yoder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robert Yoder - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:25:27 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Robert Yoder  
1419 Hampton Cir  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [rhorbovetz@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rhorbovetz@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Roberta Horbovetz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Roberta Horbovetz - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:25:23 PM

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Thank you.

Roberta Horbovetz

**From:** [r.vienna=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:r.vienna=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Robin Vienna](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Robin Vienna - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:25:20 PM

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Thank you,

Robin Vienna

**From:** [Roger Weaver](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Roger Weaver - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 7:47:45 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

NIPSCO is a utility that would not fix hundreds of natural gas leaks in Elkhart and St Joseph Counties...likely because the regulators let them put those leaks into the rate base.

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Roger Weaver  
58095 Homer Ave  
Elkhart, IN 46517

**From:** [rbrowning53@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rbrowning53@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ronald Browning](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Browning - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:50:27 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Ronald Browning

**From:** [Rhermance313@gmail.com](mailto:Rhermance313@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Ronald Hermance](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Hermance - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:54:21 PM

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Thank you.

Ronald Hermance

**From:** [Ronald Jordan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Jordan - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 4:03:38 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Ronald Jordan  
934 N Griffith Blvd  
Griffith, IN 46319

**From:** [deville314=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:deville314=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ronald Komendat](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Komendat - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:16:20 PM

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Thank you.

Ronald Komendat



**From:** [rnuzzi@nd.edu](mailto:rnuzzi@nd.edu) on behalf of [Ronald Nuzzi](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ronald Nuzzi -Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:16:25 AM

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Please listen to customers like me and deny this request.

Thank you,

Ronald Nuzzi

**From:** [Rose Campbell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rose Campbell - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 10:06:51 AM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Rose Campbell  
748 Savannah Dr  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**From:** [rosehoff2513@gmail.com](mailto:rosehoff2513@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rosemary Hoff](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rosemary Hoff - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:23:21 PM

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Thank you.

Rosemary Hoff

**From:** [rozchloe@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:rozchloe@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Rosylen Mckinnie](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Rosylen Mckinnie - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:07:30 AM

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Thank you,

Rosylen Mckinnie

**From:** [Roxanne Coryell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Roxanne Coryell - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:18:23 AM

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Thank you,  
Roxanne Coryell  
214 S Mason St  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

**From:** [Roy Dell'Aquila](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Roy Dell'Aquila - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:03:37 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Roy Dell'Aquila  
1125 Oriole Dr  
Munster, IN 46321

**From:** [Ruperto Guedea](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ruperto Guedea - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:39:19 PM

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Regards,  
Ruperto Guedea  
1603 S 12th St  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [cochranralc=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:cochranralc=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Ruth Cochran](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ruth Cochran - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:41:20 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Ruth Cochran



**From:** [said.gomaa@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:said.gomaa@alum.rpi.edu) on behalf of [Said Gomaa](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Said Gomaa - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:44:20 PM

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Thank you.

Said Gomaa

**From:** [spyrogias@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:spyrogias@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sam Giatras](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sam Giatras - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:29:20 PM

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Thank you.

Sam Giatras

**From:** [Sam Yoder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sam yoder - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:54:35 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Sam Yoder  
18050 County Road 112  
Bristol, IN 46507

**From:** [sandykramos@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sandykramos@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sandra Ramos](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sandra Ramos - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:19:18 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Sandra Ramos

**From:** [sarahb6@live.com](mailto:sarahb6@live.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sarah Brady](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sarah Brady - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:06:26 AM

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Thank you,

Sarah Brady

**From:** [sarah.grcich58@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sarah.grcich58@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sarah Grcich](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sarah Grcich - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:04:54 PM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult. Living on Social Security Disability I barely make ends meet with overall cost of food increases gas increase, medical co-pays. PLEASE stop this Nipsco increase it will truly hurt many of us who worked our entire life and now we can't afford the little things because or economy out of control!!!

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Sarah Grcich

**From:** [saxhidegiatras@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:saxhidegiatras@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Saxhide Giatras](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Saxhide Giatras - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:30:20 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Saxhide Giatras

**From:** [Shannon Kiley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shannon Kiley - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:02:19 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

In addition to the information below, I, and several friends have made an effort to keep utilities costs as low as possible. (Including heating our homes to only 50-61 degrees.) I do not want to pretend that \$8/month will drastically change my life, but it will hurt many others in my network of friends, family, and clients (I am a licensed counselor). This is unacceptable, and simply unnecessary. Cease lining the pockets of the most wealthy before considering increases to the general consumer, most of whom are already at wits end within our community....

With Cause Number 45967, NIPSCO wants another \$8 from customers each and every month. The monopoly has already received approval for a slew of rate hikes over the past few years: \$949 million in July 2020, \$76 million in December 2021, and \$71.8 million in July 2022.

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Thank you,  
Shannon Kiley  
714 Dewey St  
Michigan City, IN 46360



**From:** [sharonmartin0253@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sharonmartin0253@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sharon A Martin](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sharon A Martin - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
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Thank you.

Sharon A Martin

**From:** [sharon.l.englert@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sharon.l.englert@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sharon Englert](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sharon Englert - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:56:24 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

Sharon Englert

**From:** [slwatts=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:slwatts=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sharon Watts](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sharon Watts - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:34:20 PM

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Thank you,

Sharon Watts

**From:** [sharz21=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sharz21=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sharon Zaucha](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sharon Zaucha - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:40:20 AM

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Thank you.

Sharon Zaucha

**From:** [Shayne Bowling](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shayne Bowling - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:01:33 PM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Shayne Bowling  
1128 Mossy Ln  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

**From:** [dbressler12@mchsi.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:dbressler12@mchsi.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sherry Bressler](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sherry Bressler - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:11:31 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Sherry Bressler

**From:** [Sherry Peterson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sherry Peterson - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 11:22:28 PM

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Thank you,  
Sherry Peterson  
935 Water St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Shirley jones](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Shirley Jones - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 10:23:40 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Shirley jones  
20584 Trowbridge Ln  
South Bend, IN 46637



**From:** [sonia=t-i-i.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sonia=t-i-i.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [sonia Thompson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sonia Thompson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:22:33 AM

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Thank you.

sonia Thompson

**From:** [Stacey Pagan](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stacey Pagan - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:05:05 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Stacey Pagan  
6149 Wisconsin St  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Stephanie Jones](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stephanie Jones - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 10:29:40 AM

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Thank you,  
Stephanie Jones  
2864 Wabash Ave  
Rochester, IN 46975

**From:** [Stephen Strode](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Stephen Strode - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:47:51 PM

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Respectfully,  
Stephen Strode  
13514 Schneider St  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

**From:** [Steve Argeropolos](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steve Argeropolos - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:44:49 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Steve Argeropolos  
4529 E 1047 N  
De Motte, IN 46310

**From:** [sbushzone@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sbushzone@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Steve Bush](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steve Bush - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:00:28 AM

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Thank you.

Steve Bush

**From:** [Steve Hoopes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steve Hoopes - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:55:43 PM

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Respectfully,  
Steve Hoopes  
1727 Rye Ct  
Goshen, IN 46526

**From:** [Steve Kieltyka](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steve Kieltyka - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 4:49:49 AM

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Regards,  
Steve Kieltyka  
11909 Hawthorne Pl  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303



**From:** [Steve Wade](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steve Wade - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2023 8:13:55 AM

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Thank you,  
Steve Wade  
413 Jeri Ct  
New Carlisle, IN 46552

**From:** [steven.9.young@gmail.com](mailto:steven.9.young@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Steven Young](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Steven Young - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:36:18 PM

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Thank you,

Steven Young

**From:** [sue.smith](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sue Smith - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 12:27:38 PM

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Regards,  
sue smith  
575 Ln 275 Jimmerson Lake  
Angola, IN 46703

**From:** [07schmoo717@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:07schmoo717@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [SUSAN Antonelli](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Susan Antonelli - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:28:18 AM

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Whether it's the increased costs of food or prescriptions, too many of us are struggling to keep up and increasing our gas bill makes it even more difficult.

Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you,

SUSAN Antonelli

**From:** [sueoz54=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:sueoz54=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Susan Oczkowski](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Susan Oczkowski - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:12:26 PM

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Thank you.

Susan Oczkowski

**From:** [soman3=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:soman3=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Susan Oman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Susan Oman - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:59:18 AM

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Thank you,

Susan Oman

**From:** [reactor\\_gasser0c=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:reactor_gasser0c=icloud.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Sylvia Pantoja](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Sylvia Pantoja - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 9:34:36 AM

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Thank you.

Sylvia Pantoja

**From:** [Tamara Lewis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tamara Lewis - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 6:20:33 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

We desperately need affordable, just, and reasonable monthly gas bills. NIPSCO has received substantial bill increases every year since 2020, and now they want another \$8+ every month.

Making matters worse, NIPSCO also wants a hefty increase in our fixed monthly charge - all the way up to \$25.50! Higher fixed charges make it harder to control your bills. They also hit the most vulnerable people in our community the hardest - including people who are on low- or fixed-incomes, like senior citizens, people with disabilities, and homes with children.

We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Tamara Lewis  
1110 E Mishawaka Ave  
Mishawaka, IN 46544



**From:** [Tamlyn Fowler-Lee](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Tamlyn Fowler-Lee - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:50:40 AM

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Regards,  
Tamlyn Fowler-Lee  
6712 Carolina Ave  
Hammond, IN 46323

**From:** [Ted Prettyman](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Ted Prettyman - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 9:33:08 PM

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Dear Counselor Fine,

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Ted Prettyman  
8000 Oak Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

**From:** [tomeratm@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:tomeratm@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Terence Tomera](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Terence Tomera - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:00:20 PM

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Thank you.

Terence Tomera

**From:** [smontague22170@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:smontague22170@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Terry Montague](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Terry Montague - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:02:24 PM

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Thank you,

Terry Montague

**From:** [smith2343=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:smith2343=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Terry Smith](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Terry Smith - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024 4:24:53 AM

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Dear

I'm writing today to urge the IURC to help protect residential customers from already too-high rates and closely scrutinize the recent rate proposal from NIPSCO Gas in Cause No. 45967. We are retired and on a fixed income. Inflation has taken its toll on our household budget.

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Thank you.

Terry Smith

**From:** [lawyertheresa@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lawyertheresa@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Theresa Lawyer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Theresa Lawyer - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 1:06:11 PM

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Thank you,

Theresa Lawyer

**From:** [theresa\\_roach=swissre.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:theresa_roach=swissre.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Theresa Roach](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Theresa Roach - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:47:19 PM

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Thank you,

Theresa Roach

**From:** [theresathomason=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:theresathomason=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Theresa Thomason](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Theresa Thomason - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:16:19 AM

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Thank you,

Theresa Thomason



**From:** [mygirlbella212011@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:mygirlbella212011@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Theresa Wiggins](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Theresa Wiggins - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:15:19 PM

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Thank you,

Theresa Wiggins

**From:** [terrirossi=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:terrirossi=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Therese A Rossi](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Therese A Rossi - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 11:16:28 AM

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Thank you,

Therese A Rossi

**From:** [thomas52andrews@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:thomas52andrews@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Thomas Andrews](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Andrews - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 9:50:20 AM

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Thank you.

Thomas Andrews

**From:** [tbeck92751@gmail.com](mailto:tbeck92751@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Thomas Beck](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Beck - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:03:24 AM

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Thank you.

Thomas Beck

**From:** [boxguy007=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:boxguy007=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Thomas DeLaurelle](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas DeLaurelle - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:39:48 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request. Be unique and think of us consumers who have had to absorb increases from almost every outlet possible.

Thank you,

Thomas DeLaurelle

**From:** [tfuriak@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:tfuriak@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Thomas Furiak](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Furiak - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:54:20 AM

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Thank you.

Thomas Furiak

**From:** [twlunn@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:twlunn@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Thomas Lunn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Lunn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:51:19 PM

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Thank you,

Thomas Lunn

**From:** [Tom Metzger](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Metzger - Public Comment - Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:46:15 PM

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Dear OUCC consumer services staff,

I am a NIPSCO customer and am writing on behalf of my family to urge the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to deny in full NIPSCO's request for a \$161.9 million or 16.29% rate increase.

In 2021, NIPSCO announced that through their green energy plans "we're saving customers \$105 per year per average household, just by eliminating the coal needed to run these plants!". Where are those savings? In my home, we are using fewer therms, yet we are paying much more than we ever have. Ten years ago, our NIPSCO bills averaged 76 cents per therm. In 2023, our NIPSCO bills averaged \$1.28 per therm; a 68% increase! If their green energy plans are saving homeowners so much, why are our bills skyrocketing? And why do they need another \$162 million a year?

Meanwhile the President and CEO at NISOURCE INC(aka NIPSCO), Lloyd M. Yates made \$7,113,506 in total compensation in 2022. Of this total \$879,167 was received as a salary, \$1,468,965 was received as a bonus, \$4,671,273 was awarded as stock and \$94,101 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2022 fiscal year. There seems to be a disconnect here. How does NIPSCO have the gall to pay their President and CEO over \$7 million and then turn around and ask seniors on fixed incomes and struggling families for another \$162 million a year? Are most of these renewable savings going to homeowners or are they mostly going to executive compensation?

Or is it that green energy is actually quite costly and the \$162 million a year is desperately needed to cover the cost of their green new deal plan to retire 100% of their remaining coal power by 2028? I urge the IURC to demand financial details on this plan to eliminate coal. History has proven coal is one of the cheapest energy sources available. Wind and solar are extremely inefficient and unreliable. How much is NIPSCO's green new deal actually going to cost customers? It is time for NIPSCO to put up or shut up on their plan to shut down coal plants. It's either creating savings or it's costing us more. Which is it? The facts are they continue to charge us more each year and ask you for rate increases every other year. Deny their request and force them to deliver our natural gas using the most efficient energy sources available and not their unreliable and inefficient green energy ones.

Sincerely,

Thomas Metzger



**From:** [Thomas Post](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Thomas Post - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 11:40:05 AM

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Respectfully,  
Thomas Post  
12355 Sandalwood Dr  
De Motte, IN 46310

**From:** [taptech=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:taptech=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Timothy Pickett](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Timothy Pickett - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:31:24 PM

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Thank you,

Timothy Pickett

**From:** [taylor5131955@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:taylor5131955@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Timothy Taylor](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Timothy Taylor - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 7:47:20 AM

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Thank you.

Timothy Taylor

**From:** [Toni Banks](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Toni Banks - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:45:40 AM

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Respectfully,  
Toni Banks  
1005 Harmar St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

**From:** [Valerie Breezley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Valerie Breezley - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Friday, December 29, 2023 8:19:24 AM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Valerie Breezley  
2560 Pryor Rd  
Portage, IN 46368

**From:** [Valerie Nappi](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Valerie Nappi - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:46:13 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

Please do not approve another rate hike for NIPSCO! Our NIPSCO bill is already too high!

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Regards,  
Valerie Nappi  
9432 O Day Dr  
Highland, IN 46322

**From:** [Vecchi Talarico](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vecchi Talarico - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 10:39:28 PM

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Regards,  
Vecchi Talarico  
11307 Oxnard Ct  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**From:** [VERNON CHRISTIAN](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vernon Christian - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:43:19 PM

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Regards,  
VERNON CHRISTIAN  
122 Kinsale Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46385



**From:** [vquest6=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:vquest6=frontier.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Vickie Conquest](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vickie Conquest - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:54:18 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Vickie Conquest

**From:** [vmavis95@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:vmavis95@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Vicky Mavis](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vicky Mavis - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:23:19 PM

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Thank you.

Vicky Mavis

**From:** [vpostelmans137=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:vpostelmans137=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Victoria Postelmans](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Victoria Postelmans - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 1:04:21 PM

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Thank you,

Victoria Postelmans

**From:** [Vinson Love](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vinson Love - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 2024 10:39:54 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Vinson Love  
2921 Topaz Dr  
Hobart, IN 46342

**From:** [Vonda Bell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Vonda Bell - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 11:39:21 AM

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Thank you,  
Vonda Bell  
30358 N Meadow Brook Ln  
Elkhart, IN 46514

**From:** [Wanda Howell](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Wanda Howell - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:31:15 PM

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We need relief from these ever-increasing gas bills! Please reject NIPSCO's request for a higher fixed charge and higher rates in Cause Number 45967.

Regards,  
Wanda Howell  
205 Beal St  
Logansport, IN 46947

**From:** [Wayne doherty](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Wayne Doherty - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024 6:20:36 PM

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Regards,  
Wayne doherty  
1319 E 800 N  
Monterey, IN 46960

**From:** [wmerrill2007=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wmerrill2007=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Wayne Merrill](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Wayne Merrill - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 9:46:21 PM

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Please listen to customers like me and push back against this request.

Thank you.

Wayne Merrill



**From:** [William Diedrichs](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Diedrichs - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Saturday, December 30, 2023 8:54:29 AM

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Thank you,  
William Diedrichs  
6026 Midwood Dr  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

**From:** [blhowes=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:blhowes=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [William Howes](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Howes - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 3:12:49 PM

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Thank you,

William Howes

**From:** [lsbillj@msn.com](mailto:lsbillj@msn.com) on behalf of [William Johnson](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Johnson - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 12:59:20 PM

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Thank you,

William Johnson

**From:** [wkvasnica=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:wkvasnica=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [William Kvasnica](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Kvasnica - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 5:35:19 PM

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Thank you,

William Kvasnica

**From:** [lapkiewicz=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:lapkiewicz=sbcglobal.net@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [William Lapkiewicz](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Lapkiewicz - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 4:40:20 PM

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William Lapkiewicz

**From:** [billmost54@gmail.com](mailto:billmost54@gmail.com)@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Mostyn](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** William Mostyn - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:50:28 PM

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Thank you.

William Mostyn

**From:** [w3hrgrz@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:w3hrgrz@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Willie Hargrove](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Willie Hargrove - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:53:18 AM

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Thank you.

Willie Hargrove

**From:** [shockleyyves@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io](mailto:shockleyyves@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io) on behalf of [Yves Shockley](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Yves Shockley - Please Stand with Customers on Cause No. 45967  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 10:32:17 PM

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Thank you.

Yves Shockley



**From:** [James Wagner](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** James Wagner - NIPSCO Gas customers need relief!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 10:15:08 AM

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Regards,  
James Wagner  
10870 Midnight Pass  
Fishers, IN 46037

**From:** [Karen Domanico](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Karen Domanico - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023 6:49:15 PM

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We all need gas service to stay safe and healthy in our own homes, especially in colder temperatures. NIPSCO gas customers truly need a break. Please reject NIPSCO's request for higher rates and a huge fixed charge in Cause Number 45967!

Respectfully,  
Karen Domanico  
9064 Crystal River Dr  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

**From:** [Leah Leifer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Leah Leifer - Please oppose NIPSCO Gas's request to jack up our gas bills yet again  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:36:00 PM

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Please do everything you can to stand up for NIPSCO gas customers in Cause Number 45967. Please say no to their request for higher rates and a significant increase in the fixed monthly charge.

Thank you,  
Leah Leifer  
8350 N Pennsylvania St  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

**From:** [Leah Leifer](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Leah Leifer - We need affordable NIPSCO bills, not an expensive gas plant!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 4:36:56 PM

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Dear Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine,

As NIPSCO customers, we have seen our bills climb 36% in the last decade, and they just hiked our bills again this year in August 2023. Now they're already working to raise our bills even more! We need you to stand up for us by urging the IURC to reject the gas plant that NIPSCO wants to build in Cause Number 45947.

NIPSCO wants us to pay ANOTHER \$641 million of our hard earned money to build a gas plant that will only run a fraction of the year?! We can't afford that.

To add insult to injury, NIPSCO has said that construction costs for this plant could end up being up to 30% more than the \$642 million estimate. And of course since they want to use the CWIP tracker to pass those costs directly on to us, there's no real incentive for them to keep those construction costs under control.

CWIP shifts all of the construction risks away from NIPSCO and their shareholders and onto the backs of customers. This feels especially dangerous considering that NIPSCO wants to contract out aspects of the plant to different contractors, with NIPSCO managing the overall process. Since they've never done this before for a gas plant, there's a good chance that this will lead to even more unnecessary costs heaped onto the backs of captive customers like me.

Enough is more than enough when it comes to ever-increasing NIPSCO bills! Please stand up for affordable utility bills by rejecting NIPSCO's request in Cause Number 45947.

Regards,  
Leah Leifer  
8350 N Pennsylvania St  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

**From:** [Michael Schenkenfelder](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** Michael Schenkenfelder - Please stand up for residential customers in Cause Number 45967!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:38:34 AM

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Respectfully,  
Michael Schenkenfelder  
5455 Hibben Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

**From:** [Susan Thomas](#)  
**To:** [UCC Consumer Info](#)  
**Subject:** JTNWI Comments on NIPSCO IURC Cause #45976  
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JTNWI Comments on NIPSCO IURC Cause #45976

Consumer Services Staff  
Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 SOUTH  
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On behalf of Just Transition Northwest Indiana, below are our comments on NIPSCO's request, Cause #45976.

We are writing to request the denial of NIPSCO Cause #45976. We find this to be yet another request in a perpetual effort to squeeze struggling ratepayers while NIPSCO and the parent company, NiSource, accumulate record profits. For instance, NIPSCO received approval to raise gas bills by over \$1 billion in 2020 and 2021 and a gas rate hike in July 2022.

**We ask that the IURC deny this request for an extra \$8 per month on our gas bills, plus an increased fixed rate, and that the OUCC support us in this request for the following reasons:**

- NIPSCO claims the request is necessary to cover operations, maintenance, and infrastructure. However, those charges typically come from a company's profits—not upfront to consumers. This action is an inappropriate double dip.
- These continued rate increases negatively impact the mental health of citizens in the region. According to the recent Franciscan Health Community Assessment, 26.6% of respondents in Northwest Indiana said paying their utility bill was a daily stressor preceded only by financial planning (reference Section 2: Social Determinants of Health, table 2.7).<sup>1</sup> The report also documents income and racial demographics that illustrate increases disproportionately impacting minority and lower-income populations in the NIPSCO service territory. NIPSCO disconnected 18,900 customers between January 2022 and March 2023. Customers on payment plans accounted for most of these disconnects, with an average owed of \$756 over 14 months. According to this Indiana Capital Chronicle article, "Hoosiers \$46 million in debt to state's biggest utilities".<sup>2</sup>
- Though separate from the current request, another pertinent issue is that NIPSCO is charging consumers more than \$140 per year for its company membership in the American Gas Association—now suing the U.S. Department of Energy to stop updated gas appliance efficiency standards from becoming electric.<sup>3</sup> This decision is after a Stanford University report revealed gas stoves emit more carcinogenic benzene than second-hand smoke, leading to a higher risk of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.franciscanhealth.org/community/community-health>

<sup>2</sup> <https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2023/07/24/hoosiers-in-debt-46-million-to-states-biggest-utilities/>

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leukemia and other blood cancers as well as a 13% increase in childhood asthma.<sup>4</sup> Consumers should not cover this unethical cost either, and it should be removed.

- NiSource, NIPSCO's parent company, is reeling in annual profits. NiSource's net profit margin has jumped 37.15% since last year, and on a quarterly growth basis, NiSource most recently generated a 53.55% jump in its net profit margins. The company operates in even more morally and ethically bankrupt ways, as evidenced by the recent NiSource/Linde deliberate scheme to game demand response, as industry publication Utility Dive recently reported.<sup>5</sup>
- NIPSCO's profit motives and total lack of regard toward this community are demonstrated through the poisoning of the Town of Pines with coal ash, the cleanup of which is unresolved. The company's legacy coal ash waste remains onsite on Lake Michigan at the Michigan City Generating Station, threatening the drinking water for more than 10 million people.
- Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 9 unjustly and unfairly inhibits this process.<sup>6</sup> Ramrodded through the legislative process with unprecedented speed, due to SEA 9, monopoly utilities can now get the state legislature to reverse court decisions not in their favor while also allowing them to spend without pre-approval and charge customers. Though there is a provision that IURC can deny this, based on the track record of utility requests rarely being denied, we are not optimistic.

In closing, we ask that IURC hold hybrid meetings. In this time of prolonged COVID-19 and extreme weather, it is unacceptable that hybrid meetings are not held, preventing and not allowing the public to participate fully.

We urge you to deny this gas rate hike proposal, including an increase in the monthly fixed charge, and serve what is in the best interest of the health and well-being of Northwest Indiana communities.

Sincerely,

Susan Thomas  
Director of Legislation & Policy Just Transition Northwest Indiana

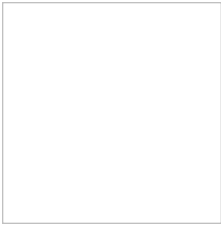
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/gas-stoves-emit-more-of-the-carcinogen-benzene-than-expected/> <sup>5</sup> <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/nipSCO-linde-ferc-miso-demand-response-settlement/703888/>

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INTRODUCTION



# Dear Reader,

This report provides findings from the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), a comprehensive review of health data and community input on health issues relevant to the community served by Franciscan Health. The assessment covers a large range of topics, but is not a complete analysis of any one issue. Rather, this data helps to identify priorities which lead to productive community discussions and the creation of goals and objectives. We invite you to investigate and use the information in this report to move toward solutions for healthier communities.

This report meets the current Internal Revenue Service's requirement for tax-exempt hospitals, which is based on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. More importantly, this document assists Franciscan Health in providing essential services to those most in need. Based on the findings in this report, Franciscan Health develops a three-year strategic plan on meeting community health needs as capacity and resources allow.

The CHNA collected input from persons representing the broad interests of the overall community, including those with specialized knowledge of, or expertise in, public health and residents of the communities the hospital serves. Franciscan Health partnered with other hospital systems, foundations, and non-profits to conduct a resident survey. Data from a variety of federal, state, and local entities were also reviewed.

You'll find this document organized in such a way as to guide you through the community. **Most importantly, please see the Call to Action. In this section, we share our commitment to improving community health in 2022-2024. We think it's important to be transparent, and we invite others to join us as we know improving health is a total community effort.**

If you have comments, suggestions, or questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Hill-Johnson at [Katharine.hill-johnson@franciscanalliance.org](mailto:Katharine.hill-johnson@franciscanalliance.org).

Yours in health,

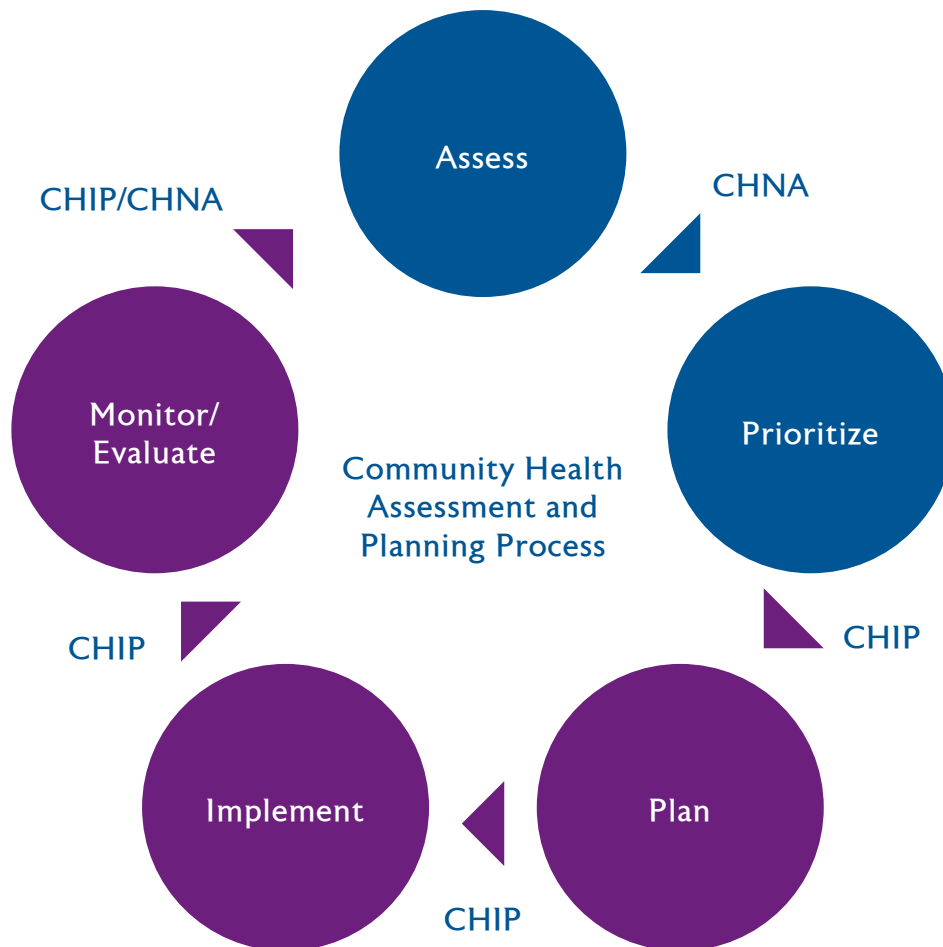
*The Community Health Improvement Team*



## OUR PURPOSE AND METHODS

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Every three years, Franciscan Health takes time to assess the health needs of the communities it serves. This assessment allows us to prioritize our resources to implement programs that address these needs with evidence based practices. Throughout each three year cycle, staff evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of our programs. You'll find the strategic plan, also called the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in the Call to Action Section of this document.



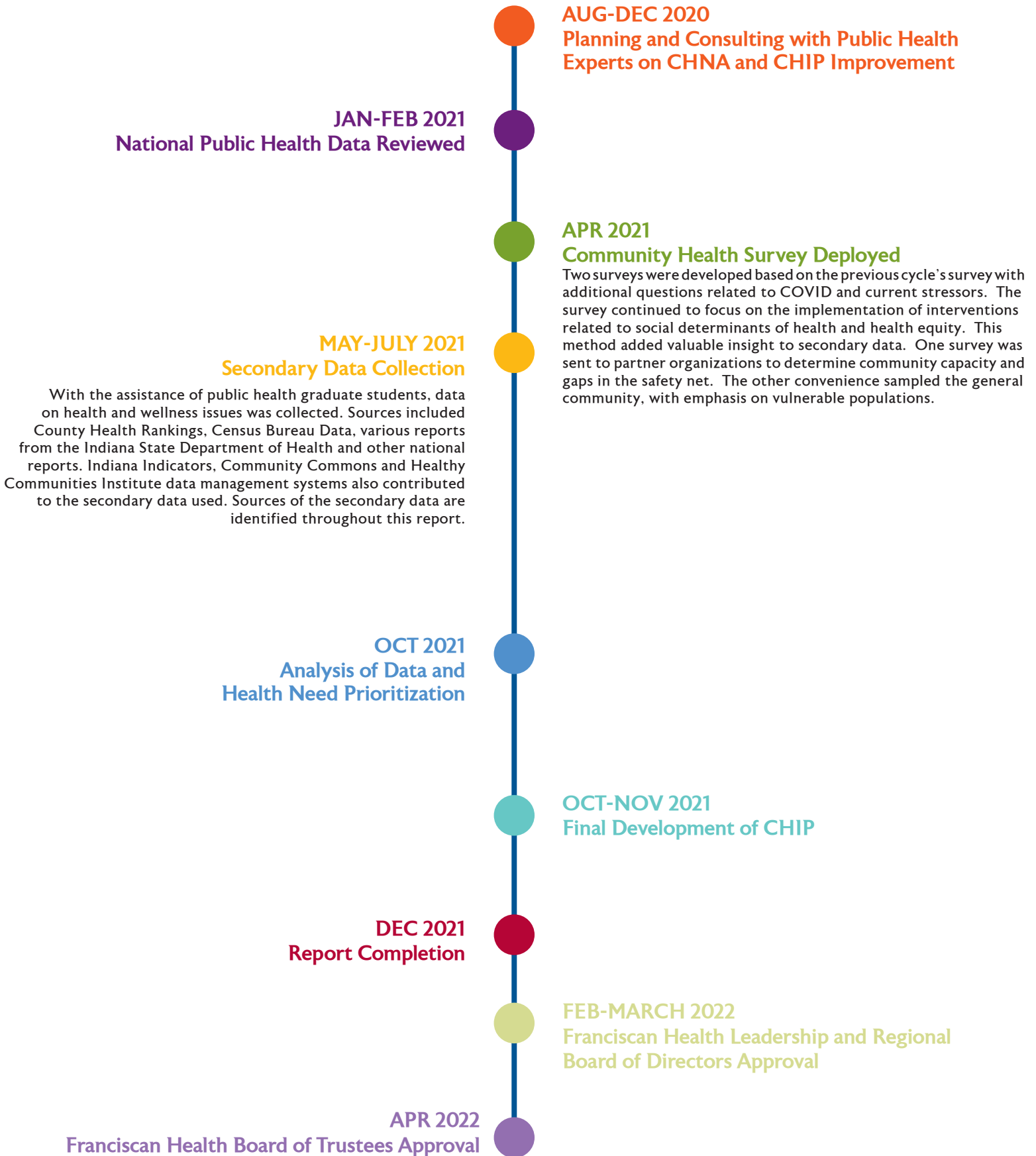
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*“The ultimate goal of a community health assessment is to develop strategies to address the community's health needs and identified issues. A variety of tools and processes may be used to conduct a community health assessment; the essential ingredients are community engagement and collaborative participation.”*

- CDC



# TIMELINE





FACILITY INFORMATION





## FACILITY INFORMATION

Throughout our hospitals and many medical practices, we offer a number of nationally recognized Centers of Health Care Excellence.

For 140 years, Franciscan Alliance has stayed true to our founding mission to care for everyone who comes through our doors. We treat our patients with the best possible care by following the guiding ethical values embodied by our founding congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Always mindful of our Christian stewardship to the Roman Catholic Church, we minister with joy, care and compassion according to the ideals of Saint Francis of Assisi and our foundress, Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel.

Our healthcare system carries forth Christ's healing ministry and strengthens the Catholic health care mission by:

- Providing a broad, coordinated continuum of health care services with an emphasis on improving the health of persons and communities.
- Treating the mind, body and spirit with holistic and comprehensive medical options.
- Developing creative structures for health care delivery.
- Being advocates for those in need.
- Identifying and developing our sisters and laity for Franciscan leadership.

### FRANCISCAN HEALTH MICHIGAN CITY INFORMATION

**Hospital Address:** 3500 Franciscan Way, Michigan City, IN 46360

**General Phone:** (219) 879-8511

**Specific Website:** <https://www.franciscanhealth.org/healthcare-facilities/franciscan-health-michigan-city-56>

**CEO Name:** Dean Mazzone

**Average Annual Inpatient Admissions (2020):** 6,943

**Average Annual Outpatient Admissions (2020):** 439,455

**Average Annual ED Admissions (Arrivals 2020):** 6,369

**Average Annual Births (2020):** 525

**Number of Employees (2020):** 927

**Number of Volunteers:** 55

**Number of Doctors (FPN, SPI, & Affiliates):** 448

**Average Length of Stay (Inpatient 2020 number of days):** 4.02

**List of Services (Service Lines):** Airborne infection isolation room, Ambulatory Surgery Center, Auxiliary organization, Cardiac intensive care services (cont.)



### BLESSED MARIA THERESIA BONZEL

Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel was born on Sept. 17, 1830 in Olpe, Germany. She sought to combine the contemplative and active religious life through an unflinching commitment to Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the works of mercy in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi. She wanted to follow Christ and to serve the poor, and was asked by Bishop Konrad Martin to form a religious Congregation. And thus the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration was founded on July 20, 1863. On November 25, 1875 Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel sent six Sisters from Olpe, Germany to Lafayette, Indiana to begin a ministry of healthcare and education for the poor and neglected. After a lifetime of dedicated service and virtuous leadership, Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel was beatified on November 10, 2013 bestowing on her the title of "Blessed" and moving her one step closer to Sainthood. Today, over 150 years later, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration are ministering in the United States, Germany, Brazil and the Philippines.

*“One good action or deed will not win the battle; we must daily begin anew.”*

*- Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel*

### List of Services (Service Lines cont.):

Behavioral Health, Nursery, Rehabilitation, Adult and Pediatric Care, Anticoagulation Clinic, Outpatient Emergency Department, Cancer Center, Radiation Oncology Cancer Center, Infusion Center, Cath Lab, Cardiac Rehabilitation Services, EEG Neurology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Working Well, Respiratory Therapy, MRI Procedure, FSED MRI Procedure, Ultrasound, FSED Ultrasound, CT/PETCT/CC Procedures, Outpatient Surgery Woodland, Laboratory Tests, FSED Laboratory Test, Cancer Center Lab Tests, Mammography FSED, Speech Therapy, Breast Center, OBGYN

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to Continue Christ's Ministry in our Franciscan Tradition.

### OUR COMMUNITY

Franciscan Health Michigan City and Franciscan Beacon Health's community benefit program primarily serve the northern portion of LaPorte County, including the cities of Michigan City and LaPorte and immediately adjacent rural communities. This area also contains the most individuals who participate in community benefit activities, a majority of affiliated services and providers, and residents least served by other health systems.

### OUR VALUES

#### RESPECT FOR LIFE

The gift of life is so valued that each person is cared for with such joy, respect, dignity, fairness and compassion that he or she is consciously aware of being loved.

#### FIDELITY TO OUR MISSION

Loyalty to and pride in the health care facility are exemplified by members of the health care family through their joy and respect in emphatically ministering to patients, visitors and co-workers.

#### COMPASSIONATE CONCERN

In openness and concern for the welfare of the patients, especially the aged, the poor and the disabled, the staff works with select associations and organizations to provide a continuum of care commensurate with the individual's needs.

#### JOYFUL SERVICE

The witness of Franciscan presence throughout the institution encompasses, but is not limited to, joyful availability, compassionate, respectful care and dynamic stewardship in the service of the Church.

#### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

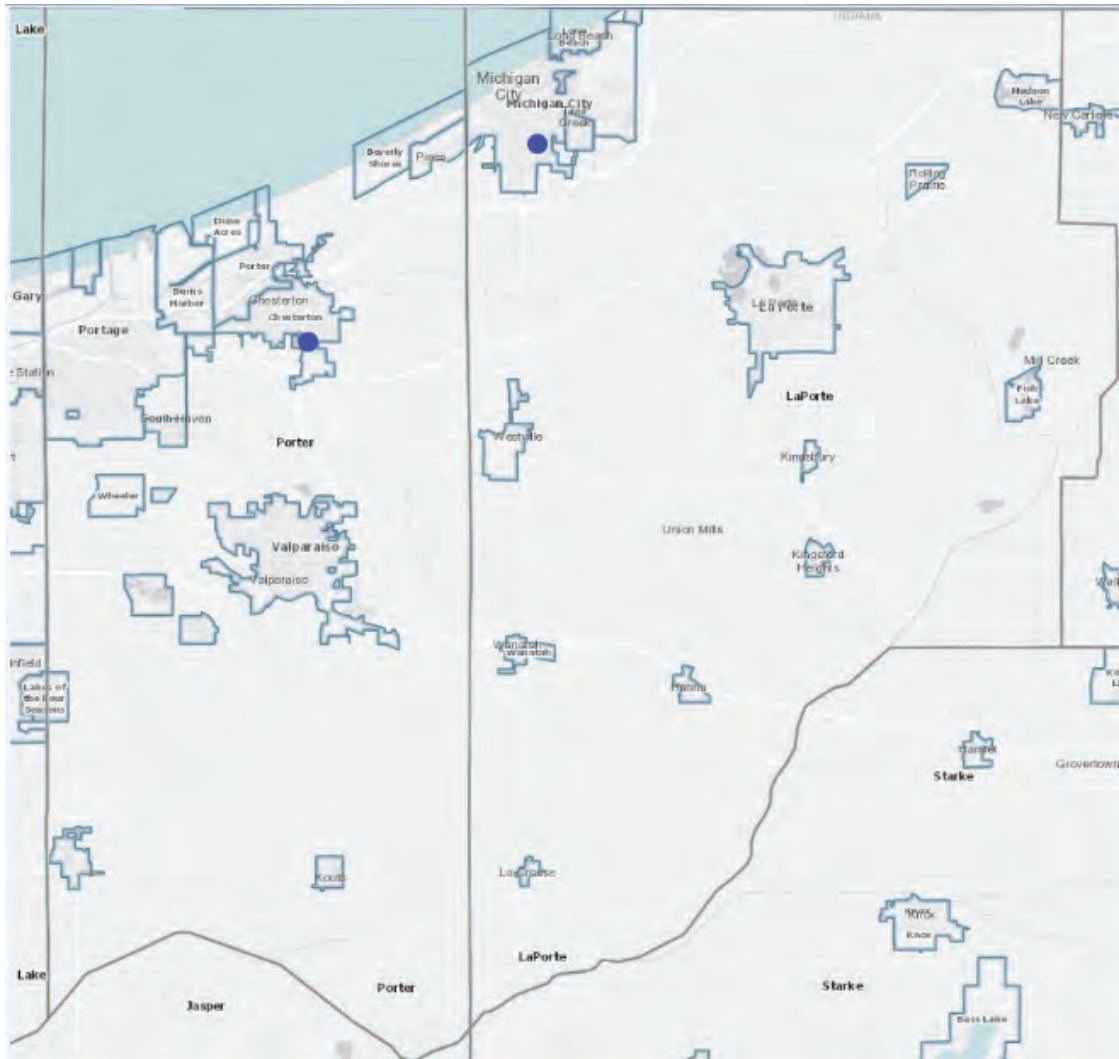
Christian stewardship is evidenced by just and fair allocation of human, spiritual, physical and financial resources in a manner respectful of the individual, responsive to the needs of society and consistent with Church teachings.

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*“Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*

*- Francis of Assisi*

# FACILITY INFORMATION





SECTION 1



## SECTION ONE COMMUNITY PROFILE

This section details the local community. The community profile contains information such as the geographic details, demographics, and social and economic well-being. Reviewing this information gives readers a sense of the community, including the strengths and challenges of daily living. Because of data constraints and the desire to offer the best snap-shot possible, the community profile may extend beyond the identified target communities for Franciscan Health's community benefit operations.

### COUNTY DESCRIPTION



North, Central & South  
Indiana Regions



LaPorte County,  
Indiana Townships

LaPorte County is located in north central Indiana. The largest city in LaPorte County is Michigan City which is home to 31,105 of the counties 109,888 residents. These 109,888 residents make up 1.7% of the state of Indiana making it the 16th most populous county in Indiana. The major highways in LaPorte County are listed in Table 1.1 which include interstates 80, 90, and 94 as well as Indiana Toll Road.

## SECTION ONE COMMUNITY PROFILE

Table 1.0: Major Highways

| Interstates       | U.S Routes    | State Routes   |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Interstate 90     | U.S Route 6   | State Road 2   |
| Interstate 80     | U.S Route 12  | State Road 4   |
| Interstate 94     | U.S Route 20  | State Road 39  |
| Indiana Toll Road | U.S Route 30  | State Road 130 |
|                   | U.S Route 35  | State Road 104 |
|                   | U.S Route 421 | State Road 212 |

### Municipalities

The municipalities in LaPorte County are below in table 1.2 (U.S Census, 2010). The least populated city in LaPorte County is Kingsbury with 239 residents. Kingsbury comprises only 0.2% of LaPorte County. The most populated city in LaPorte County is Michigan City with 31,015 residents. Michigan City comprises 28.2% of LaPorte County.

Table 1.1: LaPorte County Municipalities

| Cities & Towns    | Population | Percent of County |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Kingsbury         | 239        | 0.2%              |
| Kingsford Heights | 1,386      | 1.3%              |
| La Crosse         | 515        | 0.5%              |
| La Porte          | 21,569     | 19.6%             |
| Long Beach        | 1,158      | 1.1%              |
| Michiana Shore    | 297        | 0.3%              |
| Michigan City     | 31,015     | 28.2%             |
| Trail Creek       | 1,992      | 1.8%              |
| Wanatah           | 1,004      | 0.9%              |
| Westville         | 5,886      | 5.3%              |

## SECTION ONE COMMUNITY PROFILE

### DEMOGRAPHICS

LaPorte is a county that has seen recent declines in its population but is expected to see new population growth. The population is made up of mostly older adults and seniors. From 2010 to 2019, the population in LaPorte County decreased from 111,466 in 2010 to 109,888 people (-1.4%). Projections captured by the U.S Census Bureau estimate the population in LaPorte County in 2030 will expand to 3.8%. In 2019, LaPorte County accounted for 1.6% of the overall population of the State of Indiana.

In 2019, 5.9% of the population was preschool aged children, 15.3% were school aged children, 8.2% were college aged students, 25.5% were young adults, 25.5% were older adults, and the 18.5% were seniors. In 2019, the Median age of a person in LaPorte County was 40.8, which falls in the young adult category.

Table 1.2: Population Estimates by Age, 2019

| Population Estimates by Age | Number | Percent Distributed in County | Percent Distributed in State |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Preschool: 0 to 4           | 6,459  | 6.9%                          | 6.2%                         |
| School Age: 5 to 17         | 16,850 | 15.3%                         | 17.1%                        |
| College Age: 18 to 24       | 8,971  | 8.2%                          | 9.8%                         |
| Young Adult: 25 to 44       | 28,014 | 25.5%                         | 25.5%                        |
| Older Adults: 45 to 64      | 29,291 | 26.7%                         | 25.2%                        |
| Seniors: 65 and older       | 20,303 | 18.5%                         | 16.1%                        |
| Median Average Age (years)  | 40.8   |                               | 37.9                         |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Indiana Business Research

Table 1.3: Population Distribution by Sex, 2019

| Population Distribution by Sex | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Male Population                | 57,617 | 52.4%   |
| Female Population              | 52,271 | 47.6%   |

**Race & Ethnicity Distribution**

In 2019, there were 8.1 times more white residents in LaPorte County than any other race or ethnicity. There were 12,750 Black and 7,581 Hispanic residents, the second and third most common racial or ethnic groups. Refer to Figure 1.0 and 1.1 on the next page for a comparison of the racial distribution within Indiana and across LaPorte County.

**Veteran Population**

LaPorte County has a large population of military personnel who served in Vietnam, 3.32 times greater than any other conflict. In LaPorte County, the disabled veteran population make up about 22% of the population. This number is slightly below the average for the state of Indiana.

**Disabled Population**

In LaPorte County, the disabled population makes up about 13% of the 109,888. This number was slightly below the average for the state of Indiana.

Table 1.4: Population Estimates by Race (including Hispanic origin), 2019

| Population Estimates by Age              | Number  | Percent Distributed in County | Percent Distributed in State |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native         | 530     | 0.5%                          | 0.4%                         |
| Asian                                    | 716     | 0.7%                          | 2.6%                         |
| Black                                    | 12,750  | 11.6%                         | 9.9%                         |
| Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander | 30      | 0.0%                          | 0.1%                         |
| White                                    | 93,242  | 84.9%                         | 84.8%                        |
| Two or More Racial Groups                | 2,620   | 2.4%                          | 2.2%                         |
| Non-Hispanic                             | 102,307 | 93.0%                         | 92.7%                        |
| Hispanic                                 | 7,581   | 6.9%                          | 7.3%                         |





ZIP CODES

Table 1.5: Northwest Indiana Zip Codes

| Zip Code | City              |
|----------|-------------------|
| 46340    | Hanna             |
| 46345    | Kingsbury         |
| 46346    | Kingsford Heights |
| 46348    | La Crosse         |
| 46350    | La Porte          |
| 46352    | La Porte          |
| 46360    | Long Beach        |
| 46360    | Michiana Shores   |
| 46360    | Michigan City     |
| 46360    | Trail Creek       |
| 46361    | Michigan City     |
| 46365    | Mill Creek        |
| 46371    | Rolling Prairie   |
| 46382    | Union Mills       |
| 46390    | Wanatah           |
| 46391    | Otis              |
| 46391    | Westville         |

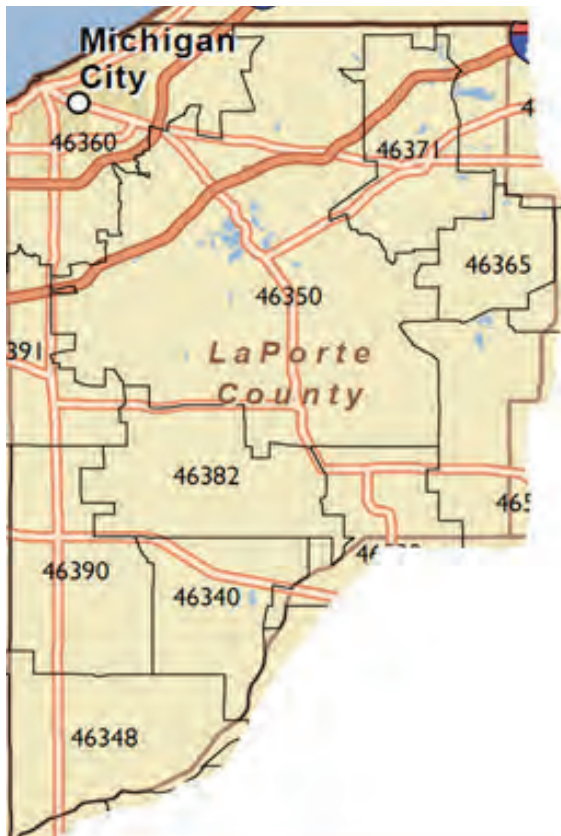


Figure 1.0: LaPorte County Zip Codes  
Source: Stats Indiana, 2017



## Social and Economic Factors

## FINANCIAL

LaPorte County has an annual personal income \$43,910. This leads to a median household income of more than \$56,427 which ranks 44th in the state. The poverty rate of the county sits at 13.4%. Welfare averages, food stamp recipients and free and reduced lunch recipients were all under 3%, which ranks LaPorte county 13th, 9th, and 12th respectively in those areas.

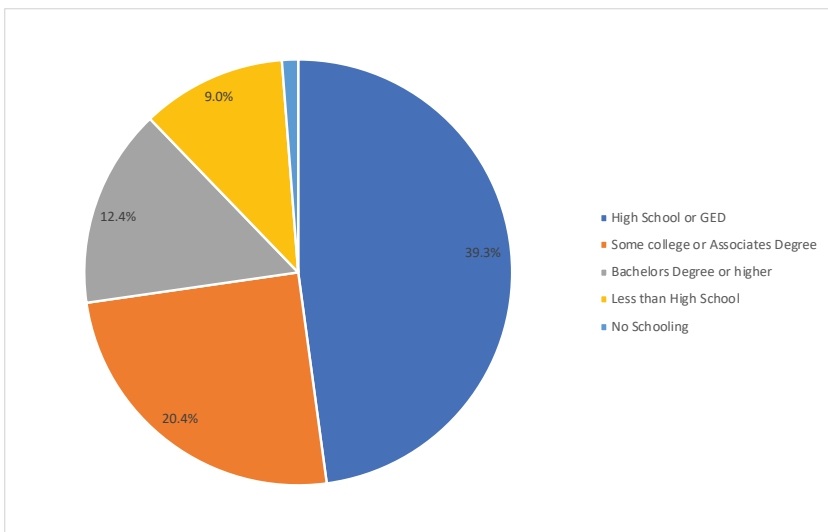
Table 1.6: Income/Poverty, Free/Reduce Lunch, Food Stamps Recipients, 2015-2019

| Income and Poverty                                  | Number   | Rank of State | Percent of State | Indiana  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Per Capita Personal Income (annual) in 2019         | \$43,910 | 42            | 90.2%            | \$48,678 |
| Median Household Income in 2019                     | \$56,427 | 44            | 97.9%            | \$57,617 |
| Poverty Rate in 2019                                | 13.4%    | 19            | 112.6%           | 11.9%    |
| Poverty Rate Among Children under 18                | 23.2%    | 5             | 153.6%           | 15.1%    |
| Welfare (TANF) Monthly Average Families in 2019     | 119      | 13            | 1.8%             | 6,657    |
| Food Stamp Recipients in 2020                       | 14,709   | 9             | 2.2%             | 659,095  |
| Free and Reduced Free Lunch Recipients in 2019/2020 | 9,234    | 12            | 1.8%             | 507,739  |

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The following risk factors have generally been associated with increased likelihood of students dropping out of high school: high rate of absenteeism, low level of academic engagement, work or familial responsibilities, internalizing or externalizing behaviors, frequent moving, and attending a school with low achievement scores (Suh, S & Suh, J, 2007; Christle, Jolivet, Nelson, 2007; Rumberger, 2004; Balfanz & Legters, 2004).

In general, dropping out of high school is negatively associated with employment (i.e. difficulty finding a job or maintaining a job) and life outcomes (Child Trends, Data Bank Indicators, 2015). More specifically, high school dropouts are more likely to engage in crimes and exhibit poor health outcomes, especially in regard to mental health (Lochner & Moretti 2004; Freeman, 1996; Alliance for Excellent Education, 2006; Liem, J. H., Dillon & Gore, 2001). Among one of many goals, Healthy People 2030 aims to increase the high school graduation rate from 84.1% (2015-2016) to 90.7% by 2030. Figures 1.1 and 1.2 below capture educational indicators from 2016 in LaPorte County.



According to Figure 1.1, 39.3 % of LaPorte County residents completed high school or obtained a GED, 20.4% attended college (not graduated) or obtained an Associate’s degree, 12.4% have a Bachelor’s degree or higher, 9.0% have less than a high school education, and less than 1% have no formal school at all.

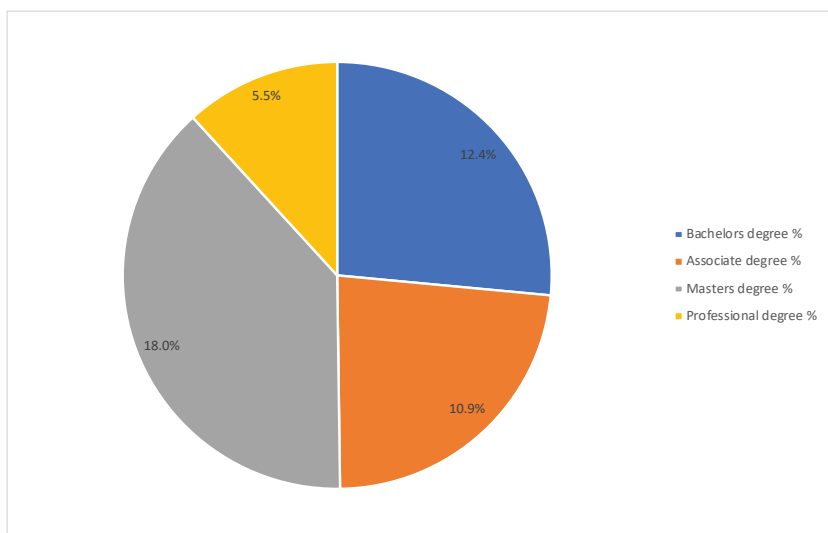


Figure 1.2 shows 100% being all residents with a college degree. According to the figure 12.4% have a Bachelors degree, 10.9% have an Associates degree, 18.0% have a Masters degree, and 5.5% have a professional school degree.



## EMPLOYMENT

In 2019, there were 46,012 employed individuals in LaPorte County, while 2,050 were unemployed (STATS Indiana). According to the U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis, the total wage and salary in LaPorte County in 2019 was \$1,882,100, with average earnings per job totaling \$43,910.

Table 1.7: Unemployment in LaPorte County

| Indicator                  | Number | Rank in State | Percent of State | Indiana   |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Employed                   | 46,012 | 17            | 1.4%             | 3,275,056 |
| Unemployed                 | 2,050  | 17            | 1.9%             | 112,310   |
| Annual Unemployment Rate   | 4.3    | 4             | 134.4%           | 3.3%      |
| Total Resident Labor Force | 48,062 | 17            | 1.4%             | 3,387,366 |

Source: STATS Indiana, using data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

The private industry represents 85.5% of the working class (2019). Figure 1.8 provides a specific breakdown by type of employment for those who work in the private.

Table 1.8: Major Industries in LaPorte County

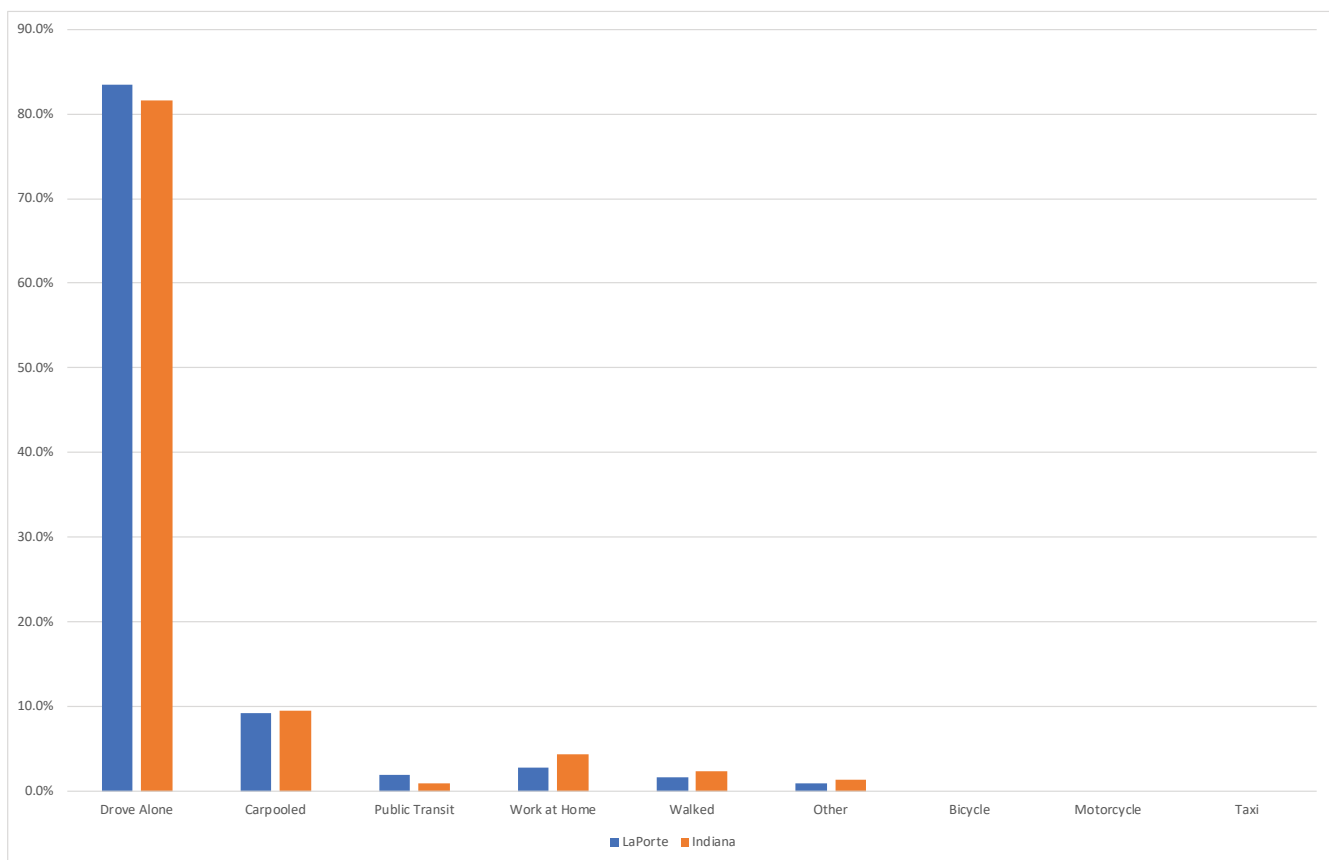
| Indicator              | Employment | Percent Distributed in Region | Earnings    | Percent Distributed in Region | Average Earnings per Job |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Farm Proprietors       | 630        | 1.6%                          | \$24,190    | 0.9%                          | \$22,821                 |
| Nonfarm Proprietors    | 9,527      | 17.8%                         | \$278,103   | 10.5%                         | \$29,191                 |
| Farm                   | 877        | 1.6%                          | \$24,190    | 0.9%                          | \$27,583                 |
| Nonfarm                | 52,671     | 98.4%                         | \$2,621,429 | 99.1%                         | \$49,770                 |
| Private                | 45,760     | 85.5%                         | \$2,225,365 | 84.1%                         | \$48,631                 |
| Wage and Salary        | 43,391     | 81.0%                         | \$1,882,100 | 71.1%                         | \$43,375                 |
| Total by Place of Work | 53,548     | 100%                          | \$2,645,619 | 100%                          | \$49,406                 |

Source: U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis

## TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation is an important indicator to examine because it offers mobility to the residents of LaPorte County, particularly those without cars. Transit can help bridge the spatial divide between people with jobs, services, and training opportunities. Public transportation is also valuable because it reduces fuel consumption, decreases air pollution, and relieves traffic congestion (Community Health Solutions, 2017). Vehicle ownership is directly related to the ability to travel. In general, households without a vehicle will make less frequent trips than those who own a car. This limits their access to essential local services including: grocery stores, pharmacies, post offices, doctor’s office, and hospitals. According to American Community Survey, 8% of households in LaPorte County do not have a vehicle compared to 6.4% in the entire state (2015-2019). Figure 1.3 shows that 83.5% of residents in LaPorte County drove alone to work while, 9.3% carpooled, and 2.8% worked at home (ACS, 2019).

Figure 1.3: Commuter Transportation



ENVIRONMENTAL

Air quality

Air quality can be measure in two different ways: measuring ground level ozone and measuring particulate matter. Figure 1.4 shows the ground level ozone, which occurs naturally in the sky and helps protect from the sun. In LaPorte County, the residents were exposed to 2 days of unhealthy levels of ozone in 2016. These unhealthy levels are based on a national standard. Particulate matter is another air quality concern. As shown in Figure 1.5, the national standard for annual particulate matter is 12.0 micrograms per meter cubed. LaPorte County fell below this level at annual concentration of 7.7. This is important because particulate matter can cause breathing problems, worsen asthma and some heart conditions and lead to low birth weights.

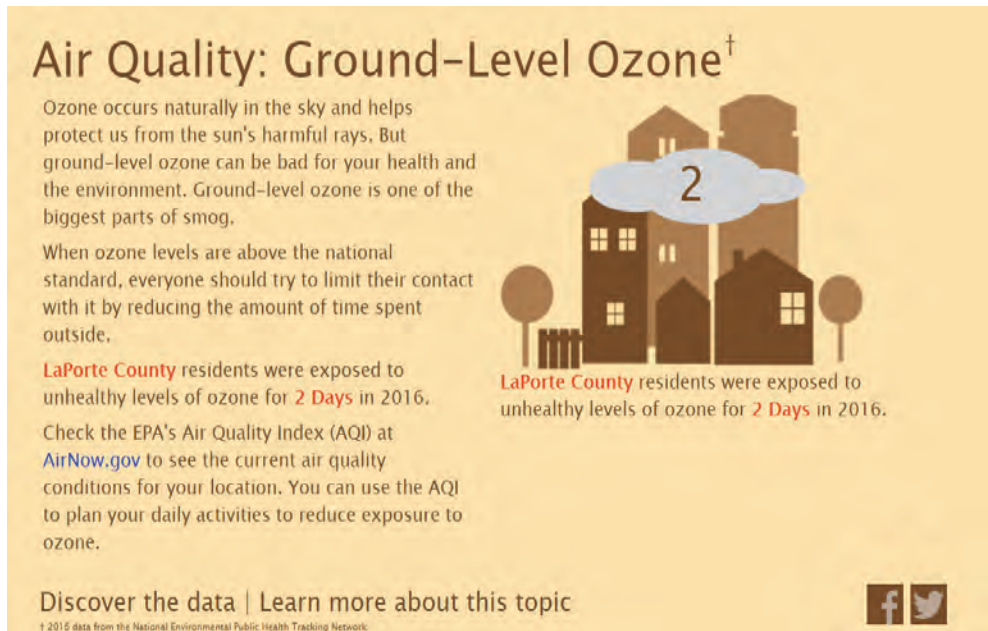


Figure 1.4: Ground-Level Ozone

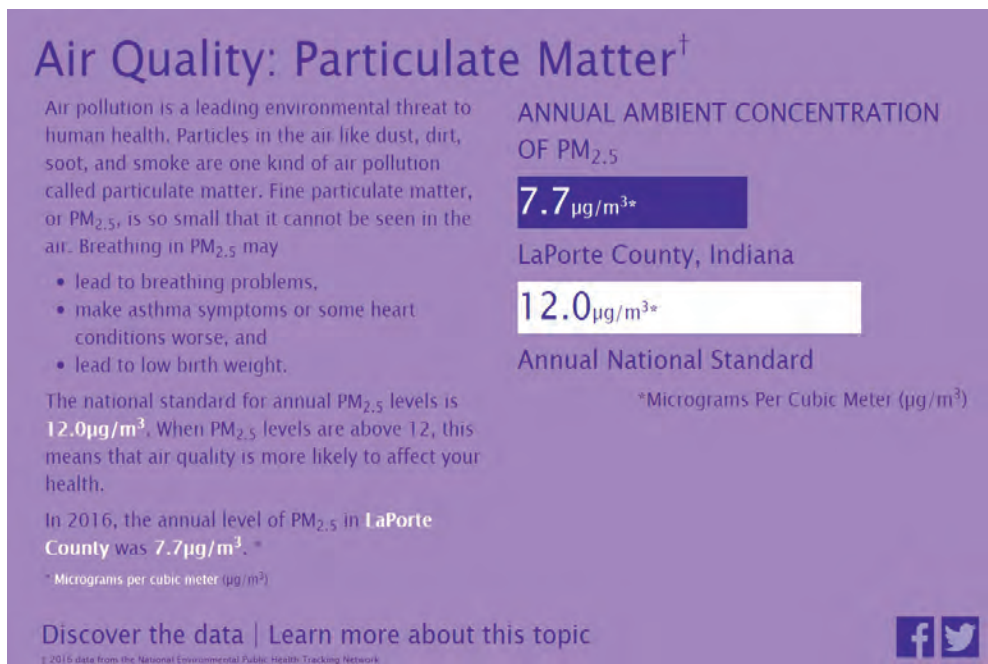


Figure 1.5: Particulate Matter



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### Drinking Water

The majority of LaPorte County is in the top 25% for safest drinking water.

### Lead Poisoning

Childhood lead poisoning has become a concern for many cities in the United States, as it affects the development of children. In 2016, LaPorte County 21 children were tested for lead poisoning, of whom one tested with a blood lead level between five and nine and zero greater than 10. The causes of lead poisoning are often older homes that once had lead based paint. These lead based paints create dust that over time get into a person's system causing adverse health effects.

Table 1.9: Lead poisoning summary, 2017

| County Name    | Total Population of Children < 72 Months of Age | # of Children Tested | Children with Confirmed BLLs $\geq$ 5 $\mu$ g/d |         | Children with Confirmed BLLs $\geq$ 10 $\mu$ g/d |         |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                |                                                 |                      | Number                                          | Percent | Number                                           | Percent |
| LaPorte County | 7,904                                           | N/A                  | N/A                                             | N/A     | N/A                                              | N/A     |

Source: National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, 2017



### HOUSING

Safe and affordable housing is an essential feature of a healthy community, and the effects of housing problems are vast, specifically, the physical and emotional effects on individuals and families. Residents who do not have a kitchen in their home are more likely to depend on unhealthy foods, and lack of proper plumbing facilities increases the risk of infectious disease. According to Healthy Communities Institute, “research has found that young children who live in crowded housing conditions are at increased risk of food insecurity, which may impede their academic performance” (2017). In addition, low-income individuals who live in communities where housing costs are elevated are subjected to living in substandard living conditions that may increase their exposure to the following environmental hazards: mold, mildew, pest infestation, and lead. In LaPorte County 72.3% of respondents said that they owned their home which was higher than the state average of 69.1% (ACS, 2015-2019). Figure 1.6 shows the homeowner vacancy percent for the region surrounding Michigan City. Overall the vacancy percent has been trending downward since 2012.

One measure of note is that almost half of those residents renting homes in LaPorte County reported spending 35% or more of their household income on rent from 2014-2019. This number has been trending upward since 2012. The rate of spending is at 40.8% (ACS, 2015-2019).

Another rate of note is the foreclosure risk that shows that 40.6% of those in the 46360 zip code area were at risk of foreclosure.





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Table 1.10: Homeownership and Renting

| Housing and Whether We Rent or Own | Number | Rank in State | Percent in Region | Percent in State |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Housing Units in 2019</b> | 49,315 | 16            | 100%              | 100%             |
| <b>Owners Occupied</b>             | 31,135 | 14            | 63.3%             | 61.5%            |
| <b>Renters Occupied</b>            | 11,904 | 17            | 24.2%             | 27.5%            |

Figure 1.6: Homeowner Vacancy Rate

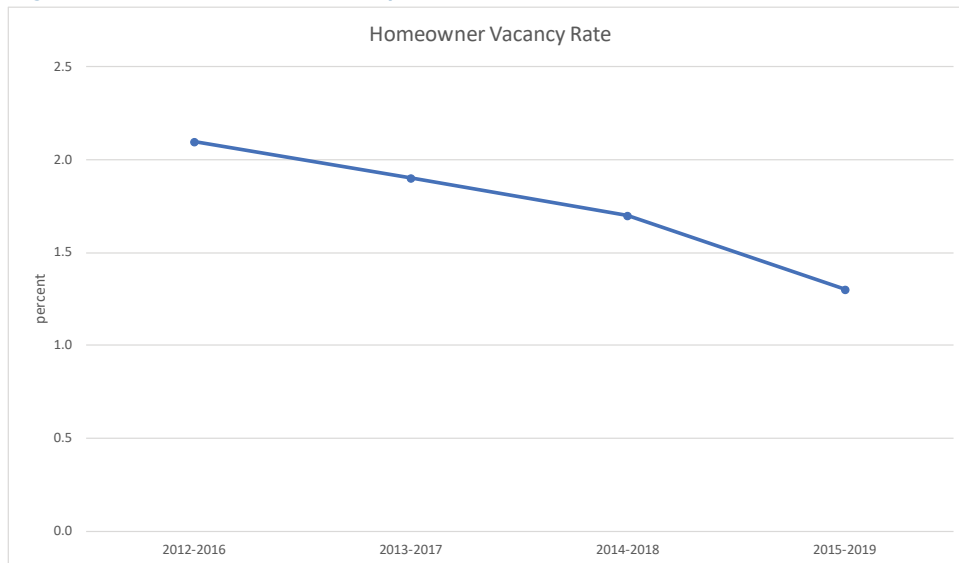
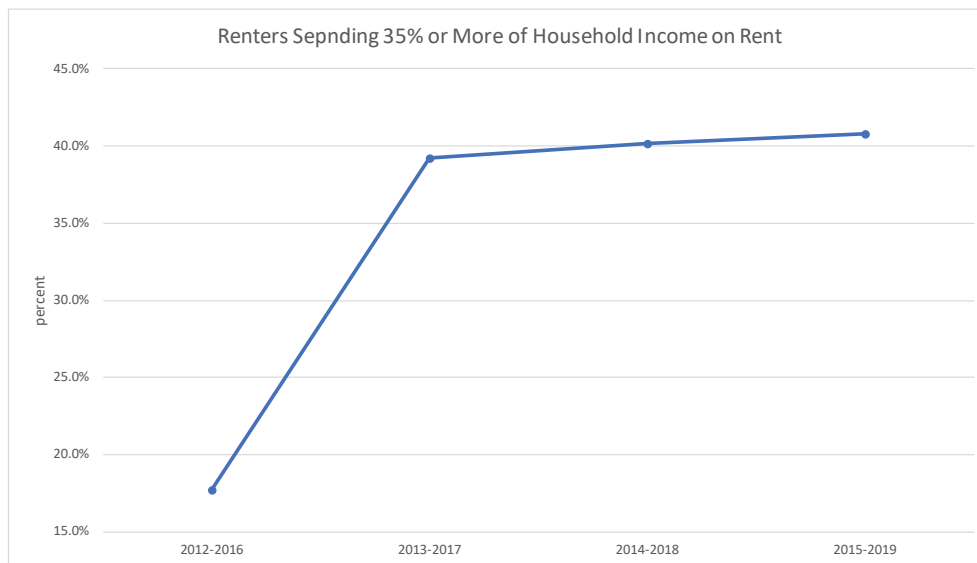


Figure 1.7: Michigan City Region Renter's Spending 30% or More of Household Income on Rent



HEALTH ACCESS

Medically Underserved Areas and Populations

LaPorte County has been designated as a Medically Underserved Area. According to HRSA, “Medically Underserved Areas and populations are designated as having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty or a high elderly population” (2017). Figure 1.8 shows the areas of health professional shortages in LaPorte County and the shortage is in the mental health areas. The ratio of primary care physicians to patient was 2,820:1 in 2017 in LaPorte County and 1,510:1 in the entire state. The ratio of dentist to patients is 2,310:1 in 2018 and the ratio to mental health providers to patients was 1,130:1 in 2019. The state averages for dentist and mental health was 1,780:1 and 620:1 respectively (County Health Rankings).

The hospitals in LaPorte County are listed below.

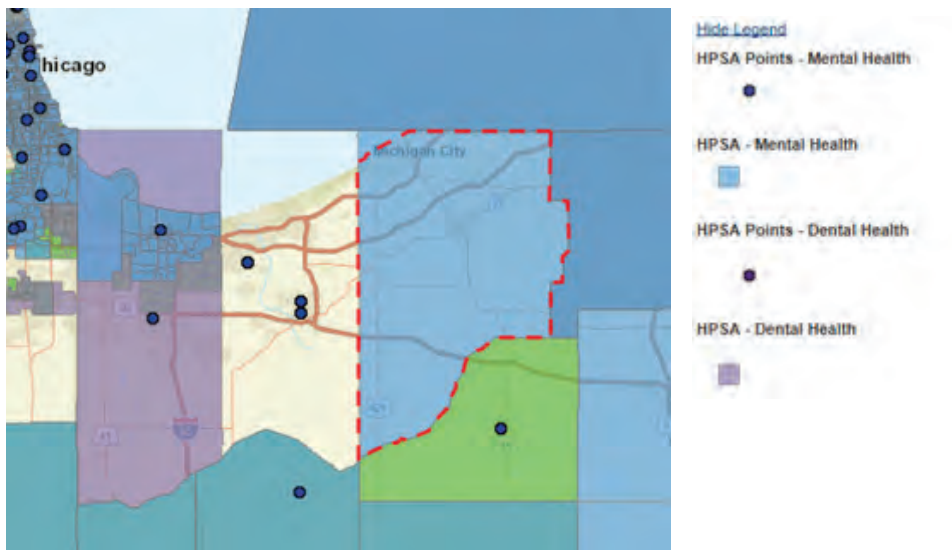
Hospital Facilities in LaPorte County

Franciscan Health Michigan City  
 3500 Franciscan Way  
 Michigan City, IN 46360  
 Phone: (219) 879-8511  
 Fax: (219) 877-1409

Franciscan Beacon Hospital  
 1010 W State Rd 2  
 LaPorte, IN 46350  
 Phone: (219) 575-6700

Northwest Health - LaPorte  
 1331 State St  
 LaPorte, IN 46350  
 Phone: (219) 326-1234

Figure 1.8: Health Professional Shortage Areas





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SECTION 2



## SECTION TWO HEALTH PROFILE

Section Two reviews social determinants of health that contribute to the community's ability to engage in healthy behaviors and achieve the best quality of life possible. From safe sleep practices to engaging in preventative screenings, these indicators provide an overview of opportunities for improvement.

### MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

While this indicator is not a social determinant in the strictest sense, these indicators help readers understand some of the first challenges babies and mothers face.

Table 2.0: LaPorte County Prenatal Care Practices, 2013-2017

| Indicator               | 2013         | 2014         | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2013-2017 Combined |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| # Early Prenatal Care   | 814          | 739          | 675          | 717          | 751          | 3,696              |
| % Early Prenatal Care   | 61.7%        | 55.5%        | 50.4%        | 54.7%        | 58.9%        | 56.2%              |
| <b>State Percent</b>    | <b>67.4%</b> | <b>67.5%</b> | <b>69.3%</b> | <b>69.3%</b> | <b>68.6%</b> | <b>68.4%</b>       |
| # Smoked                | 335          | 323          | 306          | 276          | 275          | 1,515              |
| % Smoked                | 25.4%        | 24.3%        | 22.8%        | 21.1%        | 21.6%        | 23.0%              |
| <b>State Percent</b>    | <b>15.7%</b> | <b>15.1%</b> | <b>14.3%</b> | <b>13.5%</b> | <b>13.5%</b> | <b>14.4%</b>       |
| # Unmarried Mothers     | 723          | 716          | 725          | 743          | 678          | 3,585              |
| % Unmarried Mothers     | 54.8%        | 53.8%        | 54.1%        | 56.7%        | 53.1%        | 54.5%              |
| <b>State Percent</b>    | <b>43.3%</b> | <b>43.3%</b> | <b>43.3%</b> | <b>42.7%</b> | <b>42.8%</b> | <b>43.1%</b>       |
| # Breastfeeding Mothers | 945          | 968          | 988          | 990          | 992          | 4,883              |
| % Breastfeeding Mothers | 71.6%        | 72.2%        | 73.7%        | 75.6%        | 77.7%        | 74.2%              |
| <b>State Percent</b>    | <b>77.3%</b> | <b>79.3%</b> | <b>80.5%</b> | <b>80.9%</b> | <b>81.9%</b> | <b>80.0%</b>       |
| # Mothers on Medicaid   | 713          | 692          | 728          | 724          | 662          | 3,519              |
| % Mothers on Medicaid   | 54.1%        | 52.0%        | 54.3%        | 55.3%        | 51.9%        | 53.5%              |
| <b>State Percent</b>    | <b>44.1%</b> | <b>43.7%</b> | <b>43.0%</b> | <b>41.7%</b> | <b>41.0%</b> | <b>42.7%</b>       |
| # Teen Births 15-17     | 41           | 37           | 23           | 24           | 18           | 143                |
| Teen Birth Rate (15-17) | 19.2         | 17.1         | 10.5         | 11.3         | U            | 14.5               |
| <b>State Rate</b>       | <b>13.1</b>  | <b>11.9</b>  | <b>11.1</b>  | <b>9.6</b>   | <b>8.9</b>   | <b>11.0</b>        |

Early Prenatal Care = Prenatal care beginning at first trimester

Teen Birth Rate = Live births per 1,000 women in specified age group

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health

Data Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team

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In 2017, 56.2% of mothers received early prenatal care during their pregnancy. There has been a 2.8% decrease among mothers receiving prenatal care since 2013. In 2017, 21.6% of mothers smoked during pregnancy in LaPorte County. According to the CDC, tobacco use during pregnancy is linked to increased miscarriage, premature birth, low birthweight, SIDS, and birth defects (2017). In 2017, 77.7% of LaPorte County mothers breastfed their children. Since 2013, the number of mothers who breastfed their children has increased by nearly 6.1%.



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### FOOD SECURITY

Food security in LaPorte County is 6.8, which is an average score food environment index (0 is the worst and 10 is the best). Figure 2.1 shows 7% of the county has limited access to healthy foods and that 16% have food insecurity. Food insecurity is defined as having a lack of access to food. Food insecurity can be measure in many different ways like grocery store or farmer market density as shown in Table 2.1. These two densities show a community that lacks the adequate means to get healthy food. The grocery store density which measures the number of supermarkets or grocery stores per 1,000 populations. LaPorte County has decrease from 0.21 to 0.17. The number of SNAP recognized stores has decreased over the past four years by 29%.

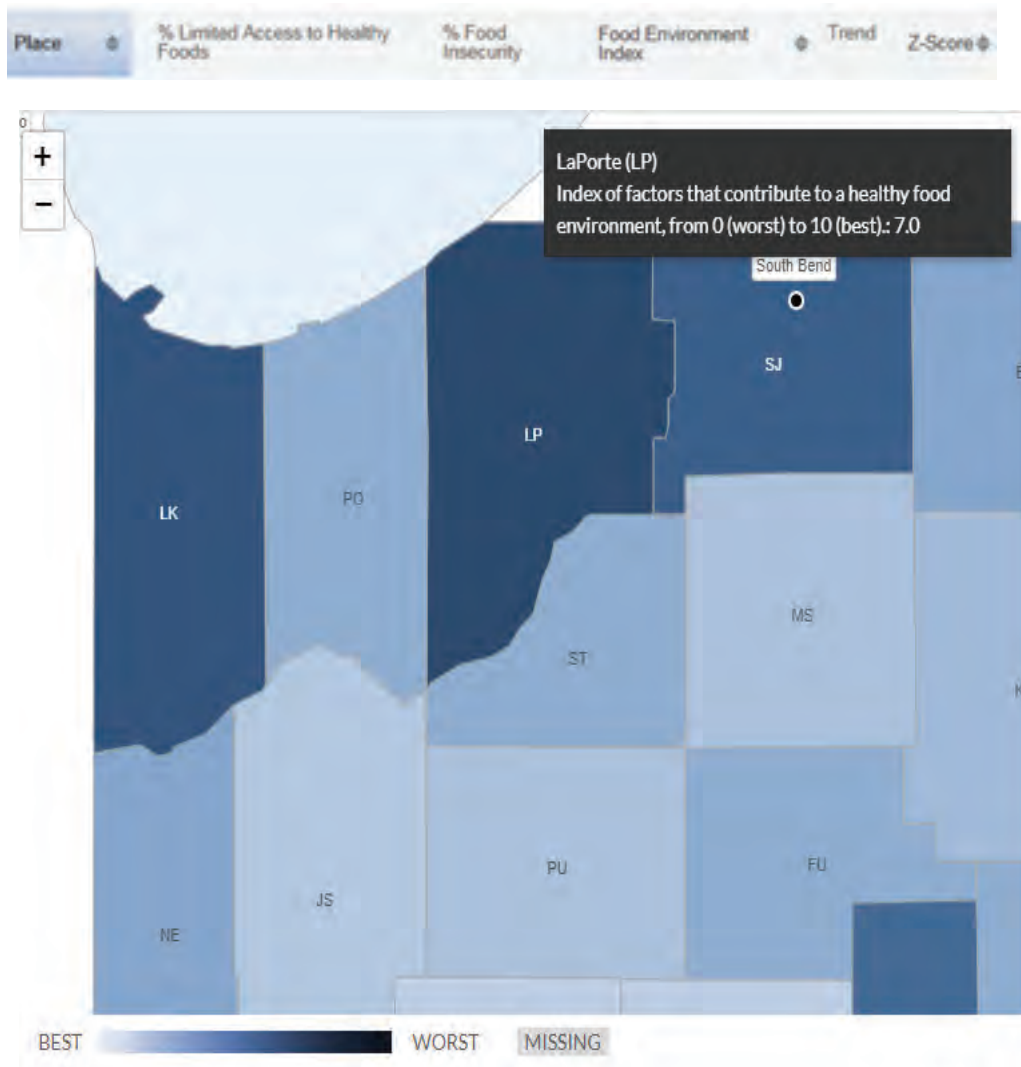


Figure 2.1: Food Environment Index in LaPorte County



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Table 2.1: Food Security in LaPorte County

| Indicator                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Source                                                | Measurement Period | LaPorte County | Prior Value |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Food Insecurity Rate</b>     | The percentage of the population that experience food insecurity at some point during the year.                                                                                                                           | Feeding America                                       | 2018               | 13.9%          | 14.2%       |
| <b>Child Food Insecure Rate</b> | The percentage of children (under 18 years of age) living in households with incomes above 185% of the federal poverty level who are likely not income-eligible for federal nutrition assistance.                         | Feeding America                                       | 2018               | 21.2%          | 20.2%       |
| <b>Food Environment Index</b>   | Percentage of the population that is low-income and has low access to a grocery store, and the percentage of the population that did not have access to a reliable source of food during the past year (food insecurity). | County Health Rankings                                | 2018               | 7.0            | 6.7         |
| <b>SNAP Certified Stores</b>    | The number of stores certified to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits per 1,000 populations.                                                                                                        | US Department of Agriculture - Food Environment Atlas | 2017               | 89.17          | 90.25       |
| <b>Grocery Store Density</b>    | Number of supermarket/grocery stores per 1,000 population.                                                                                                                                                                | US Department of Agriculture - Food Environment Atlas | 2016               | 0.18           | 0.17        |
| <b>Famers Market Density</b>    | Number of farmers markets per 1,000 population.                                                                                                                                                                           | US Department of Agriculture - Food Environment Atlas | 2018               | 5              | 2           |

Farmers markets are retail outlets in which vendors sell agricultural products directly to customers.

Food index ranges from 0 (worst) to 10 (best) and equally weights the two measures.



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### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical activity is defined as “any body movement produced by the skeletal muscles that results in substantial increase over resting energy expenditure” (Bouchard & Shepard, 1994). Physical inactivity is defined as participating in an insufficient amount of moderate-to vigorous physical activity according to the age specific physical activity guidelines. Sedentary behavior is defined as any walking activity characterized by an energy expenditure less than or equal to 1.5 METS and in a sitting or reclined posture (Sedentary Behavior research Network, 2012).

In 2015 only 25.3% of high schoolers said they were physically active. This means that high schoolers today are not devoting time to set an active lifestyle now that they will carry on later in life. Regular physical activity is important because it can reduce the risk of chronic disease but also help you maintain a healthy lifestyle. This trend in high schoolers could contribute to an increase in the adult physical inactivity which already has a 30% inactivity. As of 2016, LaPorte has ten recreational and fitness facilities for the community.

### SLEEP HEALTH

Sleep health is important because it affects a person’s wellness and quality of life. The Healthy people 2030 goal is “to increase public knowledge of how adequate sleep and treatment of sleep disorders improves health productivity, wellness, quality of life, and safety on roads and in the work place” (HP2030). In LaPorte County, 39% of individuals reported having insufficient sleep (County Health Rankings, 2018). Students are even more sleep deprived, with only 21.4% saying they get enough sleep, compared to 61.5% of adults.





**IMMUNIZATIONS**

Immunizations are important because they help prevent the outbreak and spread of disease in a community. In LaPorte County, 58% of infants have their recommended immunizations.

Figure 2.2: Infants with Recommended Immunizations

| Indicator                               | Description                                                                                                     | Source                                                                      | Measurement Period | LaPorte County | Indiana |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Recommended Infant Immunizations</b> | This measure represents the percent of fully immunized and recorded in Indiana’s immunization registry (CHIRP). | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center, Surveillance and Investigation Division | 2017               | 58%            | 63%     |
| <b>Flu Shot Vaccinations</b>            | Percentage of noninstitutionalized adults, 18 and older, who have received a flu shot in the past year.         | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center, Surveillance and Investigation Division | 2017               | N/A            | 49%     |
| <b>HPV Prevalence</b>                   | Percentage among adolescents 13-17 years with the vaccine as reported by NIS-Teen in 2016                       | TeenVaxView                                                                 | 2019               | N/A            | 62%     |

\*Recommended = three doses of HPV vaccine

**SCREENINGS**

Health screenings are an important part of public health because they allow for early detection and treatment of various health conditions. Eighty-seven percent of LaPorte County diabetic Medicare enrollees received routine monitoring in 2015, and 407% of LaPorte County female Medicare enrollees received a mammogram in 2017. (Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare & Indiana Indicators). Refer to Table 2.3 below for a comparison of health screening statistics across the state and county.

Table 2.3: LaPorte County Health Screening Statistics

| Indicator                    | Description                                                                           | Source                        | Measurement Period | LaPorte County | Indiana |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Diabetes Monitoring</b>   | Percentage of Medicare enrollees ages 65-75 that receive HbA1c monitoring.            | Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare | 2015               | 87%            | 86.0%   |
| <b>Mammography Screening</b> | Percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 67-69 that receive mammography screening | Indiana Indicators            | 2017               | 40%            | 62%     |

Sources: County Health Rankings and Indiana Indicators

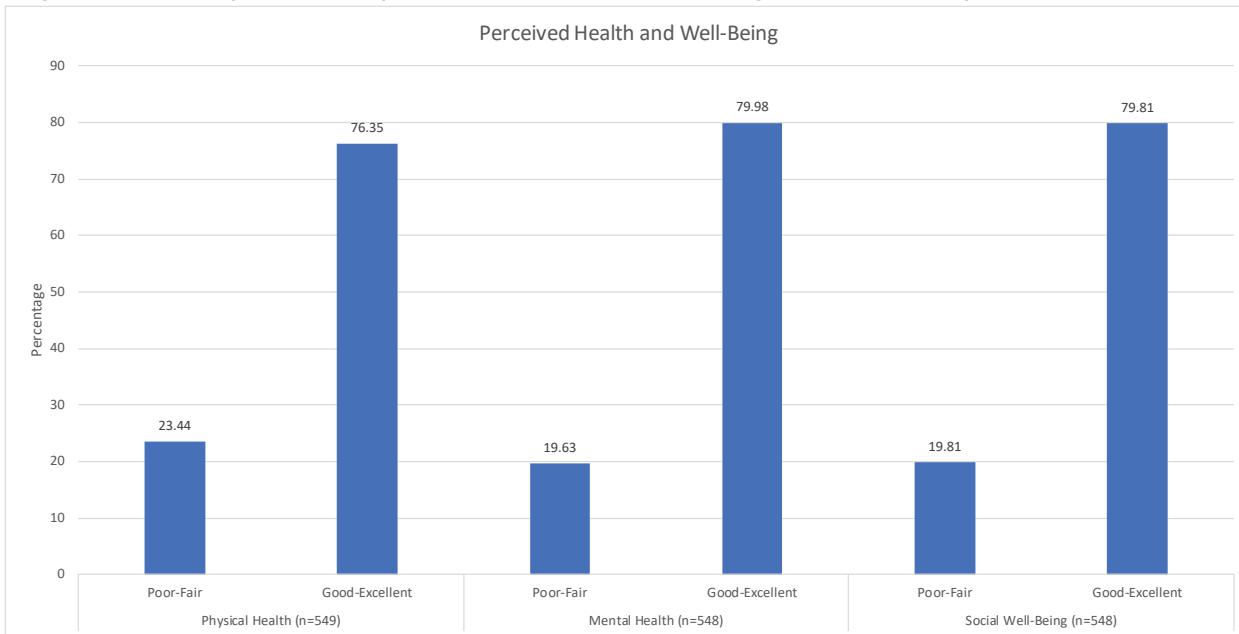


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In the survey conducted for this report, the following information was reported. The convenience sampled data includes responses from targeted vulnerable populations within the community. Please consult the Reference section for the full survey report.

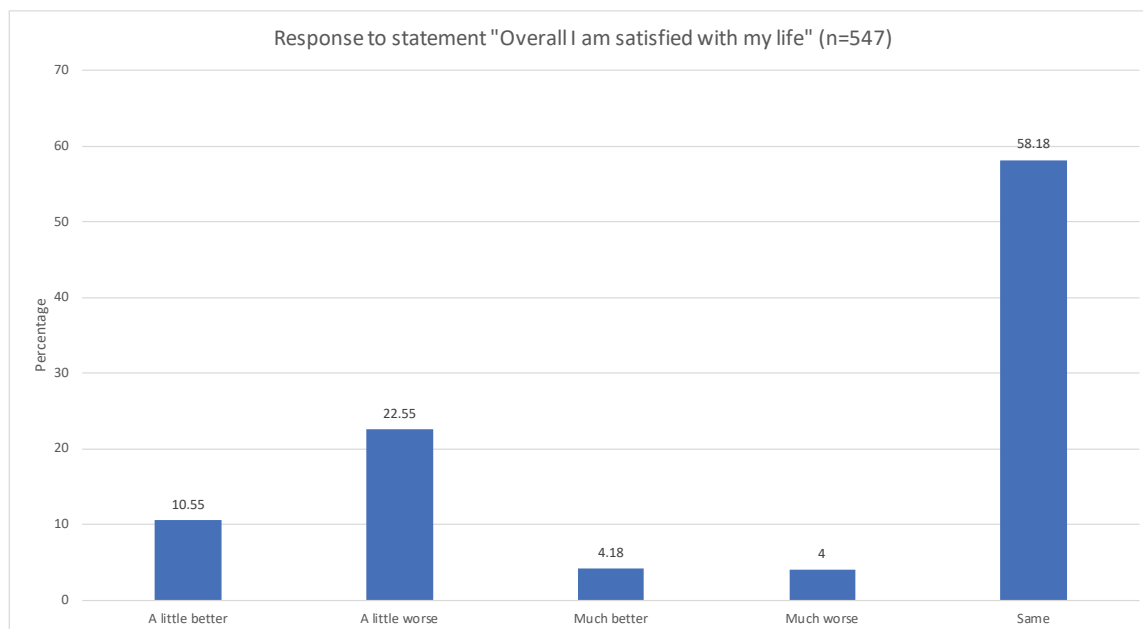
### PARTICIPANTS PERCEPTION OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Figure 2.1: Participants' Perception of Health and Well-Being, LaPorte County



Participants were asked to respond to a single question that asked them to respond to the statement “How has the statement ‘In general, I am satisfied with my life’ changed before the COVID-19 pandemic” with five response options ranging from much worse to much better. The majority of participants reported “same” with the statement, with 4.18% (n = 23) responding “much better” and 10.55% (n = 58) responding “a little better.” Some participants 58.18% (n = 320) responded “same.” Those indicating less overall life satisfaction responded with “a little worse” 22.55% (n = 124) or “much worse” 4.0% (n = 22).

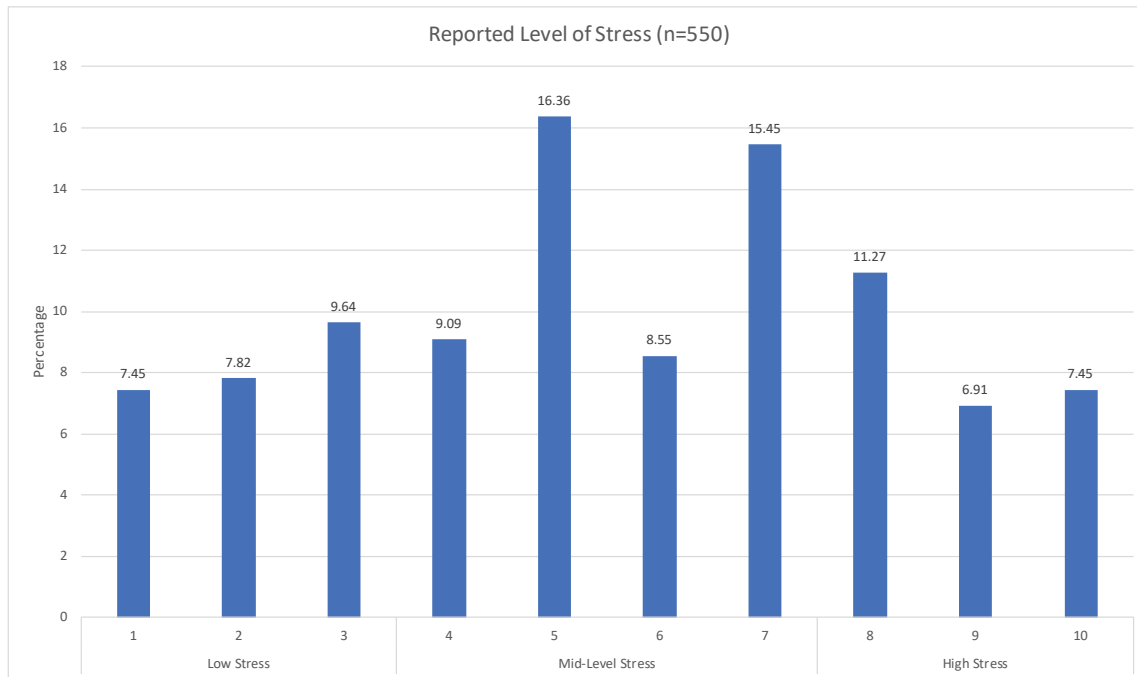
Figure 2.2: Participants Agreement with Life Satisfaction



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**Level of Life Stress.** Participants were asked to rank their current level of life stress by responding to a single item “Please rank yourself on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 means you have “little or no stress” and 10 means you have “a great deal of stress.” Some participants 25.64% (n = 141) responded with scores in the top third of possible responses (eight or higher) indicating that a relatively significant proportion of the participants identify with what would be considered an elevated (or greater) level of stress. Figure 2.3 provides the percentage of respondents who ranked themselves on this measure.

Figure 2.3: Ranking of Level of Life Stress



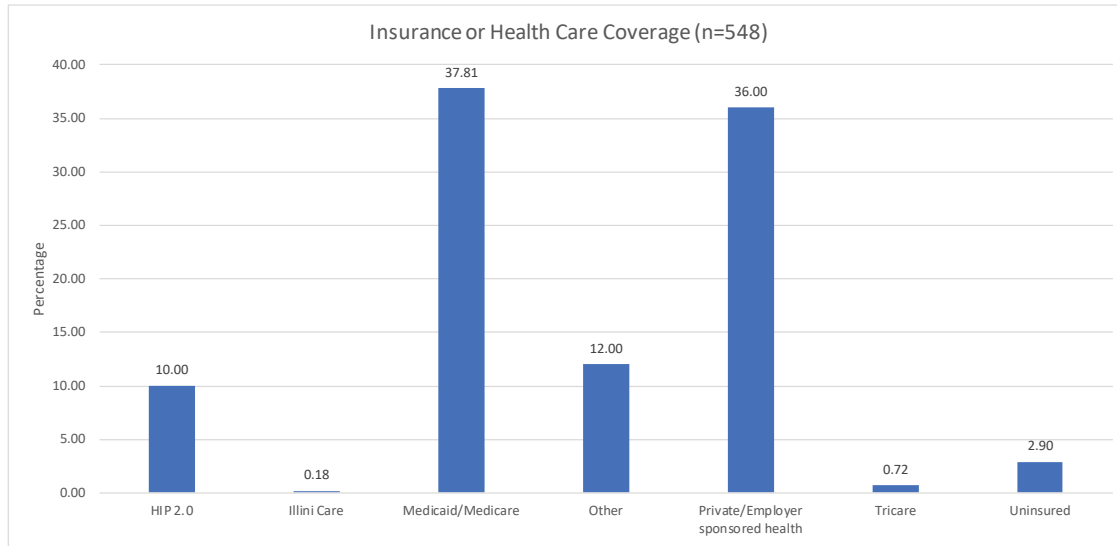
### HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Participants were asked to respond to a range of questions related to their current level of healthcare coverage and also asked what prevents them from getting the health care you feel you need.

**Insurance on Healthcare Coverage.** Participants were asked “What health coverage are you currently enrolled in?” Of the participants, the vast majority, 96.7% (n = 532) reported that they did have such coverage or insurance, while 2.90% (n = 16) responded “Uninsured.”

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Figure 2.4: Participants' Reported Insurance and Personal Provider Characteristics



**Healthcare Engagement.** Participants were provided with a list of 11 health-related services and types of healthcare engagement. Table 2.4 provides a summary of the participants' responses to this question.

Table 2.4: Participants' Reported Types of Healthcare Engagement (n= 550)

| What prevents you from getting the health care you feel you need? (Select all that apply.) |        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                                                                                            | Number | Percentage |
| Cultural/religious beliefs                                                                 | 10     | 1.81%      |
| Do not know how to find the type of doctor I want                                          | 94     | 17.09%     |
| Fear (e.g., not ready to face/discuss health problem)                                      | 96     | 17.45%     |
| I cannot get an appointment when I am available                                            | 160    | 29.09%     |
| Language barriers                                                                          | 14     | 2.54%      |
| Immigration status                                                                         | 3      | 0.54%      |
| No insurance and unable to pay for the care                                                | 44     | 8.00%      |
| Unable to pay co-pay/deductibles                                                           | 119    | 21.63%     |
| Transportation                                                                             | 63     | 11.45%     |
| Lack of access to a computer                                                               | 35     | 6.36%      |
| Bad past medical experience                                                                | 103    | 18.72%     |

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**Resources and Healthcare Engagement.** Participants were provided a list of 10 resources they might have had trouble getting or accessing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants were asked to select all that applied to trouble getting or accessing resources. A majority of participants reported “not applicable” to this question. Table 2.5 breaks down each response to the 10 resources.

**Regarding access to healthcare/doctor visits,** 19.09% of participants (n = 105) indicated that they had trouble getting or accessing a healthcare provider or getting a doctor visit.

**Regarding needing to fill a prescription/medication,** 7.27% (n = 40) indicated that that they were not able to fill a medication or prescription.

**Regarding needing transportation,** only 6.73% of participants (n = 37) indicated that they had not been able to access transportation due to other needs.

Figure 2.5: Participants’ Reports of Resource Challenges and Healthcare

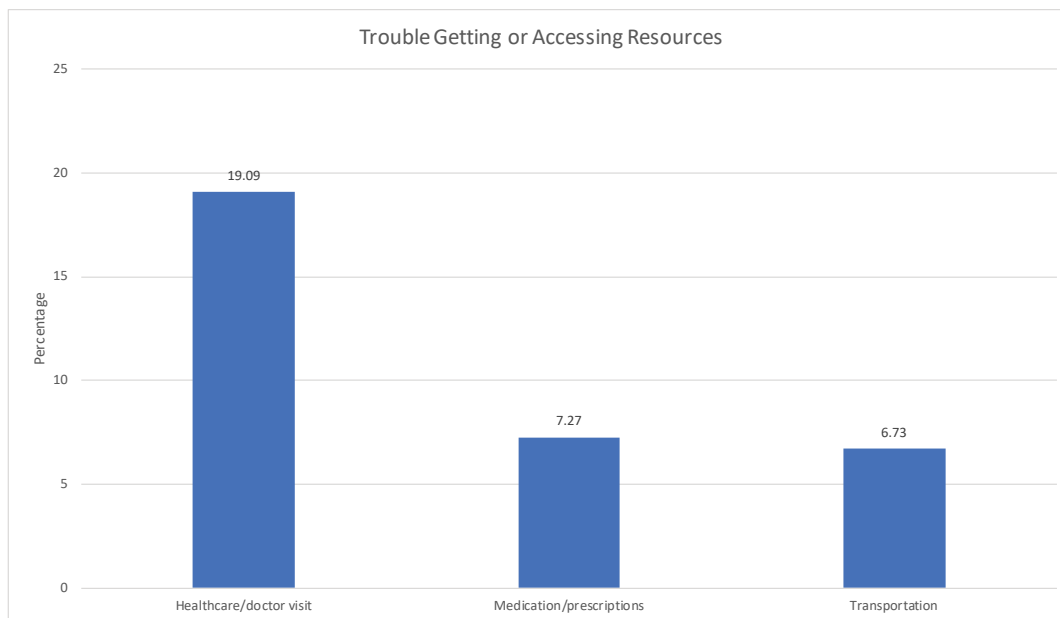


Table 2.5: Participants’ Reports of Resource Challenges and Healthcare

| During the COVID-19 pandemic, have you had trouble getting or accessing any of the following? (Select all that apply.) (n=550) |        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                                                                                                                                | Number | Percentage |
| Exercise/physical activity                                                                                                     | 153    | 27.82%     |
| Food/groceries                                                                                                                 | 81     | 14.73%     |
| Healthcare/doctor visit                                                                                                        | 105    | 19.09%     |
| Infant supplies                                                                                                                | 9      | 1.64%      |
| Medication/prescriptions                                                                                                       | 40     | 7.27%      |
| Spiritual/religious support                                                                                                    | 60     | 10.91%     |
| Transportation                                                                                                                 | 37     | 6.73%      |
| Time with family                                                                                                               | 209    | 38.00%     |
| Utilities                                                                                                                      | 72     | 13.09%     |
| Not applicable                                                                                                                 | 223    | 40.55%     |

### PERSONAL HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIORS

The hospital was interested in a general understanding of the extent to which participants types of health changes they wanted to make in the next year. They were asked to select up to three choices of the listed responses. Of particular interest were behaviors that were conceptualized as health-promoting (e.g., behaviors perceived by the hospital to be supportive of ones' health and well-being) or health-challenging (e.g., behaviors perceived by the hospital to be challenging to ones' health and well-being). Table 2.6 provides a summary of this data.

Table 2.6: Self-Reported Health Behaviors (n=550)

| What type of health changes do you want to make in the next year? (Choose up to 3). |        |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                                                                                     | Number | Percentage |
| Drinking less alcohol                                                               | 38     | 6.91%      |
| Eating better food                                                                  | 275    | 50.00%     |
| Improving sleep                                                                     | 197    | 35.82%     |
| Managing Stress                                                                     | 193    | 35.09%     |
| Getting more exercise                                                               | 328    | 59.64%     |
| Improving relationships                                                             | 82     | 14.91%     |
| Quitting tobacco or nicotine products                                               | 57     | 10.36%     |
| Getting recommended health screenings, like blood tests or mammograms               | 52     | 9.45%      |
| Finding a doctor                                                                    | 52     | 9.45%      |

### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Of particular interest was a better understanding of whether participants perceived that certain social issues (often considered to be determinant of health status) were impacting their lives. Participants were provided with a list of 12 statements and asked to report the extent to which that statement applied to them. Each statement reflected a particular social determinant of health.

Table 2.7: Participants' Reports of Felt Social Determinants

| Which of these items cause you stress in your DAILY life? (Check all that apply.) (n=550) |        |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                                                                                           | Number | Percentage |
| Not enough food                                                                           | 28     | 5.09%      |
| Having a safe place to live                                                               | 38     | 6.91%      |
| Paying utility bills                                                                      | 145    | 26.36%     |
| Reliable transportation                                                                   | 44     | 8.00%      |
| Violence inside the place I live                                                          | 15     | 2.73%      |
| Violence or crime in my neighborhood                                                      | 70     | 12.73%     |
| Getting or maintaining a good job                                                         | 65     | 11.82%     |
| Lack of support from family and friends                                                   | 108    | 19.64%     |
| Lack of spiritual/pastoral support                                                        | 36     | 6.55%      |
| Experiencing disrespect or discrimination                                                 | 78     | 14.18%     |
| Language barriers                                                                         | 17     | 3.09%      |
| Financial planning/budgeting                                                              | 237    | 43.09%     |



HEALTH OUTCOMES



SECTION 3





## SECTION THREE HEALTH OUTCOMES

The previous sections highlighted the environment and factors that contribute to health. Those factors, along with genetics, personal choice, and access to health services, lead to various health outcomes. This section reviews major health issues faced by residents.

In LaPorte County, the leading causes of death were cancer, coronary heart disease, lung disease, unintentional injury, and stroke. Table 3.0 shows the leading causes of death in LaPorte County from 2012-2016.

Table 3.0: Leading Causes of Death ( 2012-2016)

| Leading Cause of Death    | Deaths | Population | Crude Death Rate |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
| 1. Cancer                 | 226    | 110,974    | 239.3            |
| 2. Coronary Heart Disease | 133    | 110,974    | 120.0            |
| 3. Lung Disease           | 78     | 110,974    | 69.9             |
| 4. Unintentional Injury   | 240    | 110,974    | 49.2             |
| 5. Stroke                 | 54     | 110,974    | 42.2             |

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Systems. Accessed via CDC Wonder 2012-2016.

### ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, AND HOMICIDES

Unintentional injury and accidents continue to rank in the top 15 leading causes of injury or death, across the state and within the county. County and state data regarding injury prevention and safety indicators are compared in Table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1: Injury and Safety measure of LaPorte County and Indiana

| Indicator                         | Description                                                                                                                     | Source                 | Measurement Period | LaPorte County | Indiana | HP2030 Goal |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Unintentional Injury Mortality    | Unintentional injury mortality is represented by the number of deaths per 100,000 people.                                       | ISDH                   | 2017               | 71             | 58      | 43.2        |
| Unintentional Poisoning Mortality | Unintentional poisoning mortality is represented by the number of deaths per 100,000 people.                                    | ISDH                   | 2017               | 29.4           | 27.3    | N/A         |
| Suicide Mortality                 | Suicide mortality is represented by the number of deaths per 100,000 people.                                                    | ISDH                   | 2017               | 16.6           | 16.2    | 12.8        |
| Traffic Injury Mortality          | Traffic injury mortality is represented by the number of motor vehicle-related deaths per 100,000 people.                       | ISDH                   | 2017               | 15             | 13.4    | N/A         |
| Homicide Mortality                | Homicide mortality is represented by the number of deaths per 100,000 people.                                                   | ISDH                   | 2017               | 0              | 7.1     | 5.5         |
| Injury ED Visits                  | This measure represents the number of injury-related emergency department encounters among Indiana residents per 10,000 people. | ISDH                   | 2017               | 1,039          | 849.6   | N/A         |
| Injury Hospitalization            | This measure represents the number of injury-related hospital admissions among Indiana residents per 10,000 people.             | ISDH                   | 2017               | 73.4           | 69.1    | N/A         |
| Alcohol Impaired Driving Deaths   | The percentage of motor vehicle crash deaths with alcohol involvement.                                                          | County Health Rankings | 2014-2018          | 25%            | 20%     | 28.3%       |

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### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

#### Quality of Life Indicators

Quality of life can be measure by mental and physical health, as well as having social support. In LaPorte County, we see that 14% of adults report having 14 or more days of poor mental and physical health per month. The average number of days that residents reported having poor mental and physical health falls around four days per month in LaPorte County. Eight percent of the youth feel disconnected, meaning that teens and young adults ages 14 to 26 were neither working nor in school.

Table 3.2: Quality of Life measurements

| Type of Distress                              | Measurement      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| % Frequent Mental Distress                    | 14%              |
| % Frequent Physical Distress                  | 13%              |
| Number of Poor Mental Health Days per Month   | 4.1 days         |
| Number of Poor Physical Health Days per Month | 3.9 days         |
| Inadequate Social Support                     | 75th percentile* |
| % Disconnected Youth                          | 8%               |

\*75th percentile means 75% falls below LaPorte's level.  
Source: County Health Rankings

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### Substance Abuse and Recovery

Excessive drinking is the percentage of adults who reported binge or heavy drinking. In LaPorte County, the percent of adults who reported excessive drinking is 19%.

### Suicide

Suicide is one of the most preventable causes of death, yet it continues to have a major impact on the overall health in the state of Indiana. In 2020, the suicide mortality rate was 15.96 in the nation. From 2015-2019, the suicide mortality rate was 15 in Indiana, and 17 in LaPorte County (CHR, 2015-2019). Table 3.3 shows suicide death rate comparisons for the United States, Indiana, and LaPorte County.

Table 3.3: Suicide Death Rate Comparison, 2016

| Indicator:<br>Suicide Mortality Rate | Source                                     | Measurement Period | Rate per 100,000 Population |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| LaPorte County                       | County Health Rankings                     | 2015-2019          | 17                          |
| Indiana                              | County Health Rankings                     | 2015-2019          | 15                          |
| United States                        | American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | 2020               | 15.96                       |

Source: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Suicide: Indiana 2016 Facts & Figures. County Health Rankings, 2015-2019  
Retrieved from: [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)

### Infectious Disease Rates

#### Hepatitis C Virus Infections

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a blood-borne virus primarily transmitted by an HCV-infected person. HCV occurs in the first several months after infection and results in illness from very mild or no symptoms to a serious acute HCV infection requiring hospitalization. Many people living with HCV do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. Chronic HCV infection results when a person is not able to clear the virus after an acute infection. In 2018, the rate of acute infection in Indiana was 5.7 cases per 100,000. In LaPorte County, we see that the incidence rate is 6.4 but the rate is unstable due to the low number of cases present. For chronic infections, we see that there are 130.9 per 100,000 residents.

#### Newly Diagnosed HIV/AIDS

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is transmitted by an HIV-infected person having unprotected sex or by sharing needles, syringes, and other injection equipment. Sharing these objects put individuals at high risk for transmitting HIV because the drug materials may have blood in them, which can carry HIV. Use of drugs can reduce inhibitions and increase sexual risk behaviors, which may result in other STDs. Currently there is no cure for HIV, but treatment with antiviral therapy greatly extends the life expectancy of people living with HIV. From 2011 to 2018, the rate of newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS infection in Indiana increased slightly from 8.0 to 8.2 cases per 100,000 population. The new diagnosed HIV and AIDs by rate is 5.1 in LaPorte County, which is lower than the average in Indiana.

#### HIV/AIDS Prevalence

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevalence rate is the number of existing cases of HIV at a specified time. From 2015 to 2018, the number of Indiana residents living with HIV/AIDS increased from 11,689 to 12,708 cases. In LaPorte County, the number of prevalent cases is estimated to be 178.

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### **Chlamydia**

Chlamydia is a common sexually transmitted disease (STD) that is transmitted to both men and women through unprotected anal, vaginal, or oral sex. Most of those infected do not show symptoms. The infection is caused by bacteria that are effectively treated with antibiotics. From 2015 to 2018, the rate of chlamydia infection in Indiana remained relatively stable, 436.4 (n=28,886) and 521.9 (n=34,926) cases per 100,000 population, respectively. In LaPorte County, the number of new cases of Chlamydia from 2015-2018 was 378.2 per 100,000 residents.

### **Gonorrhea**

Gonorrhea is an STD that is transmitted to both men and women through unprotected anal, vaginal, or oral sex. Many of those infected do not show symptoms. The infection is caused by bacteria that are effectively treated with antibiotics. From 2015-2018, the rate of Gonorrhea infection in Indiana increased slightly from 118.5 (n=9,545) to 182.2 (n=12,193) cases per 100,000 population. The number of new cases of Gonorrhea in LaPorte County was 136.4 per 100,000 residents.



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### MATERNAL, INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH

Since 2013, the number of live births in LaPorte County has stayed relatively stable at around 1,300 a year. The number of babies born with low birth weight in LaPorte County has also remained stable at around 120 low births per year. The number of babies born before 37 weeks gestation in LaPorte County has increased by 0.3% since 2013.

Table 3.4: LaPorte County Birth Outcomes Profile, 2013-2017

| Indicator                                   | 2015        | 2016         | 2017        | 2018         | 2019         | 2015-2019 Combined |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>Nativity</b>                             |             |              |             |              |              |                    |
| # Live Births                               | 1,319       | 1,331        | 1,340       | 1,3101       | 1,276        | 6,576              |
| # Low Birth Weight                          | 107         | 122          | 121         | 110          | 120          | 580                |
| % Low Birth Weight                          | 7.9%        | 9.2%         | 9.0%        | 8.4%         | 9.4%         | 8.8%               |
| State Percent                               | <b>8.0%</b> | <b>8.2%</b>  | <b>8.3%</b> | <b>8.1%</b>  | <b>8.2%</b>  | <b>8.2%</b>        |
| # Preterm Births                            | 131         | 138          | 131         | 128          | 150          | 678                |
| % Preterm Births                            | 9.9%        | 10.4%        | 9.8%        | 9.8%         | 11.8%        | 10.3%              |
| State Percent                               | <b>9.6%</b> | <b>10.0%</b> | <b>9.9%</b> | <b>10.2%</b> | <b>10.1%</b> | <b>10.0%</b>       |
| # Infant Deaths                             | 3           | 10           | 15          | 12           | 6            | 46                 |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births | U           | U            | U           | U            | U            | 7.0                |
| State IMR                                   | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>7.1</b>   | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>7.5</b>   | <b>7.3</b>   | <b>7.3</b>         |

Low Birth Weight = < 2,500 grams

Preterm = <37 weeks gestations

U = Unstable rate due to 20 or fewer births or outcomes

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health

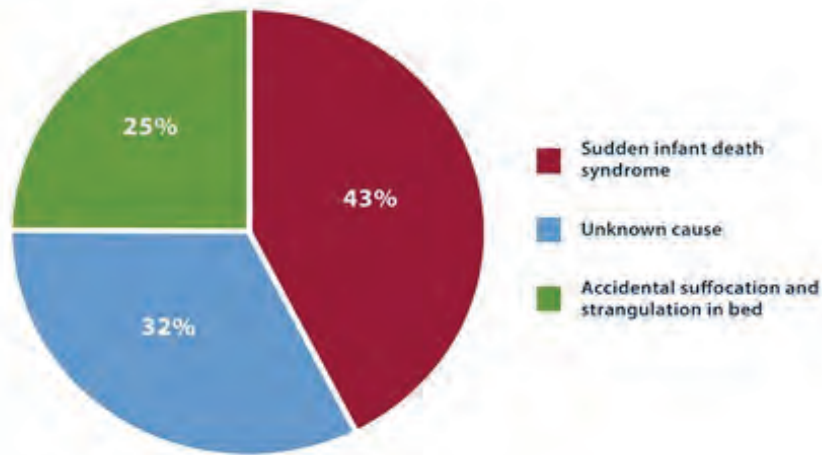
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### Sudden Unexpected Infant Death & Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

According to the CDC, sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs) occur among infants less than one year old and have no immediately apparent cause (2017). The three commonly reported types of SUID include the following:

1. Sudden infant death (SIDS)
2. Unknown cause
3. Accidental strangulation or suffocation in bed

Figure 3.0: Commonly Reported SUIDs in Indiana



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Compressed Mortality File.

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Table 3.5: Infant Mortality Rates in LaPorte County

| Indicator                                         | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2013-2017 Combined |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| <b>Nativity</b>                                   |      |      |      |      |      |                    |
| # Neonatal Deaths                                 | 2    | 5    | 13   | 8    | 4    | 32                 |
| # Post-Neonatal Deaths                            | 1    | 5    | 2    | 4    | 2    | 14                 |
| # Infant Deaths                                   | 3    | 10   | 15   | 12   | 6    | 46                 |
| Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1,000 Live Births | U    | U    | U    | U    | U    | 7.0                |
| State IMR                                         | 7.1  | 7.1  | 7.3  | 7.5  | 7.3  | 7.3                |

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health

Data Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team

\*= unstable rate due to fewer than 20 births or outcomes; \*\*= Percentages have been suppressed when there are fewer than 5, including 0 birth outcomes; Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health; Data Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology Resource Center, Data Analysis Team

From 2013 to 2015, there was an increase in the number of neonatal deaths. However, deaths have begun to decline in 2016 and 2017. This same trend was seen in the number of infant deaths from 2013-2015 and 2016-2017. The infant mortality rate has been consistently over the state rates.

### Young Children

The number of children in need of service is shown in Table 3.6. This number has been steadily above 100 since 2013. In LaPorte County there are lower numbers of substantiated neglect, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. The unsubstantiated number of neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse cases is higher, and in LaPorte County, there was one child death resulting from neglect in 2016.

Table 3.6: Child Abuse and Neglect in LaPorte County

| Indicator                                   | Description                                                                                                                                       | Measurement Period | LaPorte County |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| CHINS Cases                                 | Number of children who were in need of services such as housing, protecting, etc., due to abuse and neglect in family in measurement period year. | 2017               | 312            |
| Child Abuse: Neglect                        | Percentage of total child abuse cases reported that were as neglect.                                                                              | 2017               | 10.1%          |
| Child Abuse: Sexual                         | Percentage of total child abuse cases reported that were classified as sexual abuse.                                                              | 2017               | 8.5%           |
| Child Abuse: Physical                       | Percentage of total abuse cases reported that were classified as physical abuse.                                                                  | 2017               | 4.2%           |
| # of Fatal Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect | Number of occurrences in which the child abuse and neglect was fatal in the measurement period year.                                              | 2016               | 1              |

Source: MAGIK Monthly Data; As of: 12/1/2017

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### CHRONIC DISEASES

Chronic diseases are among the most prevalent and costly health issues in Indiana and across the nation. Indiana has significantly inflated rates compared to the nation in regard to a variety of chronic health diseases. Chronic diseases are often easily detected and preventable. According to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), heart disease, cancer, and stroke represent the three leading causes of death Indiana (2017).

### RESPIRATORY DISEASES

Respiratory disease continues to be a problem in LaPorte County as asthma and other respiratory disease like COPD lead to emergency department visits and hospitalization. Table 3.7 shows respiratory disease rates in LaPorte and Indiana for comparison. The number of pediatric and adult asthma cases is show in Table 3.8 along with the percentage of adults who smoke in the county.

Table 3.7: LaPorte County Respiratory Disease Rate Comparisons

| Indicator                                          | Description                                                                                                                                   | Source                             | Measurement Period | LaPorte County | Indiana |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Age-Adjusted Asthma ED Visits</b>               | This measure represents the number of asthma-related emergency department encounters among Indiana residents per 10,000.                      | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center | 2017               | 50.5           | 43.3    |
| <b>Child Asthma ED Visits</b>                      | This measure represents the number of asthma-related emergency department encounters among Indiana children ages 5 to 17 per 10,000 children. | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center | 2017               | 72.7           | 57.0    |
| <b>Asthma Hospitalization</b>                      | This measure represents the number of asthma-related hospital admissions among Indiana residents per 10,000 people.                           | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center | 2017               | 2.6            | 1.0     |
| <b>Child Asthma Hospitalization</b>                | This measure represents the number of asthma-related hospital admissions among Indiana children ages 5 to 17 per 10,000 children.             | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center | 2017               | 5.2            | 4.8     |
| <b>Age-Adjusted COPD Hospitalizations</b>          | Average annual age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) per 10,000 population aged 18 and older. | Indiana Hospital Association       | 2014-2016          | 40.9           | 31.8    |
| <b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease Mortality</b> | Chronic lower respiratory disease mortality is represented by the number of deaths per 100,000 people.                                        | ISDH, Epidemiology Resource Center | 2017               | 47.9           | 55.2    |

Table 3.8: Percent of Adults Who Smoke and Asthma Counts

| Indicator                     | Number |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Pediatric Asthma Count</b> | 1,826  |
| <b>Adult Asthma Count</b>     | 8,873  |
| <b>Adults Who Smoke</b>       | 23%    |



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### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Cardiovascular disease continues to be a problem in LaPorte County, as strokes, heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases lead to emergency department visits and hospitalization. Table 3.9 shows cardiovascular disease rates in LaPorte.

Table 3.9: Cardiovascular Disease Death Rate Comparison

| Indicator                                            | Description                                                                                                                                  | Source | Measurement Period | LaPorte County |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Stroke Hospitalization</b>                        | This measure represents the number of stroke hospital admissions per 10,000 population.                                                      | ISDH   | 2016-2019          | 27.1           |
| <b>Stroke Deaths</b>                                 | This measure represents the number of stroke deaths per 100,000 population.                                                                  | ISDH   | 2016-2019          | 38.3           |
| <b>Heart Disease Hospitalization</b>                 | This measure represents the number of heart disease related hospital admissions per 10,000 population.                                       | ISDH   | 2016-2019          | 113.6          |
| <b>Heart Disease Deaths</b>                          | This measure represents the number of heart disease deaths per 100,000 population.                                                           | ISDH   | 2016-2019          | 218.7          |
| <b>Acute Myocardial Infarctions Hospitalizations</b> | This measure represents the number of acute myocardial infarctions related hospital admissions per 1000 Medicare beneficiaries 65 and older. | CDC    | 2015-2017          | 9.5            |
| <b>Acute Myocardial Infarctions Deaths</b>           | This number represents the number of acute myocardial infarctions related deaths per 100,000.                                                | CDC    | 2016-2018          | 151.8          |
| <b>Heart Failure Hospitalization</b>                 | This measure represents the number of heart failure hospital admissions per 1000 Medicare beneficiaries 65 and older.                        | CDC    | 2015-2017          | 18.9           |
| <b>Heart Failure Deaths</b>                          | This measure represents the number of heart failure deaths per 100,000 population.                                                           | CDC    | 2016-2018          | 798.9          |

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### OBESITY

Obesity in LaPorte County is slightly lower than that of the state average, at 10% and 10.2% respectively. We also see that diabetes in those 20 and older is higher in LaPorte County than that of the state average. With lifestyle changes we will be able to see decreased in the rates of hospitalization and deaths due to diabetes and other associated complications.

Table 3.10: LaPorte County Obesity Data

| Indicator                                                                            | Description                                                                                                                             | Source                       | Measurement Period | Percentage or Rate |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
|                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |                    | LaPorte County     | Indiana |
| <b>Diabetes Prevalence</b>                                                           | Percentage of adults aged 20 or older with medically diagnosed diabetes.                                                                | CDC                          | 2016               | 10.0               | 9.0     |
| <b>Adults, aged 20 and older, with Diabetes</b>                                      | Percentage of adults aged 20 and older who have ever been diagnosed with diabetes.                                                      | CDC                          | 2016               | 11.2%              | 10.4%   |
| <b>Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rates due to Diabetes</b>                            | Average annual age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to diabetes per 10,000 population aged 18 years and older, including type 1 and 2. | Indiana Hospital Association | 2014-2016          | 33                 | 20.3    |
| <b>Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rate due to Short-Term Complications of Diabetes</b> | Age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to short-term complications of diabetes per 10,000 population aged 18 years and older.            | Indiana Hospital Association | 2014-2016          | 9.6                | 9.0     |

\*Blood sugar test is HbA1c

\*Short-term complications include ketoacidosis, hypervolemia, or coma.

\*Long-term complications include eye, renal, neurological, or circulatory complications or complications not otherwise specified.

Diabetes mortality is the diabetes associated deaths per 100,000 population (age-adjusted).

Sources: Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Indicators

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### CANCER

General cancer rates are higher in LaPorte County than the Indiana state average at 495.4 and 467.2, respectively. Table 3.11 shows the only cancer rate that is lower in LaPorte County than the state average is female breast cancer.

Table 3.11: Cancer Incidence and Mortality of LaPorte County compared to Indiana (Indiana Indicator, 2017)

| Indicator               | LaPorte County | Indiana | HP 2030 Goal |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|
| <b>Cancer Incidence</b> | 495.4          | 467.2   | N/A          |
| <i>Lung</i>             | 76.8           | 71.9    | N/A          |
| <i>Colorectal</i>       | 44.6           | 42.4    | N/A          |
| <i>Female Breast</i>    | 119.1          | 121.7   | N/A          |
| <i>Prostate</i>         | 107.1          | 89.9    | N/A          |
| <b>Cancer Mortality</b> | 176.2          | 169.9   | 122.7        |
| <i>Lung</i>             | 39.8           | 47.2    | 25.1         |
| <i>Colorectal</i>       | 24.2           | 15.8    | 8.9          |
| <i>Female Breast</i>    | 15.4           | 21.0    | 15.3         |
| <i>Prostate</i>         | 19.8           | 18.7    | 16.9         |

\*Incidence Measurement Period: 2016 \*\*Mortality Rate Measurement Period: 2017 \*\*\*Rates per 100,000 persons



TOP HEALTH NEEDS



SECTION 4



## SECTION FOUR TOP HEALTH NEEDS

Collecting data for this report presented many challenges due to delayed secondary datasets, COVID restrictions, and the complications of daily life in 2020 and early 2021. Fortunately, the large scale of research in the 2019-2021 report allowed the Community Health Improvement Team to use previous tools and update the overall findings for this new cycle. As in every data collection and analysis process, there are many limitations to the data.

Two surveys were conducted in 2021. The first focused on community based organizations, including food pantries, schools, social service agencies, health care providers, community action programs, and local government offices. This survey highlighted strengths and weaknesses in community safety nets and populations most in need of additional services.

The second survey was deployed to those living in Franciscan Health communities using convenience sampling. Individuals on Franciscan Health's various email list serves received two invitations to complete the survey. In addition, staff worked with partner organizations to get responses from the most vulnerable populations in communities, such as those in homeless shelters, using food pantries, receiving health care from a federally qualified health center, or those who speak languages other than Spanish and English. By using income and insurance qualifying questions, staff are able to understand unique needs in the general population versus vulnerable populations. The public survey focuses on opinions, needs, and community resources.

Secondary data for this report relies on the data collection efforts of other organizations, such as state health departments, federal agencies, and others. This data is often lagging in time or represents larger geographic areas than preferred.

The following details more survey findings, followed by the results of the data assessment.

### STRESS AND COVID

As a gauge of health and wellbeing, respondents indicated their perceived physical, mental, and social health.

Table 4.1: Perceived Health and Wellbeing, Cook County

| Response                     | Excellent |       | Fair   |       | Good   |       | Poor   |      | Very good |       |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------|-----------|-------|
|                              | Number    | %     | Number | %     | Number | %     | Number | %    | Number    | %     |
| Your physical health is...   | 63        | 11.45 | 109    | 19.81 | 216    | 39.27 | 20     | 3.63 | 141       | 25.63 |
| Your mental health is...     | 92        | 16.72 | 88     | 16.00 | 181    | 32.90 | 20     | 3.63 | 167       | 30.36 |
| Your social well-being is... | 98        | 17.81 | 91     | 16.54 | 176    | 32.00 | 18     | 3.27 | 165       | 30.00 |

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To clarify the impact of COVID, participants were also asked to rank change in life satisfaction as a result of COVID.

Table 4.2: Pandemic Life Satisfaction, LaPorte County

| Response        | Number | Percentage |
|-----------------|--------|------------|
| A little better | 58     | 10.55%     |
| A little worse  | 124    | 22.55%     |
| Much better     | 23     | 4.18%      |
| Much worse      | 22     | 4.00%      |
| Same            | 320    | 58.18%     |

Participants were also asked to rate their average level of stress during the past month.

Table 4.3: Levels of Stress, LaPorte County

| Level of Stress | Number | Percentage |
|-----------------|--------|------------|
| 1               | 41     | 7.45%      |
| 2               | 43     | 7.82%      |
| 3               | 53     | 9.64%      |
| 4               | 50     | 9.09%      |
| 5               | 90     | 16.36%     |
| 6               | 47     | 8.55%      |
| 7               | 85     | 15.45%     |
| 8               | 62     | 11.27%     |
| 9               | 38     | 6.91%      |
| 10              | 41     | 7.45%      |

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The table below examines some of the causes of daily stress.

Table 4.4: Which of These Items Cause Stress In Your Daily Life, LaPorte County

|                                           | Number | Percentage |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Not enough food                           | 28     | 5.09%      |
| Having a safe place to live               | 38     | 6.91%      |
| Paying utility bills                      | 145    | 26.36%     |
| Reliable transportation                   | 44     | 8.00%      |
| Violence inside the place I live          | 15     | 2.73%      |
| Violence or crime in my neighborhood      | 70     | 12.73%     |
| Getting or maintaining a good job         | 65     | 11.82%     |
| Lack of support from family and friends   | 108    | 19.64%     |
| Lack of spiritual/pastoral support        | 36     | 6.55%      |
| Experiencing disrespect or discrimination | 78     | 14.18%     |
| Language barriers                         | 17     | 3.09%      |
| Financial planning/budgeting              | 237    | 43.09%     |

## HEALTH BEHAVIORS

Respondents were able to choose up to three changes they would like to make in the following year.

Table 4.5: Health Changes, Cook County

|                                                                       | Number | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Drinking less alcohol                                                 | 38     | 6.91%      |
| Eating better food                                                    | 275    | 50.00%     |
| Improving sleep                                                       | 197    | 35.82%     |
| Managing Stress                                                       | 193    | 35.09%     |
| Getting more exercise                                                 | 328    | 59.64%     |
| Improving relationships                                               | 82     | 14.91%     |
| Quitting tobacco or nicotine products                                 | 57     | 10.36%     |
| Getting recommended health screenings, like blood tests or mammograms | 52     | 9.45%      |
| Finding a doctor                                                      | 52     | 9.45%      |

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In an effort to better understand hesitancy or access to medical care, a question was asked on barriers.

Table 4.6: Healthcare Barriers, LaPorte County

|                                                       | Number | Percentage |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Cultural/religious beliefs                            | 10     | 1.81%      |
| Do not know how to find the type of doctor I want     | 94     | 17.09%     |
| Fear (e.g., not ready to face/discuss health problem) | 96     | 17.45%     |
| I cannot get an appointment when I am available       | 160    | 29.09%     |
| Language barriers                                     | 14     | 2.54%      |
| Immigration status                                    | 3      | 0.54%      |
| No insurance and unable to pay for the care           | 44     | 8.00%      |
| Unable to pay co-pay/deductibles                      | 119    | 21.63%     |
| Transportation                                        | 63     | 11.45%     |
| Lack of access to a computer                          | 35     | 6.36%      |
| Bad past medical experience                           | 103    | 18.72%     |

## COMMUNITY GAPS AND RESOURCES

Two questions assist in understanding the need for programming and resources within communities. First, participants were asked what type of healthcare related services are missing in their community.

Table 4.7: Missing Healthcare Services, LaPorte County

| Response                                    | Number | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Chronic disease care                        | 109    | 19.81%     |
| Acute care, like for an injury or infection | 41     | 7.45%      |
| Vaccines or health screenings               | 31     | 5.63%      |
| General primary care                        | 84     | 15.27%     |
| Prenatal or well-baby care                  | 22     | 4.00%      |
| Hospital emergency room/Urgent center care  | 39     | 7.09%      |
| Pharmacy/Drug store                         | 32     | 5.81%      |
| Dental care                                 | 82     | 14.90%     |
| Screening for anxiety or depression         | 176    | 32.00%     |
| Treatment for mental health                 | 221    | 40.18%     |
| Treatment for an addiction                  | 181    | 32.90%     |
| Vision or hearing care                      | 85     | 15.45%     |



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Second, a list of typical health promotion activities was provided for participants to indicate if services were needed for themselves, their family or friends, or community:

Table 4.8: Health Promotion Programs, LaPorte County

| Responses                                            | Me     |       | Family/Friends |       | Community |       | None   |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
|                                                      | Number | %     | Number         | %     | Number    | %     | Number | %     |
| Healthy cooking classes                              | 168    | 30.54 | 111            | 20.18 | 265       | 48.18 | 138    | 25.09 |
| Free or reduced cost healthy foods                   | 167    | 30.36 | 142            | 25.81 | 346       | 62.90 | 95     | 17.27 |
| Free exercise programs                               | 251    | 45.63 | 164            | 29.81 | 306       | 55.63 | 70     | 12.72 |
| Weight loss programs                                 | 228    | 41.45 | 162            | 29.45 | 282       | 51.27 | 83     | 15.09 |
| Mental health counseling                             | 140    | 25.45 | 169            | 30.72 | 340       | 61.81 | 98     | 17.81 |
| Low cost legal help                                  | 140    | 25.45 | 121            | 22.00 | 331       | 60.18 | 97     | 17.63 |
| Financial planning/budgeting                         | 161    | 29.27 | 140            | 25.45 | 315       | 57.27 | 109    | 19.81 |
| Help getting health insurance                        | 75     | 13.63 | 108            | 19.63 | 335       | 60.90 | 127    | 23.09 |
| Programs to help young children learn                | 68     | 12.36 | 130            | 23.63 | 360       | 65.45 | 111    | 20.18 |
| Parenting classes                                    | 32     | 5.81  | 85             | 15.45 | 375       | 68.18 | 120    | 21.81 |
| Prenatal classes                                     | 23     | 4.18  | 73             | 13.27 | 373       | 67.81 | 136    | 24.72 |
| Classes just for fathers                             | 29     | 5.27  | 75             | 13.63 | 359       | 65.27 | 139    | 25.27 |
| Programs for grandparents raising grandchildren      | 29     | 5.27  | 77             | 14.00 | 355       | 64.54 | 140    | 25.45 |
| Places to dispose of precriptions and needles safety | 93     | 16.90 | 85             | 15.45 | 359       | 71.80 | 113    | 20.54 |
| Stress management                                    | 163    | 29.63 | 149            | 27.09 | 344       | 62.54 | 93     | 16.90 |
| Community gardens/gardening workshops                | 98     | 17.81 | 96             | 17.45 | 346       | 62.90 | 121    | 22.00 |
| Diabetes management classes                          | 86     | 15.63 | 116            | 21.09 | 341       | 62.00 | 114    | 20.72 |
| Help for people experiencing abuse or neglect        | 34     | 6.18  | 80             | 14.54 | 389       | 70.72 | 104    | 18.90 |
| Suicide prevention training                          | 60     | 10.90 | 94             | 17.09 | 394       | 71.63 | 106    | 19.27 |

### TOP HEALTH NEEDS, LAPORTE COUNTY 2022-2024

Determining the top health needs in a community is a difficult process. Many poor health outcomes, health disparities, and poor social determinants of health weigh heavily on segments of our community. We also acknowledge that there are many strengths and positive growth that balance some of these challenges. Franciscan Health determined the top health needs by reviewing secondary data, survey responses, and feedback meeting input. A core team of 12 staff members with education and experience in public health worked with staff in each community to come to consensus on the top issues. A combination of multi-vote ranking and the Hanlon method were used. Once a refined list of the top ten issues was brought to consensus, each staff member ranked health issues based on the following criteria:

- Size: How many people are affected by this issue?
- Seriousness: How serious of an issue is this? Is it potentially deadly? How much of a threat is it to the population that is affected?
- Equity: How much does this affect the most vulnerable residents? Because of this, does it put those who are affected at a serious disadvantage?
- Intervention: How likely is it that a non-clinical intervention will change this need?
- Time: How urgent or pressing is this? Is there imminent danger or life-threatening consequences within months?

To assist with intervention planning, a second score on the potential for Franciscan Health to prioritize the health issue was determined. Scoring criteria included:

- Community Health Staffing: Is the Community Health Improvement Department able to adequately staff this?
- Internal Capacity: To what degree does the specific Franciscan Health hospital have the resources to meet this need?
- Community Acceptability: How acceptable is action or an intervention to the community? Are there community organizations that also want to engage in this?
- Sustainability: How sustainable are efforts after three years? Are there community partners or internal departments that can continue this work for six years?
- Long-Term Impact: How likely is it that an intervention can create long-term or permanent change in individuals, conditions, or communities?

Using a mix of Hanlon and PEARL techniques, the Franciscan Health community health team scored the secondary data, feedback meeting comments, and survey data to produce the following list of top health needs in the community. A copy of the scoring sheet is available in the appendix.

The following table shows the top health needs in three categories: social need, poor health behaviors, and poor health outcomes. This takes into account the complexity of social determinants of health and the many factors that make up individual health. In some cases, one will notice a clear path between social need, poor behaviors, and the resulting outcome.

Many needs are self-explanatory or based on commonly understood definitions. However, some issues are a bit nuanced or emerging community trends. The Department offers these definitions to aid in understanding identified issues:

### SOCIAL COHESION

- Includes overall sense of community, social bonding, bridging, connectedness, support networks, family building, “warm hand-off” for resources, understanding of others, communication and conflict skill development
- **How we know:** Victimization rates, behavioral health issues, social service agencies report/survey, service provider rates (patient:provider ratio), public survey data, professional survey data

### VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

- Includes domestic and interpersonal violence, child abuse/neglect, human trafficking, violent crime, elder abuse/neglect
- **How we know:** Mortality rates, public survey data, professional survey data, lack of service provider capacity; CHINS cases, DCS/DCFS substantiated abuse cases, violent crime rates, ED data, hate crime rates

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Includes diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health issues, suicide, self-harm, depression, anxiety
- **How we know:** Service provider rates (patient:provider ratio), suicide rates, self-harm rates, poor mental health days, professional survey data, public survey data, lack of resources

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Includes illegal drugs, prescription abuse, alcohol
- **How we know:** Mortality rates, overdose rates, DUI, ED/patient data, public survey data, professional survey data

### ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

- Includes barriers that prevent or limit access to needed health care services, no transportation, lack of insurance, underinsured, transportation, availability of providers and services
- **How we know:** Public survey data, professional survey data, insurance rates, service provider rates (patient:provider ratio)



## SECTION FOUR TOP HEALTH NEEDS

### LAPORTE COUNTY

**Most vulnerable community groups:** Pregnant women, new families, low income children, single parent households, those with untreated mental health issues, victims of violence, homeless, un/underinsured

| Social Needs                   | Poor Health Behaviors | Poor Health Outcomes               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Food Insecurity                | Nutrition             | Cancer                             |
| Poverty                        | Substance Abuse       | Cardiovascular Diseases            |
| Access to Mental Health        | Teen Pregnancy        | Diabetes                           |
| Housing                        | Tobacco               | Obesity                            |
| Access to Trusted Medical Care | Unsafe Sex            | Infant Mortality                   |
| Employment                     | Physical Activity     | Liver Diseases                     |
| Social Cohesion                | Suicide               | Respiratory Diseases               |
|                                | Human Trafficking     | Teen Pregnancy/Unplanned Pregnancy |
|                                |                       | Victims of Violence Trauma         |
|                                |                       | STD/Hepatitis                      |
|                                |                       | Child Abuse/Neglect                |



SECTION 5



| <b>Family and Youth Services</b><br><i>(Excluding schools and government agencies)</i> |                    |               |         |       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                                                                           | Street Address     | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| Boys & Girls Club                                                                      | 321 Detroit Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-873-2298 |
| Fly High Youth Services Inc.                                                           |                    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-210-6011 |
| Youth Services Bureau                                                                  | 906 Michigan Ave   | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-362-9587 |
| YMCA La Porte                                                                          | 901 Michigan Ave   | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-325-9622 |
| YMCA                                                                                   | 1202 Spring Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-872-9622 |

| <b>Social Cohesion</b><br><i>(Senior services, community centers)</i> |                |               |         |       |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                                                          | Street Address | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| Senior Center                                                         | 2 On the Lake  | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.873.1504 |



**Physical Activity/Built Environment***(Parks, free activity, non-profit organizations)*

| Organization              | Street Address                  | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Michigan City Skate-park  | 550 W. 4th Street               | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-873-1506 |
| Adams Park                | 307 Village Rd.                 | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Canada Park               | 300 Center Street               | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Cleveland Park            | 300 Cleveland Ave.              | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Gardena Park              | 900 Gardena Street              | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Hansen Park               | 100 E. Street                   | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Joe Hawkins Memorial Park | 1501 W. 8th Street              | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Karwick Nature Park       | 700 S. Karwick Rd.              | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Krueger Memorial Park     | 801 Liberty Trail               | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Oak Hills Park            | 716 Martin Luther King Drive    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Pullman Park              | 550 West 4th Street             | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Ruby Woods                | 3535 Franklin Street            | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Striebel Pond             | 1100 W Hitchcock Street         | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Tall Timbers Park         | 3100 Springland Ave.            | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Walker Street Park        | 900 Walker Street               | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Water Tower Park          | 301 Broadway Street             | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Charles R. Westcott Park  | US 12 & East Michigan Blvd.     | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Winding Creek Cove        | 8th & Dickson Streets           | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Oasis Splash Park         | Fedder Drive<br>Washington Park | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-898-4021 |

SECTION FIVE COMMUNITY ASSETS

| <b>Food Related</b><br><i>(Food pantries, food education, special food outlets)</i> |                         |               |         |       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                                                                        | Street Address          | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| Salvation Army                                                                      | 1201 Franklin Street    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-6885 |
| Pleasant Hill MB Church                                                             | 717 E. 10th Street      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-2877 |
| PAX Center                                                                          | 605 Washington Street   | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-575-7842 |
| Faith City                                                                          | 1314 S. Woodland Ave.   | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-872-6235 |
| Macedonia MB Church                                                                 | 3007 Ohio Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-4382 |
| Sacred Heart Church                                                                 | 201 Bach Street         | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-362-2815 |
| New Disciple Love Fellowship                                                        | 1411 Pine Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-3268 |
| The Good Shepard Food Pantry                                                        | 6006 Fail Road          | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-778-9444 |
| First United Methodist Church                                                       | 121 E. 7th Street       | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-765-1575 |
| Springfield Township                                                                | 227 W. 650 North        | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-325-0809 |
| First Presbyterian Church Food/Soup Kitchen                                         | 121 W. 9th Street       | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-4501 |
| Calvary Lighthouse                                                                  | 2468 North State Rd.39  | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-325-3058 |
| St. Mary Roman Catholic Food Pantry                                                 | 411 W. 11th Street      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-7231 |
| Center Township Trustee                                                             | 1700 Lincolnway Place   | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-362-2736 |
| Arise & Shine Food and Outreach Center                                              | 1010 W. Garfield Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 813-494-9012 |
| Trinity Church                                                                      | 600 Franklin Street     | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-4355 |





## SECTION FIVE COMMUNITY ASSETS

### Job Skills/Employment Programs

*(Include programs for idle teens, adult job skills, employers hiring vulnerable populations legally)*

| Organization           | Street Address          | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| AK Smith Career Center | 817 W. Lafayette Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-873-2120 |
| Grace Learning Center  | 1007 W. 8th Street      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-6788 |

### Housing/ Utilities

*(Healthy housing, subsidized housing, utility assistance)*

| Organization                          | Street Address        | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| North Central Community Action Agency | 301 E. 8th Street     | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-872-3764 |
| Salvation Army                        | 1201 Franklin St.     | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-6885 |
| Anthony Adams House                   | 209 N. Woodland Ave   | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-214-6505 |
| Catholic Charities                    | 321 W. 11th Street    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-814-4861 |
| Michigan Township Trustee             | 2601 E. Michigan Blvd | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-5201 |
| Center Township Trustee               | 1700 Lincolnway       | La Porte      | Indiana | 46350 | 219-362-2736 |
| Michigan City Housing Authority       | 621 E. Michigan Blvd. | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-872-7287 |

### Health Care

*(Free clinics, FQHCs, CHCs, other health systems)*

| Organization                              | Street Address           | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| HealthLinc Community Health Center        | 710 Franklin St.         | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-872-6200 |
| Open Door Adolescent Health Center (MCHS) | 8466 W. Pahs Road (MCHS) | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-873-2082 |

## SECTION FIVE COMMUNITY ASSETS

| <b>Mental Health Services</b><br><i>(Health systems, providers, substance abuse counseling/treatment)</i> |                       |               |         |       |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|
| Organization                                                                                              | Street Address        | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number             |
| Swanson Center                                                                                            | 7224 W. 400 North     | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-4621             |
| Samartian Counseling                                                                                      | 340 Commerce Sq.      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-3283             |
| Keys Counseling                                                                                           | 801 Washington Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-809-0333             |
| Brighter Beginnings Counseling                                                                            | 2424 Franklin Street  | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-608-8357             |
| Bowen Center                                                                                              | PO Box 495            | Michigan City | Indiana | 46361 | 800-342-5653<br>ext 3796 |

| <b>Transportation</b><br><i>(Public, Medicaid/Medicare cab, senior services)</i> |                  |               |         |       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                                                                     | Street Address   | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| Dial a Ride                                                                      | 1801 Kentucky St | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-873-1502 |
| ATC Ambulance                                                                    |                  | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-214-0108 |
| Around the Clock                                                                 | 213 Arthur St.   | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-879-1039 |

| <b>Infant/New Parent Supplies or Services</b><br><i>(BABE stores, diaper banks, car seats)</i> |                      |               |         |       |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                                                                                   | Street Address       | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| LaPorte County Health Department                                                               | 802 W. 8th Street    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-326-6808 |
| Women's Care Center                                                                            | 732 Wabash Street    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-4646 |
| Salvation Army                                                                                 | 1201 Franklin Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-6885 |
| Dunebrook                                                                                      | 7451 W. Johnson Rd.  | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219-874-0007 |

### Licensed Child Care

| Organization                            | Street Address          | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Granny's House                          | 310 S. Park Street      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.0214 |
| Wee Care                                | 1209 Franklin Street    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.221.6136 |
| Imagination Station                     | 1200 E. Coolspring Ave. | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.872.6723 |
| Children of Destiny Child Care          | 721 Davidson Ave.       | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.210.3449 |
| Little Sprouts Learning Center          | 122 Logan Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.0872 |
| Kidz Paradise                           | 1208 Elston Street      | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.809.9456 |
| Hearts & Hands Childcare                | 1302 Ohio Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.210.3786 |
| Village Kids                            | 913 Green Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.6639 |
| Giggly Wiggly                           | 117 Esther Street       | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.5752 |
| Constructive Pathways Montessori School | 4303 N. Wozniak Road    | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.874.5897 |
| Kids Are Kids                           | 415 Hayes Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.874.4803 |
| Cribs to Crayons                        | 614 Pearl Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.2234 |
| Little Saints                           | 1712 E. US Highway 20   | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.814.4648 |
| Peek A Boo                              | 806 Ohio Street         | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.7355 |
| Express Yourself Daycare                | 2703 Ohio Street        | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.879.8333 |

| Community Coalitions                  |                     |               |         |       |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Organization                          | Street Address      | City          | State   | Zip   | Phone Number |
| Healthy Communities of LaPorte County | 422 Franklin Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.210.3499 |
| Home Team                             | Nief Building       | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 |              |
| Tobacco Coalition                     | 422 Franklin Street | Michigan City | Indiana | 46360 | 219.210.3499 |





CALL TO ACTION



SECTION 6



## THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The purpose of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is to link the data found in the CHNA to action. The federal regulation recommends that hospitals pay special attention to those in the community with significant health equity barriers and consult those same groups for acceptable interventions. Partnerships, sustainable change, and working directly with neighborhoods are priorities. Guidance from a variety of sources also recommend addressing root cause of issues, including structural injustices and social determinants of health.

### METHODOLOGY

The Community Health Improvement Department has rooted its intervention philosophies and frameworks in public health, using evidence based practices to ensure best possible outcomes. The Socio-Ecological model, developed by Urie Bronfenbrenner, is routinely used to consider the appropriate community based strategies.

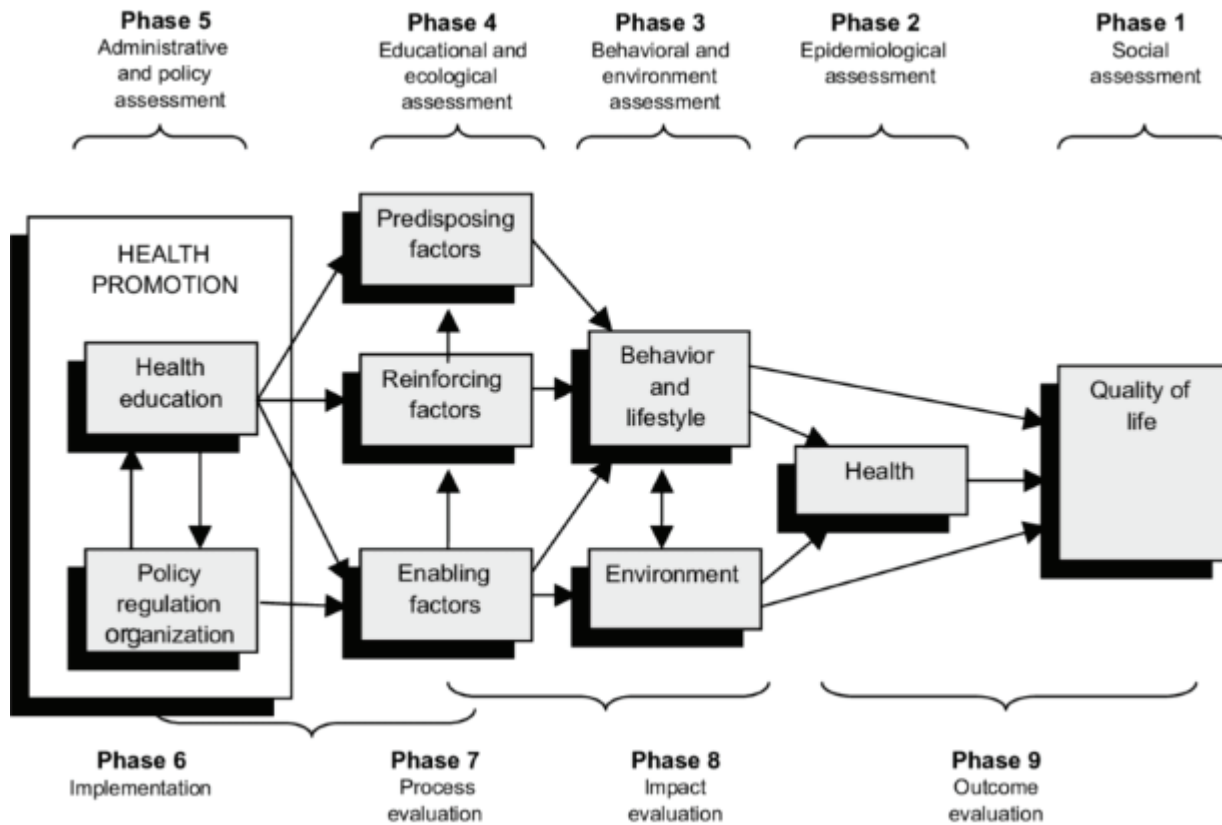


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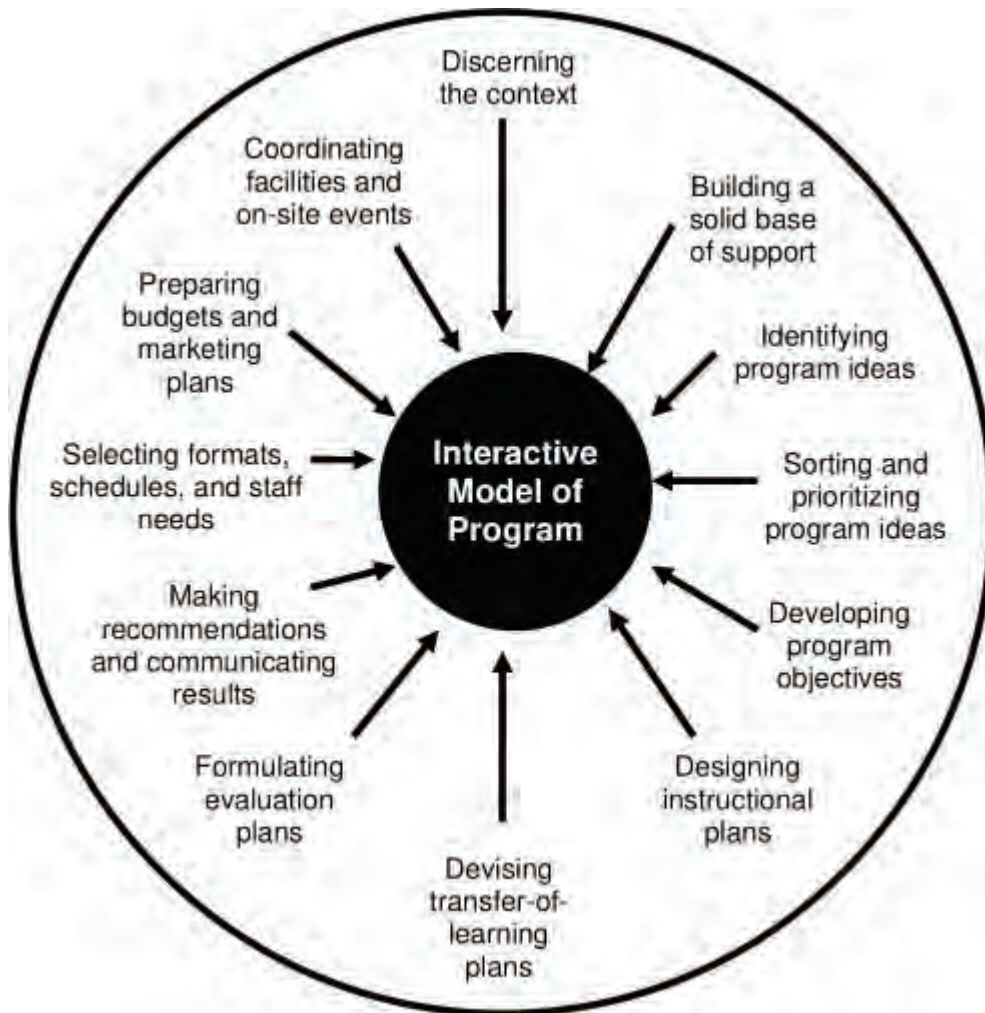
## SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

The Precede-Proceed Model is used with health education and health promotion activities. This model indicates how and when to evaluate interventions and the cost benefit analysis



## SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

In terms of content, logistics, and practical matters, the Department uses Rosemary Cafarella's Interactive Model of Program Planning for Adult Learners.





Finally, to ensure a focus on health equity, the Department has begun to use the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Health Equity Framework.



### FRANCISCAN HEALTH'S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2019-2021

Top health needs in the previous cycle included mental health, substance abuse, adolescent suicide, and frequent chronic diseases. Considering this data, and the desire to address root causes of community health issues, a singular focus was determined: the prevention, management, and healing of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). ACEs are childhood events that cause lasting trauma. Research shows that the more trauma that one experiences in childhood, the more likely it is for an individual to experience poor mental health and physical health outcomes, including depression and diabetes, as well as engage in risky health behaviors, like using tobacco and illegal substances.

These are health issues that don't resolve quickly, especially under the circumstances of a pandemic. Franciscan Health was able to educate thousands of professionals, parents and caregivers of all types, and internal staff on childhood trauma. In addition, coalitions in each community began to work on strengthening support networks. This work will not only continue into 2022-2024, but serve as an important foundation for new initiatives.

### SELECTING PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

The list of top health needs presented in this report is quite extensive due to the presentation of social needs, poor health behaviors, and poor health outcomes. However, this presentation is vital to understand root causes, multi-pronged issues, and the impact on morbidity and mortality. Appropriate interventions can be executed when the needs are viewed in this way.

There are few health needs that are eliminated when viewing the top health needs in clusters and from the perspective of root cause. Mental health, physical health, and social well-being are intertwined and with the right interventions, pairs of domains can be addressed. The interventions selected for the 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan seek to do just that.

In general, these are the health and social needs eliminated:

- **Poverty, Sufficient Income, Economic Development:** Franciscan Health has adjusted wages for coworkers and supports development as an anchor institution in communities. However, resources to address this are beyond the scope of the implementation plan.
- **Access to Mental Health or Substance Abuse Treatment:** The implementation plan does include supportive services for the prevention and healing of conditions. However, it is beyond the scope of the plan to provide additional providers.
- **Housing and Related Quality Issues:** Resources to invest in housing are not available at this time.
- **Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Other Specific Diseases:** General healthy lifestyle needs are addressed, including activities that are key to prevention and management. Because of the focus on this, specific diseases are not listed.
- **Tobacco:** Franciscan Health communities have high tobacco use rates. To address this, the health system will engage in new activities that include clinical treatment. Since this work is collective and doesn't always meet the qualifiers of community benefit, it is not included in this plan.
- **Unsafe Sex, STIs, and Teen Pregnancy Prevention:** Various community based organizations provide many of these services.

### INTRODUCTION: COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-2024

*Healthy Bodies, Healthy Connections, Healthy Minds*

Physical health, mental wellness, and social well-being domains are a focus of this CHIP. This theme allows Franciscan Health to maximize resources as a system, but tailor approaches to the unique needs of each community served. Every effort is made to serve those with the highest disparities or to build community capacity to eliminate such disparities.

#### **Healthy Bodies**

Incorporating improvement in access to healthy food, education on physical activity and nutrition, and opportunities for community members to participate in physical activity assists in reducing obesity and chronic diseases. In addition, research shows physical activity and nutrition can build resilience and reduce the impact of childhood trauma. Franciscan Health will be partnering with community partners to expand reach, resources, and the creation of sustainable infrastructures.

#### **Healthy Connections**

Building strong community safety nets, encouraging social cohesion, and developing infrastructure to better support families are vital to mental wellness and social wellbeing. The interventions in this area have the potential to reduce poor mental health, encourage positive community engagement, and serve as a foundation for healthier choices. Connections to meet social needs and improve social determinants of health are featured.

#### **Healthy Minds**

Mental wellbeing continues to be a top concern in the communities served by Franciscan Health. Prevention and resilience intervention, like trauma informed care practices and mindfulness, are featured in the plan. Unfortunately, suicide and other harmful behaviors have increased in many communities. To address this, the plan also includes training and actions to prevent such drastic measures.

#### **....And Healthy Communities, too.**

Each community has its own unique initiative that Franciscan Health is proud to participate. In some communities, additional resources or opportunities may exist. In this section, you'll find reference to some of these actions.

## SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

| <b>Healthy Bodies</b>      |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Goal:</b>               | Families will improve their physical health and prevent chronic disease                                          |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Objective:</b>          | Improve engagement with nutrition and physical activity by increasing participation community-based programming. |                                                                                                                  |
|                            | Target Population:                                                                                               | Families                                                                                                         |
|                            | Secondary Population:                                                                                            | N/A                                                                                                              |
| <b>Strategy 1:</b>         | Provide the Fit Together program once a year targeting low resourced families                                    |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                          | Identify target population and geographic area to serve vulnerable families                                      |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Develop shared strategy for course implementation                                                                |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Implement one session                                                                                            |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                          | Adjust target population as needed                                                                               |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Add community based partners to expand reach and education                                                       |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Implement one session                                                                                            |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                          | Adjust target population as needed                                                                               |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Build sustainability infrastructure for Year 4                                                                   |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Implement one session                                                                                            |
| <b>Investment:</b>         | \$500-1,2000 per program                                                                                         |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                   | 20 represented families per session                                                                              |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                 | Pre-test, post-test scores                                                                                       |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                               | "Build healthy fitness activities for the whole family<br>Review food resources and making healthy selections"   |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                 | 18 months                                                                                                        |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                         | Six month post-program evaluation                                                                                |
| <b>Strategy 2:</b>         | Provide Walk with a Doc programming once a year                                                                  |                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                          | Provide WWAD once a year, targeting families and minority populations                                            |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Develop supplemental education on fitness for WWAD participants                                                  |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                          | Provide WWAD once a year, targeting families and minority populations                                            |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Develop supplemental education on fitness for WWAD participants                                                  |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                          | Provide WWAD once a year, targeting families and minority populations                                            |
|                            |                                                                                                                  | Develop supplemental education on fitness for WWAD participants                                                  |
| <b>Inputs:</b>             | Investment:                                                                                                      | \$800 per session                                                                                                |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                   | 120 people per year                                                                                              |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                 | Pre-program, post-program cardiovascular change; program evaluation                                              |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                               | "Increase in minutes of movement per week<br>Understand key concepts to maintaining healthy physical activities" |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                 | Six months                                                                                                       |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                         | Three month post-program evaluation                                                                              |

SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

| Healthy Connections        |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Goal:</b>               | Community safety nets, services, and resources will improve for vulnerable communities                                                          |                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Objective:</b>          | The infant mortality rate for the two regions will be reduced by at least 0.1 percentage point through Q1 2022 and further in the ensuing years |                                                                                                                                                               |
|                            | Target Population:                                                                                                                              | Infants, pregnant women, and new mothers                                                                                                                      |
|                            | Secondary Population:                                                                                                                           | Families and professionals                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Strategy 1:</b>         | Support and education for mothers that includes breastfeeding, child passenger safety, smoking cessation, and safe sleep education              |                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                                         | Expand the breastfeeding support group and virtual education to all Prenatal Assistance locations                                                             |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | Insert curriculum in Epic to notify other providers of training                                                                                               |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | Expand cribbette distribution                                                                                                                                 |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                                         | Initiate Car Seat fitting station events/ permanent fitting stations for the Prenatal Assistance Program                                                      |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | Create better partnerships with community members to offer programs tailored to pregnant women                                                                |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                                         | Explore other modes of education for mothers (Indiana Department of Health, etc.)                                                                             |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | Evaluate virtual education series all events                                                                                                                  |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                 | Explore DMEx for all Prenatal Assistance Program locations                                                                                                    |
|                            | <b>Inputs:</b>                                                                                                                                  | Investment:                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                                  | 100 families per year                                                                                                                                         |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                                | Post Partum Depression, Resiliency Scale, Program Evaluation, Biometrics                                                                                      |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                                              | "Development of individual networks of resources<br>Provision of resources<br>Navigation of health care services<br>Educational programming and consultation" |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                                | 2 years                                                                                                                                                       |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                                                        | Six month post-program evaluation                                                                                                                             |



| Healthy Connections        |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                  |
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| <b>Goal:</b>               | Community safety nets, services, and resources will improve for vulnerable communities                                            |                                                                                  |
| <b>Objective:</b>          | Strengthen social service networks with community resource sharing and collaborative trauma informed practices                    |                                                                                  |
|                            | Target Population:                                                                                                                | Professionals                                                                    |
|                            | Secondary Population:                                                                                                             | Families and professionals                                                       |
| <b>Strategy 1:</b>         | Provide We Can, We Care training and toolkit to 75% of social service organizations within the community                          |                                                                                  |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                           | Develop tool kit and curriculum                                                  |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Test materials with partner organizations                                        |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Create a community plan for engaging social service organizations in the program |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                           | Host a minimum of two trainings with follow up networking opportunities          |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                           | Host a minimum of two trainings with follow up networking opportunities          |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Develop a sustainability plan for Year 4                                         |
| <b>Investment:</b>         |                                                                                                                                   | \$1,000 per class                                                                |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                    | 2 trainings per year                                                             |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                  | Pre and post test, program evaluation                                            |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                                | Development and implementation of trauma informed practices                      |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                  | 2 years                                                                          |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                                          | Six month post-program evaluation                                                |
| <b>Strategy 2:</b>         | Strengthen Advisory Council to include referral networks and collaborative space to resolve system issues unique to the community |                                                                                  |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                           | Begin education based on Building Resilient Communities                          |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Recruit additional member organizations                                          |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Determine gaps in the safety net that need to be addressed                       |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                           | Investigate and implement solutions to gaps                                      |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Recruit additional member organizations                                          |
|                            |                                                                                                                                   | Facilitate networking and sharing of resources                                   |
| Year 3:                    | Recruit additional member organizations                                                                                           |                                                                                  |
|                            | Determine additional gaps and organizational 'warm hand-offs' needed                                                              |                                                                                  |
|                            | Create new resource guide for the community                                                                                       |                                                                                  |
| <b>Investment:</b>         |                                                                                                                                   | \$100 per meeting                                                                |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                    | Four meetings per year                                                           |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                  | Regular evaluation                                                               |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                                | Development and implementation of safety net processes                           |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                  | 2 years                                                                          |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                                          | N/A                                                                              |



## SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

| <b>Healthy Connections</b> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Goal:</b>               | Community safety nets, services, and resources will improve for vulnerable communities                                                       |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Objective:</b>          | Provide resources to families related to social determinants of health                                                                       |                                                                                                    |
|                            | Target Population:                                                                                                                           | Families                                                                                           |
|                            | Secondary Population:                                                                                                                        | Professionals                                                                                      |
| <b>Strategy 1:</b>         | Continue to empower local social service agencies to expand capacity by providing funds through the Social Impact Partnership Program (SIPP) |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                                      | Promote SIPP process to community organizations                                                    |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Assist in evaluating proposals                                                                     |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with grantees on technical assistance, networking, and resource development                   |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                                      | Promote SIPP process to community organizations                                                    |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Assist in evaluating proposals                                                                     |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with grantees on technical assistance, networking, and resource development                   |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                                      | Promote SIPP process to community organizations                                                    |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Assist in evaluating proposals                                                                     |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with grantees on technical assistance, networking, and resource development                   |
| <b>Investment:</b>         | Limited                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                               | Up to 10 community partners                                                                        |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                             | 6 month, 1 year follow up                                                                          |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                                           | "Development of individual networks of resources<br>Provision of resources"                        |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                             | 1 year                                                                                             |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                                                     | N/A                                                                                                |
| <b>Strategy 2:</b>         | Initiate direct parent education through Reach Out and Read and Parent Cafes                                                                 |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                                      | Recruit one physician practice to implement the Reach Out and Read program                         |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with at least one community based partner to implement Parent Cafes                           |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Provide technical support to physician practices and community organizations on these programs     |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                                      | Recruit one physician practice to implement the Reach Out and Read program                         |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with at least one community based partner to implement Parent Cafes                           |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Provide technical support to physician practices and community organizations on these programs     |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                                      | Recruit one physician practice to implement the Reach Out and Read program                         |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Work with at least one community based partner to implement Parent Cafes                           |
|                            |                                                                                                                                              | Provide technical support to physician practices and community organizations on these programs     |
| <b>Inputs:</b>             | Investment:                                                                                                                                  | \$500 per program, additional grant funds                                                          |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                               | 400 families per year                                                                              |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                             | Post program evaluation                                                                            |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                                           | "Improved home environments<br>Improved family relationships<br>Improved early childhood learning" |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                             | Two years                                                                                          |
|                            | Post Program Evaluation:                                                                                                                     | TBD                                                                                                |

SECTION SIX CALL TO ACTION

| Healthy Minds              |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                               |
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| <b>Goal:</b>               | Youth and adults will have access to the resources needed for mental well-being.                                                |                                                                               |
| <b>Objective:</b>          | Franciscan Health will increase the number of individuals trained to respond to suicidal behaviors and promote mental wellness. |                                                                               |
|                            | Target Population:                                                                                                              | Professionals, adults, and teens in high risk communities                     |
|                            | Secondary Population:                                                                                                           | Those with suicidal ideation                                                  |
| <b>Strategy 1:</b>         | QPR, ASIST, Mental Health First Aid, and Safe Talk will be delivered                                                            |                                                                               |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                         | Confirm a minimum of one trained facilitator able to serve the community      |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Provide a minimum of two trainings in the community                           |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                         | Recruit additional facilitators                                               |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Provide a minimum of six trainings in the community                           |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                         | Recruit additional facilitators                                               |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Provide a minimum of eight trainings in the community                         |
| <b>Investment:</b>         | \$500 per course                                                                                                                |                                                                               |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                  | 25 participants per course                                                    |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                | Post event evaluation                                                         |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                              | Confidence in responding to individuals in crisis                             |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                | One year                                                                      |
| <b>Strategy 2:</b>         | Develop and implement resilience tools and education as an addition to existing community activities.                           |                                                                               |
| <b>Tactics:</b>            | Year 1:                                                                                                                         | Develop tools and resources as add on activities to existing programming      |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Develop specific curriculum to train the public on mindfulness and resilience |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Pilot one course                                                              |
|                            | Year 2:                                                                                                                         | Add additional tools for existing programming                                 |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Implement two courses to train the public on mindfulness and resilience       |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Implement one course to train professionals on mindfulness and resilience     |
|                            | Year 3:                                                                                                                         | Implement two courses to train the public on mindfulness and resilience       |
|                            |                                                                                                                                 | Implement two courses to train professionals on mindfulness and resilience    |
|                            | <b>Investment:</b>                                                                                                              | \$200 per course                                                              |
| <b>Leading Indicators:</b> | Number People/Number Programs:                                                                                                  | 20 people per course                                                          |
|                            | Assessment Type:                                                                                                                | Post event evaluation                                                         |
| <b>Lagging Indicators:</b> | Expected Outcomes:                                                                                                              | Participants will demonstrate appropriate coping skills                       |
|                            | Benefits Period:                                                                                                                | One year                                                                      |





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