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CAUSE NO. 46083 IURC PETITIONER'S HIBIT NO.

SUBMISSION OF REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Petitioner Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M or Company), by counsel,

hereby submits the rebuttal testimony of Andrew J. Williamson.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRE-FILED VERIFIED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

ANDREW J. WILLIAMSON

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF ANDREW J. WILLIAMSON ON BEHALF OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY

I. Introduction

- Q1. Please state your name and business address.
 My name is Andrew J. Williamson and my business address is Indiana Michigan
 Power Center, P.O. Box 60, Fort Wayne, IN 46801.
- 4 **Q2.** By whom are you employed and what is your position?
- I am employed by Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M or Company) as
 Director of Regulatory Services.
- Q3. Are you the same Andrew J. Williamson who submitted pre-filed direct
 testimony in this cause?
- 9 Yes.

II. Purpose of Rebuttal Testimony

10 Q4. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony? 11 My rebuttal testimony responds to the testimony filed by Mr. Hanks and Mr. Lantrip on behalf of the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC). 12 The Company appreciates the OUCC's support for the Lawrenceburg CPA, 13 14 along with the Company's associated accounting and ratemaking treatment. My rebuttal testimony responds to the OUCC's testimony regarding the inclusion of 15 large loads within future Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filings. 16 If you do not respond to a particular issue or position addressed in the 17 Q5. OUCC's testimony, does that imply acceptance of their position over that 18 proposed by I&M? 19 20 No, it does not.

III. Integrated Resource Plan

1	Q6.	Do the parties agree that I&M has a need for additional capacity?
2		Yes. The OUCC recognizes I&M has a "need for capacity after the retirement of
3		Rockport Units 1 and 2, as well as to serve the projected increase in load
4		related to data centers and battery plants."1 As explained in the Company's
5		case-in-chief and further discussed below, the Company has a significant need
6		for additional capacity during the term of the CPA and the Flex-Up option is an
7		opportunity to acquire firm accredited capacity that is not subject to development
8		risk or delays, at a competitive price to help meet this acknowledged need.
9	Q7.	On pages 6-7 of his testimony, OUCC Witness Hanks expresses concern
10		that the Company's 2023 IRP Update and the Portfolio Optimization
11		Analysis (POA) analysis in this case do not reflect new load addition
12		associated with hyperscaler facilities. Please respond.
13		While it is true that the load forecast used for the POA did not include the new
14		load additions associated with the hyperscaler facilities, as discussed by
15		Company witness Becker, at 27, the POA selected the full 840 MW
16		Lawrenceburg CPA to serve its existing load. It is only logical to conclude that if
17		I&M's load requirement would have been higher, that the POA would have
18		continued to select the full 840 MW Lawrenceburg CPA.
19	Q8.	Is it also true that I&M's load forecast has increased significantly since the
20		POA was conducted?
21		Yes. It is well understood that I&M has a real and immediate need for additional
22		capacity beyond replacing Rockport due to the publicly announced projects
23		identified in my direct testimony, both of which are currently under physical

- 24 construction, and additional hyperscaler business development that is
- 25 underway. As shown in Figure AJW-1R, a slide illustrating this load growth was

¹ OUCC witness Hanks, p. 8.

presented during the first stakeholder meeting for the 2024 IRP held on June 27, 2024.



Q9. Please explain why the load increase associated with hyperscaler facilities was not included in the POA presented in this case as noted by OUCC witness Hanks on page 7, lines 1-2 of his testimony.

The purpose of the POA was to address the market changes that have occurred 6 7 since I&M's September 2023 IRP update and focus on optimizing the resources necessary to replace Rockport.² In addition, the vintage of I&M's load forecast 8 that was available at the time the POA was prepared predated the inclusion of 9 the hyperscaler load shown above in Figure AJW-1R. As shown and explained 10 above, the hyperscaler load increases will continue following the retirement of 11 Rockport. This load growth will be incorporated in I&M's 2024 IRP where it can 12 be further assessed. 13

Figure AJW-1R: Hyperscaler Loads

² Company witness Becker, p. 13.

1	Q10.	Will the Company incorporate the new load associated with large
2		industrial customers into its future IRPs, as recommended by OUCC
3		witness Hanks on page 7, line 19-23 of his testimony?
4		Yes. The Company has included the new load growth from hyperscaler
5		customers in the load forecast that will be used in its 2024 IRP.

IV.Summary

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6	Q11.	Please summarize your testimony.
7		The OUCC recognizes I&M needs additional capacity and that the
8		Lawrenceburg CPA is a relatively low-cost option to address some of that need. ³
9		As discussed above, I&M has a significant need for additional capacity during
10		the term of the Lawrenceburg CPA due to load growth associated with
11		hyperscaler and other industrial customers. The Flex-Up option provides
12		additional firm accredited capacity associated with an existing resource at a
13		competitive price to serve this load growth and support resource adequacy,
14		reliability and affordability for I&M's customers. The Commission should approve
15		the Lawrenceburg CPA, inclusive of the Flex-Up option, along with the
16		associated project development costs.
17	Q12.	Does this conclude your pre-filed verified rebuttal testimony?

18 Yes.

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³ OUCC witness Hanks, p. 8.

VERIFICATION

I, Andrew J. Williamson, Director of Regulatory Services for Indiana Michigan Power, affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Jahren Williamson

Date: <u>09/20/2024</u>

Andrew J. Williamson