FILED June 28, 2019 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF BOONVILLE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE ITS RATES, CHARGES, TARIFFS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

CAUSE NO. 45215

INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S

PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 1 – TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS FARHEEN AHMED

June 28, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

)

)

)

)

T. Jason Haas Attorney No.34983-29 Deputy Consumer Counselor

TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS FARHEEN AHMED CAUSE NO. 45215 <u>BOONVILLE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION</u>

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1 Q: Please state your name and business address.
- A: My name is Farheen Ahmed and my business address is 115 West Washington Street,
 Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

4 Q: By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

- A: I am employed by the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") as a
 Utility Analyst II. I have worked as a member of the OUCC's Natural Gas Division
 since October of 2014. My educational and professional experience, as well as my
 preparation for this case, are detailed in Appendix FA-1 attached to my testimony.
- 9 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?
- A: I discuss Boonville Natural Gas Corporation's ("Boonville" or "Petitioner") overall
 request for a rate increase. I address certain elements of Boonville's request, including
 calculation of the IURC fee and Utility Receipts Tax ("URT"), and propose adjustments
 to its pro forma operating revenue and expenses.

14I also sponsor accounting schedules that support pro forma operating revenue and15expense adjustments described in my testimony and the testimony of OUCC witnesses16Amy Larsen and Isabelle Gordon. My accounting schedules reflect adjustments to17depreciation expense and rate base as described in the testimony of OUCC witness Leon18Golden, and capital structure adjustments as described in the testimony of OUCC19witnesses Amy Larsen and Heather Poole. My accounting schedules incorporate all

1 OUCC adjustments to calculate Boonville's total pro forma revenue requirements and the

2 OUCC's resulting recommended rate increase.

II. OUCC WITNESS INTRODUCTION

3 Q: Please introduce the other OUCC witnesses who are testifying in this case.

- 4 A: The following OUCC witnesses reviewed and analyzed Boonville's rate case testimony
- 5 and the Partial Settlement Agreement on cost of equity, and are testifying on various
- 6 elements related to those submissions:

7 <u>Ms. Amy Larsen</u> (Public's Exhibit No. 2) addresses and recommends adjustments to 8 Petitioner's proposed operating revenue, including GCA revenue, revenue from the 9 compliance filing in Cause No. 44129, NOAA averages for the normal temperature 10 adjustment and the Impact of the EADIT refund. She also addresses and recommends 11 adjustments to Petitioner's operating expenses, including natural gas purchased, 12 employee gatherings, and the amortization of EADIT.

- Ms. Isabelle Gordon (Public's Exhibit No. 3) addresses and recommends adjustments to
 Petitioner's proposed operating expenses, including rate case expense, health insurance,
 leased employees, amortization of tax investigation costs and property tax.
- 16Mr. Leon Golden (Public's Exhibit No. 4) addresses and recommends adjustments to17Petitioner's rate base calculations and its adjustment to depreciation expense.
- 18Ms. Heather Poole (Public's Exhibit No. 5) addresses and recommends adjustments to19Petitioner's Appendix F to incorporate a refund due to customers for the wrap up of the20energy efficiency program that expired in March 2015. She also makes a21recommendation to include the energy efficiency refunds in the capital structure.
- Ms. Jennifer Reed (Public's Exhibit No. 6) provides settlement testimony on cost of
 equity consistent with the Partial Settlement Agreement. She recommends approval of the
 settled 10.10% cost of equity for use in Petitioner's capital structure in this Cause.
- Mr. Brien Krieger (Public's Exhibit No. 7) discusses his review and analysis of
 Petitioner's cost of service study, proposed rate design, and monthly customer charge. He
 recommends a residential customer charge be set at the lower of \$14.00 or the percent by
 which the Commission increases Boonville's margin.

III. <u>REVENUE REQUIREMENT SCHEDULES</u>

1	Q:	Does the OUCC agree with Boonville's proposed pro forma revenue increase?									
2	A:	No. The OUCC's review supports an increase in annual revenue of \$63,258 representing									
3		a 2.46% increase over gross margin. In contrast, Boonville requests a rate increase of									
4		14.27% over gross margin, to increase its annual revenue by \$356,915.									
5 6	Q:	What attachments and schedules have you submitted that show pertinent calculations related to the OUCC's testimony?									
7	A:	I sponsor the following attachments and schedules included in this filing:									
8		• Attachment FA-1: OUCC Revenue Requirement Schedules									
9 10		• Schedule 1: Comparison of Boonville's and the OUCC's Revenue Requirements, Income Statement Adjustments, and Revenue Conversion Factor.									
11		• Schedule 2: Boonville's Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2018.									
12 13		• Schedule 3: Boonville's Income Statement for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2018.									
14		• Schedule 4: OUCC's Original Cost Rate Base at September 30, 2018.									
15 16		• Schedule 5: OUCC's Pro Forma Net Operating Income Statement, reflecting all of the OUCC's pro forma revenue and expense adjustments.									
17		• Schedule 6: OUCC's Pro Forma Present Rate Adjustments.									
18		• Schedule 7: OUCC's Pro Forma Proposed Rate Adjustments.									
19		• Schedule 8: OUCC's Capital Structure as of September 30, 2018.									
20 21	Q:	Are you sponsoring all adjustments shown on Schedules 4, 5, 6 and 8 of Attachment FA-1?									
22	A:	No. Schedule 4 reflects the rate base adjustments made by OUCC witness Golden.									
23		Schedules 5 and 6 reflect all of the OUCC's operating income and expense adjustments. I									
24		am sponsoring the IURC fee, the Indiana utility receipts tax ("URT"), and the state and									
25		federal income tax. Schedule 8 reflects all of the OUCC's adjustments to the capital									

7	A:	No. Absence of an issue in the OUCC's testimony and exhibits should not be read as an
5 6	Q:	If you do not address an issue raised by Boonville, does that mean you agree with Boonville's testimony or adjustment on that issue?
4		sponsored by OUCC witnesses Larsen, Gordon, and Golden.
3		income and expense adjustments on Schedules 5 and 6 reflect the result of adjustments
2		My proposed adjustments are shown in detail on Schedule 6, pp. 1-4. Other operating
1		structure, including the adjustments sponsored by OUCC witnesses Larsen and Poole.

endorsement of, or agreement with, Boonville's position on such issues.

IV. OPERATING EXPENSES

9 A. IURC Fee Adjustment

8

- 10 Q: What IURC fee adjustment did Petitioner propose?
- A: Petitioner calculated the IURC fee by multiplying the applicable revenues at present
 rates of \$3,814,246 by 0.120204% (the IURC fee in effect at the time the rate case was
 filed). Petitioner's adjustment is the pro forma IURC fee, less test year IURC fee,
 resulting in a decrease of (\$81).

15 Q: Do you agree with Petitioner's adjustment?

16 A: No. I noted three errors in Petitioner's calculation.

First, Petitioner calculated applicable revenues at present rates using the estimated volume of gas purchased of 473,422 dekatherms ("Dth"), as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit BJM-1, Schedule C-3. My calculation uses the estimated volume of gas purchased used by OUCC witness Larsen. (Attachment AEL-1, p. 2.) Other changes made by the OUCC to operating revenues also affect the pro forma present sales revenue.

1 I recalculated the applicable revenues at present rates, including GCA revenue on 2 Attachment FA-1, Schedule 6, p. 2 as \$3,871,500.

3 Second, Petitioner failed to remove bad debt expense of \$10,464 from the IURC 4 fee calculation. Bad debt expense accounts for revenues Petitioner will not actually 5 receive and, therefore, should be excluded from the calculation of the IURC fee, which is 6 based upon revenue received.

7 Third, Petitioner used the IURC rate of 0.120204% effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; however, the new IURC rate of 0.1296408% will be effective July 1, 8 9 2019. This 2019 IURC rate should be applied to Petitioner's revenue requirement 10 calculations.

11

Q: Please explain your IURC adjustment.

12 A: I corrected all of Petitioner's errors and updated the IURC rate noted above to arrive at an 13 adjustment of \$339. (Attachment FA-1, Schedule 6, p. 2.)

14 B. Indiana Utility Receipts Tax ("URT")

Please discuss your adjustment to Petitioner's proposed Indiana URT. 15 **Q**:

16 A: I do not dispute Petitioner's methodology in calculating the Indiana URT. I verified the general methodology is consistent with Indiana URT calculations previously approved by 17 the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission"). Changes to Petitioner's 18 19 Indiana URT calculation reflected in my schedules are a result of my changes to pro 20 forma revenue.

V. <u>INCOME TAXES</u>

1 Q: What is your adjustment to state and federal income taxes?

A: I do not dispute Petitioner's methodology in calculating the pro forma federal and state
income tax adjustments based on pro forma present rates. I verified the methodology is
consistent with income tax calculations previously approved by the Commission. All
changes to Boonville's federal and state income tax calculations are a result of changes to
pro forma proposed revenue requirements.

7 Q: Did Petitioner use current income tax rates in its pro forma income tax calculation?

8 A: Yes. Petitioner used the current 21% federal income tax rate to calculate its pro forma 9 federal income tax adjustment. Petitioner used the new 5.5% Indiana state income tax 10 rate, which becomes effective on July 1, 2019, to calculate its pro forma state income tax 11 adjustment.

VI. OUCC RECOMMENDATIONS

12 Q: Please summarize your recommendations to the Commission.

13 A: I recommend an overall revenue increase of \$63,258, and a non-gas cost revenue increase 14 percentage of 2.46%, based on my review and analysis and that of other OUCC analysts. The revenue increase is calculated using an original cost rate base of \$5,836,659, a 15 weighted average cost of capital of 6.89%, and return on original cost rate base of 16 17 \$402,148. As discussed and supported in the foregoing testimony, I further recommend 18 the Commission adopt the following adjustment: Adjust the increase for the IURC fee 19 using the calculation shown on Attachment FA-1, Schedule 6, p. 2. 20 **Q**: Does this conclude your testimony?

21 A: Yes.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

. .

Farheen Ahmed Utility Analyst II Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor 45215 Boonville Natural Gas Corporation

06/26/2019

Date

APPENDIX TO THE TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS FARHEEN AHMED

1 **Q**: Describe your educational background and experience.

2 A: I graduated from the Goodman School of Business at Brock University in St. Catharines, 3 Ontario with a Bachelor of Accounting in October 2011 and a Master of Accountancy in June 2013. From March 2014 through October 2014, I worked for Medxcel, an 4 5 Advancing Global Healthcare company in Indianapolis, Indiana, as an Accounting 6 Analyst. I audited and analyzed existing core exchange policies within the procurement department. In October 2014, I began my employment with the OUCC as a Utility 7 8 Analyst I. In May 2016, I was promoted to Utility Analyst II. My current responsibilities 9 include reviewing and analyzing natural gas utilities' Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") 10 petitions and flex filings. I also review rate cases, special contracts, tariff, financing, 11 certificate of public convenience and necessity, gas demand side management, pipeline 12 safety adjustment, 7-Year Plan, and TDSIC tracker cases for natural gas utilities.

13 In September 2017, I passed the Certified Public Accountant ("CPA") Exam and obtained my CPA license in October 2017. While employed at the OUCC, I completed 14 15 NARUC's Utility Rate School hosted by the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State 16 University and the Institute of Public Utilities Advanced Regulatory Studies Program at 17 Michigan State University

18

Q: Have you previously testified before the Commission?

19 Yes. I have testified in GCAs, rate cases, TDSIC tracker cases, gas demand side A: 20 management, special contract, certificate of public convenience and necessity, and 21 pipeline safety adjustment cases.

Appendix FA-1 Cause No. 45215 Page 2 of 2

1 Q: What review and analysis have you conducted to prepare your testimony?

- 2 A: I analyzed Petitioner's prefiled testimony, exhibits and supporting documentation. I
- 3 reviewed Petitioner's responses to OUCC discovery requests.

Comparison of Petitioner's and the OUCC's Revenue Requirement

Description		Per Petitioner		Sch Ref	
Rate Base Times: Rate Of Return	\$	5,833,645 7.89%	\$	5,836,659 6.89%	4 8
Net Operating Income Less: Adjusted Net Operating Income		460,275 198,699		402,148 355,876	5
Increase In Net Operating Income Times: Revenue Conversion Factor		261,576 1.3645		46,272 1.3672	1
Recommended Revenue Increase	\$	356,915	\$	63,259	
Overall Percentage Increase (Decrease)		14.27%		2.46%	

Comparison of Income Statement Adjustments Test Year Ending June 30, 2018

Adjustment		Per Petitioner		Per OUCC		OUCC More/Less	
Operating Revenues							
Gas Sales							
GCA Revenue	\$	(1,898,387)	\$	(1,860,844)		\$	37,543
Compliance filing Cause No. 44129		(14,497)		(13,906)			591
Operating revenue Filing No. 50157		(98,842)		(98,842)			0
Impact of EADIT Refund		(35,429)		0			35,429
NOAA Average for NTA Revenue		(25,833)		(25,512)			321
Other Operating Revenues		10,000		10,000			0
Total Operating Revenues		(2,062,988)		(1,989,104)			73,884
Operating Expenses							
Natural Gas Purchased		(1,821,714)		(1,854,470)			(32,756)
Operation & Maintenance:							
Annualized Payroll		23,300		23,300			0
Rate Case Expense		46,615		38,596			(8,019)
IURC Fee		(81)		339			420
Property & Casualty Insurance		(29,904)		(29,904)			0
Health Insurance		3,075		16,429			13,354
Bad Debts		9,708		9,708			0
Retirement Plan		8,104		8,104			0
Charitable Contributions		(1,602)		(1,602)			0
Energy Efficiency from NTA		(6,500)		(6,500)			0
Leased Employees		16,640		10,400			(6,240)
Employee Gatherings		(3,663)		(4,747)			(1,084)
Amortization of Cause No. 45032		(39,894)		(42,773)			(2,879)
Taxes - General							
FICA		2,889		2,889			0
Utility Receipts Tax		(27,452)		(26,418)			1,034
Property Tax		1,323		(1,480)			(2,803)
Other Tax		0		0			0
Amortization of EADIT		0		(49,985)			(49,985)
Taxes - Income - State		(5,245)		6,523			11,768
Taxes - Income - Federal		60,045		102,290			42,245
Provision for Deferred Inc. Tax		0		0			0
Depreciation Expense		106,145		57,796			(48,349)
CIAC Amortization		203,590		203,590			0
Total Operating Expenses	\$	(1,454,621)	\$	(1,537,914)		\$	(83,293)

Revenue Conversion Factor

Description	Per Petitioner	_	Per OUCC
Gross Revenue Change	100.0000%	1	100.0000%
Less: Bad Debt (0.4189%)	0.2327%	2 _	0.4190%
Subtotal	100.0000%	3	100.0000%
Less: IURC Fee (0.1296%)	0.1202%	4 _	0.1296%
Subtotal	99.7673%	5	99.5810%
Less: Utility Receipts Tax (at 1.40%)	1.3967%	6	1.3941%
Subtotal Less: State Income Tax (at 5.5%)	99.6471% 5.4806%	7 8	99.4514% 5.4698%
Subtotal Less: Federal Income Tax (at 21%)	92.7697% 19.4816%	9 10	92.5874% 19.4434%
Change In Net Operating Income	73.2881%	=	73.1440%
Revenue Conversion Factor	1.3645	<u> </u>	1.3672

Formula Notes:

Line 5 equals (100% minus Line 2)

Line 6 equals (Line 5 multiplied by 1.4%)

Line 7 equals (Line 1 minus Line 2 minus Line 4)

Line 8 equals (Line 7 multiplied by 5.5%)

Line 9 equals (Line 7 minus Line 6 minus Line 8)

Line 10 equals (Line 9 multiplied by 21%)

FA Attachment 1 Cause No. 45215 Schedule 2 Page 1 of 2

BOONVILLE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION CAUSE NO. 45215

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2018

ASSETS

Utility Plant:	
Utility Plant in Service	\$ 15,705,339
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	 (8,530,524)
Net Utility Plant	 7,174,815
Other Assets	
Investments	3,145,927
Other Non-Current Assets	 0
Total Other Assets	 3,145,927
Current Assets:	
Cash	1,946,836
Accounts Receivable	(17,390)
Inventory	146,442
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	0
Recoverable Gas Costs	 51,028
Total Current Assets	 2,126,916
Total Assets	\$ 12,447,658

Attachment FA-1 Cause No. 45215 Schedule 2 Page 2 of 2

BOONVILLE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION CAUSE NO. 45215

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2018

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Stockholder's Equity:	
Common Stock Issued	\$ 43,252
Other Comprehensive Income	106,951
Retained Earnings	 6,727,301
Total Stockholder's Equity	 6,877,504
Deferred Income Taxes	 1,765,198
Other Liabilities	 2,944,126
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	367,139
Customer Deposits and Advances	359,581
Accrued Liabilities	 134,108
Total Current Liabilities	 860,828
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$ 12,447,656

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2018

Operating Revenues	
Gas Sales	\$ 4,496,464
Other Operating Revenues	67,996
Total Operating Revenues	4,564,460
Operating Expenses	
Natural Gas Purchased	1,864,089
Operations and Maintenance	155,000
Customer Accounts	266,413
Administrative and General	1,103,697
Depreciation	151,228
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	207,034
Federal Income Taxes	9,933
Total Operating Expenses	3,757,394
Net Operating (Loss)	807,066
Other Income/Expense	
Non-Utility Operation	436,825
Interest Expense	(10,382)
Interest and Dividend Income	34,333
Gain/(Loss) on Disposition of Property	(20,809)
Total Other Income/Expense - net	439,967
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,247,033

Original Cost Rate Base at September 30, 2018

Utility Plant In Service at June 30, 2018	\$ 15,705,339
Additions between June and September 2018	300,858
Less: Accumulated Depreciation at June 30, 2018	(8,530,524)
Less: Accumulated Depreciation between June and September 2018	(124,283)
Less: Contributions in aid of construction, net	(1,830,149)
Net Utility Plant in Service	5,521,241
Add:	
Working Capital	193,308
Materials and Supplies (13 month average)	 122,110
Total Original Cost Rate Base	\$ 5,836,659

Pro Forma Net Operating Income Statement

Description	Twelve Mos. Ending 6/30/2018	Ending		Pro Forma Sch. Present Ref. Rates		Adjustments		Sch. Ref.	Pro Forma Proposed Rates	
Operating Revenues										
Gas Sales	\$ 4,496,464				\$	2,497,360	\$	63,259	7-1	\$ 2,560,619
GCA Revenue		\$	(1,860,844)	6-1						
Compliance filing Cause No. 44129			(13,906)	6-2						
Operating revenue Filing No. 50157			(98,842)	Pet. 6-3						
Impact of EADIT Refund			0							
NOAA Average for NTA Revenue	67.006		(25,512)	6-4 Pet.		77.006				77.006
Other Operating Revenues	67,996		10,000	Pet.		77,996	·			77,996
Total Operating Revenues	4,564,460		(1,989,104)			2,575,356		63,259		2,638,615
Operating Expenses										
Natural Gas Purchased	1,864,089		(1,854,470)	6-5		9,619				9,619
Operation & Maintenance:	1,525,110					1,546,460				1,546,807
Annualized Payroll			23,300	Pet.						
Rate Case Expense			38,596	6-6						
IURC Fee			339	6-7				82	7-3	
Property & Casualty Insurance			(29,904)	Pet.						
Health Insurance			16,429	6-8						
Bad Debts			9,708	Pet.				265	7-2	
Retirement Plan			8,104	Pet.						
Charitable Contributions			(1,602)	Pet.						
Energy Efficiency from NTA			(6,500)	Pet.						
Leased Employees			10,400	6-9						
Employee Gatherings			(4,747)	6-10						
Amortization of Cause No. 45032			(42,773)	6-11						
Taxes - General										
FICA	60,731		2,889	Pet.		63,620				63,620
Utility Receipts Tax	62,312		(26,418)	6-13		35,894		882	7-4	36,776
Property Tax	82,549		(1,480)	6-14		81,069				81,069
Other Tax	1,442		0	Pet.		1,442				1,442
Amortization of EADIT	0		(49,985)	6-15		(49,985)				(49,985)
Taxes - Income - State	20,881		6,523	6-16		27,404		3,460	7-5	30,864
Taxes - Income - Federal	150,151		102,290	6-16		252,441		12,298	7-6	264,738
Provision for Deferred Inc. Tax	(161,099)		0	Pet.		(161,099)				(161,099)
Depreciation Expense	439,334		57,796	6-12		497,130				497,130
CIAC Amortization	(288,106)		203,590	Pet.		(84,516)				(84,516)
Total Operating Expenses	3,757,394		(1,537,914)			2,219,480		16,987		2,236,467
Net Operating Income	\$ 807,066	\$	(451,190)		\$	355,876	\$	46,272		\$ 402,148

Federal Tax Proof:

Net Operating Income Add: Federal Income Tax Add: Federal Income Tax Deferred Less: Synchronized Interest	\$ 402,148 264,738 (161,099) (12,257)	
Federal Taxable Income Tax Rate	493,531 21.00%	
Gross Federal Income Tax Less: Investment Tax Credit	103,641	
Pro Forma Federal Income Tax	<u>\$ 103,641</u> 103,639 2	
State Tax Proof:		
Federal Taxable Income Add: State Income Tax Add: Utility Receipts Tax	\$ 493,531 30,864 36,776	
State Taxable Income Tax Rate	561,172 5.50%	
Pro Forma State Income Tax	<u>\$ 30,864</u> 30,864 0	
Utility Receipts Tax Proof:		
Total Operating Revenues Less: Exemption Less: Pro Forma Bad Debt	\$ 2,638,615 (1,000) (10,729)	
Taxable Gross Receipts Tax Rate	2,626,886 1.40%	
Pro Forma Utility Receipts Tax	<u>\$ 36,776</u> 36,776 0	

(1)

GCA Revenue

OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-1, p. 2	\$ (1,860,844)
(2)	
Compliance Filing Cause No. 44129	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-2, p. 1	\$ (13,906)
(3)	
Impact of EADIT Refund	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-5, p. 7	\$ 0
(4)	
NOAA Averages for the NTA	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-3, p. 2	\$ (25,512)
(5)	
Natrual Gas Purchased	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-4, p. 1	\$ (1,854,470)
(6)	
Rate Case Expense	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) Public's Exhibit No. 3, Attachment ILG-1, p. 1	\$ 38,596

(7)

IURC Fee

Adjusted Test Year Sales - Dth		464,268				
Base Cost of Gas Extimated	\$	2.9598				
Page Cost of Cos Devenues	\$	1,374,140				
Base Cost of Gas Revenues Pro forma Present Sales Revenues	Ф	2,497,360				
		2,177,300	-			
Applicable Revenues a Present Rates Including GCA Revenue	\$	3,871,500				
Less: Bad Debts		10,464	-			
	<i>•</i>					
Revenues at Present Rates Less Bad Debts	\$	3,861,036				
Current IURC Fee		0.1296408%	-			
Pro forma IURC Fee at Present Rates	\$	5,005				
Less: Test Year IURC Fee		4,666				
			•			
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)			\$	339		
(8)						
Health Insurance						
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 3, Attachment ILG-2	\$	16,429				
(9)						
Leased Employees						
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 3, Attachment ILG-3	\$	10,400				
(10)						
Employee Gatherings						
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-	\$	(4,747)				
(11)						
Amortization of Tax Investigation Costs Cause No. 45032						
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 3, Attachment ILG-4, p. 1				(42,773)		

(12)

Depreciation Expense

OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease	- Public's Exhibit No. 4, Attachment LAG-1, p. 1	\$ 57,796

(13)

Indiana Utility Receipts Tax

Gross Receipts Less: Exemption Less: Pro Forma Bad Debts	\$	2,575,356 (1,000) (10,464)	
Utility Receipts Subject to Utility Receipts Tax Utility Receipts Tax Rate		2,563,892 1.40%	
Pro Forma Utility Receipts Tax at Present Rates Less: Utility Receipts Tax Per Books at 9/30/11		35,894 (62,312)	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)		:	\$ (26,418)
(14)			
Property Tax			
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 3, Attachment ILG-5, p	. 1	:	\$ (1,480)
(15)			
Amortization of EADIT			

OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) - Public's Exhibit No. 2, Attachment AEL-5, p. 1 \$ (49,985)

(16)

State and Federal Income Tax

	Federal	State	
	Income Tax	Income Tax	
Pro Forma Present Rate Operating Revenue Increase	\$ 2,575,356	\$ 2,575,356	
Less: Operations and Maintenance	(1,556,079)	(1,556,079)	
Depreciation	(497,130)	(497,130)	
CIAC Amortization	84,516	84,516	
Taxes Other Than Income	(182,025)	(182,025)	
Amortization of EADIT	49,985	49,985	
State Income Tax	(27,404)		
Synchronized Interest	(12,257)	(12,257)	
Add Back:			
Utility Receipts Tax		35,894	
Taxable Income	434,961	498,260	
Multiply by: Federal Income Tax Rate	21.00%		
Multiply by: State Income Tax Rate		5.50%	
Pro Forma State Income Tax Expense		27,404	
Pro Forma Federal Income Tax Expense	91,342		
Less: Test Year Expense	(10,948)	20,881	
OUCC Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 102,290	\$ 6,523	

Pro Forma Proposed Adjustments

(1) Proposed Rate Increase

Pro Forma Present Rate Sales Times: Rate Increase	\$ 2,575,356 2.46%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 63,259
(2) <u>Proposed Bad Debt Adjustment</u>	
Proposed Rate Increase Times: Current Effective Rate (from Revenue Conversion Factor - Sch. 1)	\$ 63,259 0.4190%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 265
(3) Proposed IURC Fee	
Proposed Rate Increase Times: Current Effective Rate (from Revenue Conversion Factor - Sch. 1)	\$ 63,259 0.1296%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 82
(4) Proposed Utility Receipts Tax	
Proposed Rate Increase Times: Current Effective Rate (from Revenue Conversion Factor - Sch. 1)	\$ 63,259 1.3941%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 882
(5) Proposed State Income Tax	
Proposed Rate Increase Times: Current Effective Rate (from Revenue Conversion Factor - Sch. 1)	\$ 63,259 5.4698%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 3,460
(6) Proposed Federal Income Tax	
Proposed Rate Increase Times: Current Effective Rate (from Revenue Conversion Factor - Sch. 1)	\$ 63,259 19.4434%
Adjustment - Increase	\$ 12,298

Capital Structure as of September 30, 2018

		Percent of		Weighted
Description	Amount	Total	Cost	Cost
Common Equity	\$ 6,637,615	66.11%	10.100%	6.68%
Customer Deposits	355,139	3.54%	6.000%	0.21%
Tax Refund	729,280	7.26%	0.000%	0.00%
SRC Refund	305,686	3.04%	0.000%	0.00%
EEFC Refund	16,414	0.16%	0.000%	0.00%
Deferred Taxes	1,995,649	19.88%	0.000%	0.00%
Total	\$ 10,039,783	100.00%		6.89%

Calculation of Synchronized Interest as of September 30, 2018

		Percent of		Weighted	Weighted Cost
Description	Amount	Total	Cost	Cost	of Debt
Common Equity	\$ 6,637,615	66.11%	10.10%	6.68%	
Customer Deposits	355,139	3.54%	6.00%	0.21%	0.21%
Tax Refund	729,280	7.26%	0.00%	0.00%	
SRC Refund	305,686	3.04%	0.00%	0.00%	
EEFC Refund	16,414	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%	
Deferred Taxes	1,995,649	19.88%	0.00%	0.00%	
Total	\$ 10,039,783	100.00%		6.89%	0.21%

Rate Base	\$ 5,836,659
Weighted Cost of Debt	0.21%
Synchronized Interest	\$ 12,257

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing OUCC'S TESTIMONY OF FARHEEN

AHMED has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by

electronic service on June 28, 2019.

L. Parvin Price Jeffrey M. Peabody **Barnes & Thornburg LLP** Email: parvin.price@btlaw.com Email: jpeabody@btlaw.com

T. Jason Haas

Attorney No. 34983-29 Deputy Consumer Counselor

INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

115 West Washington Street Suite 1500 South Indianapolis, IN 46204 <u>infomgt@oucc.in.gov</u> 317/232-2494 – Telephone 317/232-5923 – Facsimile