

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY,)
AN INDIANA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY TO)
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC)
UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE IN RATE)
ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR APPROVAL OF RELATED)
RELIEF INCLUDING: (1) REVISED DEPRECIATION)
RATES; (2) ACCOUNTING RELIEF; (3) INCLUSION IN)
RATE BASE OF QUALIFIED POLLUTION CONTROL)
PROPERTY AND CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT; (4))
ENHANCEMENTS TO THE DRY SORBENT INJECTION)
SYSTEM; (5) ADVANCED METERING)
INFRASTRUCTURE; (6) RATE ADJUSTMENT)
MECHANISM PROPOSALS; AND (7) NEW SCHEDULES)
OF RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS.)

CAUSE NO. 45235

**INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S MOTION
FOR PUBLIC FIELD HEARINGS**

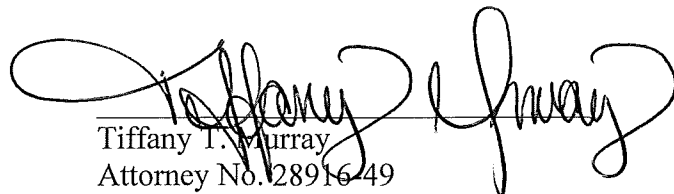
Comes now the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"), by counsel, and hereby moves the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") to establish public field hearings in this Cause. In support thereof, the OUCC states as follows:

1. Indiana Michigan Power Company ("I&M") filed its request herein to increase its rates and charges on May 14, 2019.
2. The Commission may set a public hearing on a rate change request by a utility upon its own motion or upon the motion of, *inter alia*, the OUCC. Ind. Code § 8-1-2-61.5(b).
3. I&M's requested rate increase exceeds \$2,500,000, thereby requiring the Commission to hold "at least one (1) public field hearing in the largest municipality located within such utility's service area." Ind. Code § 8-1-2-61(b).
4. Because of I&M's large service area, the Commission has convened multiple field hearings in I&M's Indiana territory in previous I&M rate proceedings, including I&M's prior rate, Cause No. 44967.

5. It is in the public interest to hold multiple field hearings to allow for the greatest possible input from I&M's ratepayers regarding the proposed rate increase.

WHEREFORE, the OUCC respectfully requests the Commission set public field hearings in this Cause in the cities of Ft. Wayne, South Bend, and Muncie and for all such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the *Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Motion for Public Field Hearing* has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on May 24, 2019.

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