April 5, 2018

## BEFORE THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ON INDIANA UTILITY

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA UTILITY	) REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION	)
INTO THE IMPACTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS	) CAUSE NO. 45032
ACT OF 2017 AND POSSIBLE RATE	)
IMPLICATIONS	)
	)
RESPONDENT: COMMUNITY UTILITIES OF	)
INDIANA, INC.	)

# CONSUMER PARTIES' OPPOSITION TO COMMUNITY UTILITIES OF INDIANA, INC.'S REQUEST FOR SUBDOCKET

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, Indiana Industrial Group, and Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Inc. (the "Consumer Parties") submit this response in opposition to the March 26, 2018 motion filed by Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc. ("CUII" or "Respondent") withdrawing its 30-day submission and requesting a subdocket to address the revision of its rates and charges to reflect the new tax rate.

In its February 23, 2018 Submission of Rate Base Update in Cause No. 44724 ("Rate Base Update"), CUII submitted schedules supporting an updated revenue requirement to reflect the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate from 34% to 21%. No objection to this submission was made. CUII's 30-day filing in this Cause made on March 26, 2018 also included revised tariffs showing the reduction to its annual income tax expense based upon the new corporate income tax rate of 21%. The Consumer Parties have no objection to CUII's calculations as reflected in its 30-day filing. As such, no further consideration of Phase I relief in a subdocket is necessary.

CUII's March 26, 2018 Phase I filing in this Cause appropriately made no proposal as to Phase II issues, and as its Rate Base Update makes plain, CUII will continue to participate in

Phase II of the tax docket in order to address issues related to the elimination of bonus depreciation and its impact on accumulated deferred income taxes as well as any over-collection of income tax expense since January 1, 2018 based on the 35% corporate tax rate.

CUII raises no additional grounds for the creation of a subdocket other than to "address the revision of its rates and charges to reflect the new tax rate." Those revisions have already been made both in Cause No. 44724 and in this docket. Therefore, the Consumer Parties submit that CUII's motion in this Cause be denied.

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing *Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Consumer Parties' Opposition to COMMUNITY UTILITIES of INDIANA INC.*Request for Sub-docket has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on April 5, 2018.

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