

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**VERIFIED PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY)
INDIANA, LLC (“DUKE ENERGY INDIANA”))
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE CHS. 8-1-8.5, 8-1-8.8,)
AND IND. CODE §§ 8-1-2-0.6 AND 8-1-2-23 FOR (1))
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (“CPCN”))
PURSUANT TO IND. CODE CH. 8-1-8.5 TO)
CONSTRUCT TWO COMBINED CYCLE (“CC”))
NATURAL GAS UNITS, AT APPROXIMATELY)
738 MEGAWATTS (WINTER RATING) EACH, AT)
THE EXISTING CAYUGA GENERATING)
STATION (“CAYUGA CC PROJECT”); (2))
APPROVAL OF THE CAYUGA CC PROJECT AS)
A CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT AND)
AUTHORIZATION FOR FINANCIAL)
INCENTIVES INCLUDING TIMELY COST)
RECOVERY THROUGH CONSTRUCTION)
WORK IN PROGRESS (“CWIP”) RATEMAKING)
THROUGH A GENERATION COST)
ADJUSTMENT (“GCA”) TRACKER)
MECHANISM UNDER IND. CODE CH. 8-1-8.8; (3))
AUTHORITY TO RECOVER COSTS INCURRED)
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAYUGA CC)
PROJECT; (4) APPROVAL OF THE BEST)
ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION)
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAYUGA CC)
PROJECT; (5) APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO)
DUKE ENERGY INDIANA’S ELECTRIC)
SERVICE TARIFF RELATING TO THE)
PROPOSED GCA TRACKER MECHANISM; (6))
APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC RATEMAKING AND)
ACCOUNTING TREATMENT; AND (7))
ONGOING REVIEW OF THE CAYUGA CC)
PROJECT)**

CAUSE NO. 46193

**INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR’S MOTION TO
CONDUCT THREE PUBLIC FIELD HEARINGS**

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) moves the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) to schedule and conduct three public field hearings in this Cause before April 25, 2025. In support of this motion, the OUCC states:

1. Duke Energy Indiana, LLC (“Duke”) filed its verified petition initiating this Cause on February 13, 2025, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) to construct two combined cycle (“CC”) natural gas-fired units, at approximately 738 megawatts (“MW”) (winter rating) each, for a total of 1,476 MW, at the existing Cayuga Generating Station (“Cayuga CC Project”), among other authorizations, including timely cost recovery through construction work in progress ratemaking through a Generation Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) tracker mechanism.

2. While Duke is not requesting to change its basic rates in this proceeding, the best estimate for the facility is approximately \$3.33 billion, and Duke currently estimates costs in the first GCA tracker filing after approval will result in an incremental charge of approximately \$1.87 for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, with an estimated average retail rate impact of approximately 5.4% over a 5-year period. Thus, this proceeding is projected to have a significant financial impact upon Duke’s ratepayers that merits affording them the opportunity to speak directly to the Commission upon Duke’s proposal.

3. Due to the magnitude of Duke’s request and the large service area in which Duke provides electric service, the OUCC requests the Commission conduct three public field hearings so Duke’s electric ratepayers have more than one opportunity and location to attend a field hearing and share their viewpoints and concerns about Duke’s petition with the Commission. Realistically, offering only one field hearing makes it prohibitive for many of Duke’s electric ratepayers to attend

due to the size of Duke's service territory. It is, therefore, in the public interest to hold three field hearings within Duke's service territory to facilitate greater input from Duke's ratepayers.

4. The OUCC requests the field hearings be scheduled before April 25, 2025, to facilitate incorporating ratepayers' comments and concerns into the OUCC's case-in-chief prefilings.

5. The OUCC has discussed this motion with the other parties, including Duke, and is authorized to represent that Duke will respond separately to this motion, and Intervenor Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana supports this motion for three field hearings.

WHEREFORE, the OUCC respectfully moves the Commission to schedule and conduct three public field hearings upon the pending petition within Duke's electric service territory before April 25, 2025, in furtherance of the public interest and to afford sufficient opportunity for input from Duke's ratepayers, and for 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 to Conduct Three Public Field Hearings* has been served upon the following in the above-captioned proceeding by electronic service on February 26, 2025.

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