

Amazon Data Services, Inc. Exhibit 2 IURC Cause 46097 Intervenor Settlement Testimony of Carolyn A. Berry

#### STATE OF INDIANA

#### INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE	MATTER	OF TH	E VER	IFIED	)	
PETITION (	OF INDIAN	IA MICH	IGAN PO	OWER	)	<b>CAUSE NO. 46097</b>
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# VERIFIED SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY OF CAROLYN A. BERRY, Ph.D.

On Behalf of

Amazon Data Services, Inc.

**December 4, 2024** 

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1	Q1.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
2	A.	My name is Carolyn A. Berry. I am a Principal in the Energy Practice at Bates White
3		Economic Consulting ("Bates White") located at 2001 K Street NW, North Building,
4		Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006.
5	Q2.	ARE YOU THE SAME CAROLYN BERRY WHO PREVIOUSLY FILED
6		DIRECT TESTIMONY IN CAUSE 46097?
7	A.	Yes, I am.
8	Q3.	WHAT IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY?
9	A.	I am submitting testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement ("Settlement") entered
10		into between and among Indiana Michigan Power Company ("I&M" or "Company"), the
11		Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"), the Citizens Action Coalition
12		("CAC"), the Data Center Coalition ("DCC"), Amazon Data Services, Inc. ("Amazon"),
13		Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") and Google LLC ("Google") (collectively the
14		"Settling Parties") as filed with the Commission in this Cause on November 22, 2024.
15	Q4.	IS THE SETTLEMENT FAIR, REASONABLE, AND IN THE PUBLIC
16		INTEREST?
17	A.	Yes, the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest as demonstrated below:
18		1. The Settlement amends I&M's Tariff I.P. and equitably applies to new or expanded
19		facilities with contract capacity of at least 70 MW or 150 MW on an aggregated
20		basis.
21		2. The Settlement supports fair, reliable, and affordable service to all I&M customers
22		and resolves all pending issues of connecting large loads to I&M's electric grid.
23		3. The Settlement is in the public interest because it supports the continued economic
24		growth of Indiana, while enabling I&M to effectively plan, invest, and serve the

1		resulting load growth for the benefit of all customers. This supports the ongoing
2		investment to modernize the local electric grid for the benefit of all customers and
3		ensures that costs to support Large Load Customers, as defined under Tariff I.P.
4		("LLC"), including data centers, are not passed along to other customers.
5		4. Under the Settlement, in alignment with its corporate values to partner with and
6		support communities in which they invest, Amazon agreed to contribute \$500,000
7		annually for five years to the Indiana Community Action Association, a provider of
8		energy assistance and other programs to low-income people in Indiana.
9		5. The Settlement requires the Settling Parties to work collaboratively to develop a new
10		customer program tariff proposal that enables participants to support investment in
11		carbon-free resources while ensuring that all program costs are covered by program
12		participants and remain consistent with the Five Pillars in Ind. Code § 8-1-2-0.6.
13		6. The Settlement requires I&M to continue to prioritize public safety in its emergency
14		load reduction plans and support collaboration regarding I&M Load Shedding Events
15		and Demand Responses.
16		7. The Settlement is the result of a collaborative negotiation process that supports
17		I&M's abilities to: (a) provide cost-effective, dependable service to all customers; and
18		(b) continue pursuing opportunities that enable third party economic development
19		and investment of large loads, such as Amazon's data centers, within I&M's service
20		territory.
21	Q5.	MANY OF THE SETTLING PARTIES PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED ABOUT THE
22		FAIRNESS OF MANDATORY TERM LENGTHS. IN YOUR OPINION IS THE
23		MANDATORY TERM IN THE SETTLEMENT A FAIR, JUST, AND
24		REASONABLE RESOLUTION?
25	A.	Yes. I believe the Mandatory Term that the Settling Parties agreed upon as part of the
26		comprehensive settlement is fair, just, and reasonable. The "Initial Contract Term" will

- be for a period of not less than 12 years. A LLC may designate a Load Ramp Period,
- which can be no greater than five years. If a Load Ramp Period is designated by the LLC,
- 3 the Initial Contract Term shall commence after the Load Ramp Period ends. The
- 4 "Contract Term" is the Load Ramp Period plus the Initial Contract Term.

## 5 Q6. DO YOU RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT?

- 6 A. Yes. I recommend approval of the Settlement, which is comprehensive and based on
- 7 appropriate regulatory policy and rate design principles.
- 8 Q7. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY?
- 9 A. Yes, it does.

#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Carolyn A. Berry, Ph.D., hereby verify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Carolyn A. Berry, Ph.D. Amazon Data Services, Inc.

Dated: December 4, 2024