

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF OHIO VALLEY GAS CORP. AND)
OHIO VALLEY GAS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
ADJUSTMENT TO THEIR RATES THROUGH)
THEIR PIPELINE SAFETY ADJUSTMENT)
AUTHORIZED IN THE COMMISSION'S ORDERS IN)
CAUSE NOS. 43209 AND 43208, AND TO COMPLY)
WITH CERTAIN FINDINGS OF THE)
COMMISSION'S ORDER IN CAUSE NO. 44147.)

CAUSE NO. 44317 PSA-8

INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR'S

PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 1 – TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS
CINTHIA J. GALVEZ

With the current requirement that all staff work from home, signatures for affirmations are not available at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**OHIO VALLEY GAS CORPORATION AND OHIO VALLEY GAS, INC.
CAUSE NO. 44317 PSA-8
TESTIMONY OF OUCC WITNESS CINTHIA J. GALVEZ**

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Cinthia J. Galvez and my business address is 115 West Washington
3 Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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

5 A: I am employed by the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") as
6 a Utility Analyst in the Natural Gas Division. For a summary of my educational
7 and professional experience and my preparation for this case, please see Appendix
8 CJG-1.

9 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A: The purpose of my testimony is to address the request of Ohio Valley Gas
11 Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ohio Valley Gas, Inc. (collectively,
12 "Petitioners"). Petitioners request recovery of incremental expenses through a
13 pipeline safety adjustment ("PSA") tracking mechanism. These incremental
14 expenses include non-capital Transmission Integrity Management Program
15 ("TIMP") expenses incurred in accordance with the requirements of the Federal
16 Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 ("Safety Act") and Distribution Integrity
17 Management Program ("DIMP") expenses resulting from the Final Rule of the
18 Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety

1 Administration. Specifically, my testimony addresses Petitioners' reconciliation of
2 PSA expenses incurred but not yet recovered.

3 My testimony addresses Petitioners' proposed reconciliation of PSA
4 expenses incurred from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, including
5 PSA expenses incurred prior to 2020 but not yet recovered as of December 31,
6 2019, compared to the tracker revenue recoveries of PSA expenses during the 2020
7 calendar year. My testimony also addresses Petitioners' proposed updated PSA
8 tracker rates designed to recover the aforementioned PSA expenses using the
9 combined PSA allocation factors for transmission and distribution mains from
10 Petitioners' cost of service study approved in 2017 in its most recent base rate case,
11 Cause No. 44891.

II. PIPELINE SAFETY ADJUSTMENT ("PSA") MECHANISM

12 **Q: Do you agree with Petitioners' methodology of allocating PSA expenses in this**
13 **filing?**

14 A: Yes. Petitioners used the combined PSA allocation factors for transmission and
15 distribution mains approved in Petitioners' most recent rate case. These allocation
16 factors are used to determine the proposed PSA rates common to Petitioners' three
17 (3) pipeline areas. The OUCC agrees with this allocation method for expenses
18 incurred through December 31, 2020 and the reconciliation of 2019 costs.

19 **Q: Were there any discrepancies in Petitioners' exhibits, as originally filed on**
20 **March 31, 2021?**

21 A: No. There were no discrepancies in Petitioners' exhibits filed on March 31, 2021.

- 1 **Q: Do you agree with the PSA rates proposed by Petitioners in this filing?**
2 A: Yes. The OUCC agrees with the PSA rates proposed by the Petitioners as shown
3 on Petitioners' Appendix D.

III. OUCC RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4 **Q: What are the OUCC's recommendations with respect to Petitioners' requested**
5 **cost recovery through the Pipeline Safety Adjustment in this Cause?**
6 A: The OUCC recommends recovery of the same PSA rates as proposed by the
7 Petitioners. The proposed PSA rates are as follows:

8	Rate No.	PSA Charge (\$ per Therm)
9	11/41/91	\$0.0009 per Therm
10	12/42/92	\$0.0005 per Therm
11	14/44/94	\$0.0003 per Therm
12	15/45/95	\$0.0001 per Therm
13	16/46/96	\$0.0005 per Therm
14	18/48/98	\$0.0005 per Therm

- 15 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**
16 A: Yes.

APPENDIX TO TESTIMONY OF
OUCW WITNESS CINTHIA J. GALVEZ

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

2 A: I graduated from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in
3 Indianapolis, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance, and a minor in
4 Economics in August 2019. While attending the Business School, I worked for
5 AT&T, in multiple locations in Indiana as a Retail Sales Consultant. I assisted
6 customers with sales of AT&T cellular, internet, and TV services.

7 In October 2019, I began my employment with the OUCC as a Utility
8 Analyst. My current responsibilities include reviewing, analyzing, and preparing
9 testimony for Gas Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) cases, Certificate of Public
10 Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) cases, financing cases, Gas Demand Side
11 Management (“GDSM”) cases, Targeted Economic Development (“TED”) Project
12 cases, special contract cases, and base rate cases for natural gas utilities.

13 **Q: Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

14 A: Yes, I have filed testimony in a variety of cases before the Commission, including
15 gas cost adjustments, requests for certificates of public convenience and necessity,
16 gas demand side management, targeted economic development projects, financing
17 cases, special contract cases and base rate cases.

18 **Q: Please describe the review you conducted to prepare this testimony.**

19 A: I reviewed the petition, Petitioners’ witness Ronald P. Salkie’s direct testimony,
20 Petitioners’ prior PSA filing, and Petitioners’ supporting documentation.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing ***OUCC'S TESTIMONY OF CINTHIA J. GALVEZ*** has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on May 28, 2021.

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