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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A VECTREN ENERGY) DELIVERY OF INDIANA, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF **CLEAN ENERGY SOLAR PROJECTS; DECLINATION**) JURISDICTION OF WITH RESPECT TO) **CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECTS PURSUANT TO**) IND. CODE § 8-1-2.5; AND ACCOUNTING AND) **RATEMAKING TREATMENT, INCLUDING TIMELY**) RECOVERY OF COSTS **INCURRED** DURING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION THROUGH A **CLEAN ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO**) **IND. CODE § 8-1-8.8**)

CAUSE NO. 44909

APPROVED: MAR **2 9** 2017

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers: James D. Atterholt, Chairman Carol Sparks Drake, Administrative Law Judge

On February 22, 2017, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. ("Vectren South" or "Petitioner") filed its petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in this matter.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held in Hearing Room 224, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 1:30 p.m., on March 21, 2017. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. Petitioner and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record.

Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which shall become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. <u>Petitioner's Prefiling Date</u>. Petitioner prefiled with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on February 22, 2017. Copies of same were served upon all parties of record.

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2. <u>OUCC's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date</u>. The OUCC and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective casesin-chief on or before May 11, 2017. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

3. <u>Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling and Cross-Answering Testimony</u>. Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before May 26, 2017. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record. The OUCC and all Intervenors shall also prefile with the Commission any cross-answering testimony and exhibits responding to the cases-in-chief prefiled by parties other than Petitioner on or before May 26, 2017, and copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

4. <u>Witness Order</u>. Parties shall submit their intended order of witnesses to the Commission and the parties in writing at least 72 hours in advance of the evidentiary hearing.

5. <u>Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief</u>. In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on June 15, 2017, in Hearing Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties shall be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner shall present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of the OUCC's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement and supporting testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission at least 10 business days prior to the evidentiary hearing.

6. <u>Sworn Testimony</u>. Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the evidentiary hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the evidentiary hearing, the prefiled testimony shall be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

7. **Discovery**. Discovery is available for all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within 10 calendar days of the receipt of such request; provided, however, that following the submission of rebuttal testimony, discovery shall be responded and/or objected to within five business days. Also, any discovery served after 12:00 p.m. shall be deemed as having been served on the next business day. The parties agreed to conduct discovery by electronic means.

8. <u>Prefiling of Working Papers</u>. When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall file a copy of the working papers used to produce that evidence within two business days after the prefiling of such technical evidence. The working papers shall be filed in accordance with the User Manual referenced in General Administrative Order 2016-2. Copies of same shall also be served electronically on the other parties to this Cause.

9. <u>Number of Copies/Corrections</u>. Filings with the Commission shall comply with General Administrative Order 2016-2. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections.

10. <u>Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits</u>. Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record no less than two business days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

11. <u>Post-hearing Filings</u>. The dates by when Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall file their respective proposed orders and/or any exceptions to proposed orders shall be set before the close of the evidentiary hearing.

12. <u>Intervenors</u>. Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

ATTERHOLT, FREEMAN, WEBER, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; HUSTON ABSENT:

APPROVED: MAR **2 9** 2017

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

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Mary M. Becerra Secretary of the Commission