

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION	OF INDIAN	A-AMERICAN	WATER)		all
COMPANY,	INC. ("INDIAN	A AMERICAN")	FOR (1))		0
APPROVAL	OF ITS LEAD	O SERVICE LIN	E PLAN)	CAUSE NO. 45	043
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APPROVAL	OF ASSOCIATE	D CHANGES TO	INDIANA)	APPROVED:	MAR 0 7 2018
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PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officers: Sarah E. Freeman, Commissioner David E. Veleta, Senior Administrative Law Judge

On January 29, 2018, Indiana American Water Company, Inc. ("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 Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 9:30 a.m., on February 26, 2018. 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, the Town of Schererville, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference.

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 January 29, 2018.
- 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 cases-in-chief on or before April 13, 2018. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.

¹ On February 26, 2018, the Town of Schererville filed a Petition to Intervene ("Motion"). The Motion was granted during the Prehearing Conference.

- 3. <u>Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling</u>. Petitioner shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before April 23, 2018. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.
- 4. <u>Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date for Cross-Answers</u>. The Public and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission any cross-answering testimony and exhibits on or before April 23, 2018. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.
- 5. <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.
- 6. Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief. In the event this Cause is not settled, the cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, the OUCC, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on May 7, 2018, in 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 10 business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.
- 7. <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.
- 8. <u>Discovery</u>. 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 seven calendar days of the receipt of such request; provided, however, that any discovery communication received after 12 o'clock noon shall be deemed to have been received on the next business day for purposes of computing the seven calendar day response or objection period. The parties may conduct discovery through electronic means and will serve all parties with discovery requests and responses.
- 9. <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 on the other parties to this Cause.

- 10. <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.
- 11. Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits. Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record as soon as an objection can be reasonably determined, but no less than ten days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.
- **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.

FREEMAN, HUSTON, WEBER, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED:

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

Mary M. Becerra

Secretary of the Commission