

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
STUCKER FORK CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW
SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES
FOR WATER SERVICE**

CAUSE NO. 46167

PETITION

TO THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION:

Stucker Fork Conservancy District ("Petitioner" or "Stucker Fork"), by counsel, respectfully requests approval for a new schedule of rates and charges for water service. In support of its Petition, Stucker Fork states:

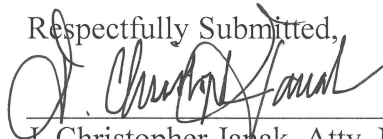
1. Stucker Fork is a duly established conservancy district by order of the Scott Circuit Court, Scott County, Indiana. The conservancy district was established on the 9th day of April, 1964, pursuant to Chapter 308, Acts of 1957, as amended (Ind. Code § 14-33-1 et seq.), for the purpose of, among other things, "providing water supply including treatment and distribution for domestic, industrial, and public uses."
2. As a conservancy district, Stucker Fork has duly made the election to furnish water supply under Ind. Code § 14-33-20 et seq. Pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 14-33-20-14 and 14-33-20-7, Stucker Fork is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission when Stucker Fork seeks to change its rates and charges.
3. Stucker Fork's office is located at 2260 N. U.S. Hwy. 31 in Austin, Indiana 47102.
4. Stucker Fork utilizes wells and surface water, water treatment and transmission facilities, elevated storage tanks, land, land rights, equipment, distribution mains, and other property in providing potable water service to residential, agricultural, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers located in Scott, Jefferson, Jackson, Jennings, Washington, and Clark Counties.
5. Stucker Fork's current schedule of rates and charges for water utility service were approved in the Commission's July 25, 2018 Order in Cause No. 44987. As required by Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42, more than 15 months have passed since the filing of Petitioner's last request for a general increase in its basic rates and charges.

6. Stucker Fork is seeking to adjust its rates and charges based on a cost-of-service study. Many of the expenses are higher than what was approved in prior rate cases due to inflation and the increased cost to complete certain tasks and projects as discussed in detail in the pre-filed testimony and exhibits.
7. Therefore, Stucker Fork proposes in this case new water rates and charges that will be sufficient to pay its expenses as set forth in Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8, resulting in an estimated \$1,574,927 increase in its revenue requirement, which represents an across-the-board increase of 31.5% to Stucker Fork's current revenue requirement, which will be spread across and vary by customer class.
8. Included with this *Petition*, Stucker Fork is submitting its case-in-chief, which includes the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Richard A. Burch, P.E., and Douglas Baldessari, CPA, including supporting attachments, schedules, and workpapers.
9. The attorneys representing Stucker Fork in this proceeding who are authorized to accept service of papers on behalf of Stucker Fork are:

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WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, Stucker Fork Conservancy District, respectfully requests that the Commission: (a) promptly establish a procedural schedule in this Cause; (b) conduct such hearings as the Commission believes necessary and appropriate; (c) authorize Stucker Fork to increase its rates and charges for water utility service; (d) approve Stucker Fork's new schedule of rates and charges; and (e) for all other appropriate relief.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 25, 2024, the foregoing was filed electronically with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission using the Commission's electronic filing system and was served electronically on the parties below:

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