

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMPANY LLC FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO )  
MODIFY ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS )  
UTILITY SERVICE THROUGH A PHASE IN OF )  
RATES; (2) APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF )  
RATES AND CHARGES, GENERAL RULES AND )  
REGULATIONS, AND RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL OF )  
REVISED DEPRECIATION RATES APPLICABLE TO )  
ITS GAS PLANT IN SERVICE; (4) APPROVAL OF ) CAUSE NO. 45621  
MECHANISM TO MODIFY RATES )  
PROSPECTIVELY FOR CHANGES IN FEDERAL OR )  
STATE INCOME TAX RATES, UTILITY RECEIPTS )  
TAX RATES, AND PUBLIC UTILITY FEE RATES; (5) )  
APPROVAL OF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE )  
ACCOUNTING RELIEF; AND (6) AUTHORITY TO )  
IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY RATES CONSISTENT )  
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF IND. CODE § 8-1-2-42.7. )

**PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO THE INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S MARCH 14, 2022 DOCKET ENTRY**

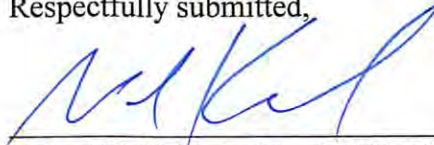
Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC, by counsel, hereby submits its Response to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's March 14, 2022 Docket Entry.

**Request No. 2-1:** On March 9, 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Bill 1002, which eliminated the collection of the utility receipts tax ("URT") in rates. If the Commission approves the Settlement in its entirety, the proposed rates will recover the URT in rates. If HEA 1002 is signed into law by the Governor, please explain whether this issue can or should be addressed before the Commission issues its decision in this Cause, and if so, how should it be addressed.

**Response:** Assuming Governor Holcomb signs this legislation, NIPSCO would reflect the resulting revenue requirement reduction in its Phase 1 and Phase 2 compliance filings. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, any resulting change in the overall revenue requirement would be reflected as an across-the-board change from the Settlement rates. NIPSCO believes that the Commission can approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement with this commitment from NIPSCO and that this will fully resolve the issue. It would be anticipated the Governor will either sign or not sign HB 1002 before the Commission issues its decision in this Cause.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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