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Via Electronic Filing – 30 Day Filings – Gas

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**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY  
COMMISSION**

**RE: NIPSCO 30 Day Filing Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-6-1 et seq.**

Dear Ms. Howe:

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-1, enclosed please find a clean and redlined version of NIPSCO's proposed revision to its Table of Contents, Rule 1 – Definitions, Rule 9 – Metering and Rule 16 – Miscellaneous and Non-recurring Charges of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7 ("Gas Tariff"). The revisions impact Residential or Non-Residential Customers who refuse installation of an Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") upgrade to their gas and/or electric meter(s) to measure and report their usage. The Opt-Out charge will recover the incremental costs of continuing manual meter reads and will provide a market signal to customers choosing to have their meter(s) manually read. The referenced filing consists of NIPSCO's proposal to (1) update its Table of Contents to reflect changes in pagination, (2) modify its Rule 1 – Definitions to include a definition for AMR, (3) modify its Rule 9 – Metering to add a reference to the Opt-Out charge in Rule 9.1, and (4) to modify its Rule 16 – Miscellaneous and Non-recurring Charges to add Rule 16.5 to detail the non-recurring charge.

Only customers who refuse installation of the AMR device will be affected. The charge will consist of a monthly maintenance fee of \$15 to recognize the cost of manually reading the meter. It should be noted that the amount of \$15 is a conservative calculation of this charge. This amount takes into consideration the efficiencies gained by meter readers as they become familiar with the revised routes. It accounts for the balance of urban/suburban and rural customers as the time required and the mileage driven to obtain manual readings in rural areas is much greater. And it also reflects the

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use of the standard meter reader hourly pay rate rather than an overtime rate. A spreadsheet detailing the components of this rate is attached.

The AMR Opt-Out Charge will be applied to opt-out customer bills as a line item. In the case of a combination gas and electric customer, the AMR Opt-Out Charge will be assessed only once per month per location. Customers will not be given the opportunity to remove an AMR device already installed on their meter by agreeing to pay the AMR Opt-Out Charge.

170 IAC 1-6-3(3) states that changes to rules and regulations are an allowable type of filing and the proposed revision is a change to the operating rules of the Gas Tariff. Thus, this filing is an allowable filing under the 30-day filing procedures. This filing does not require confidential treatment nor does it seek any other relief identified in 170 IAC 1-6-4, so it is not prohibited under the Commission's Rule.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(2), contact information for the utility regarding this filing is:

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In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(3), the proposed tariff sheets are attached. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(4), a work paper supporting this filing is attached.

In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5), I have verified this letter as to these representations in compliance with 170 IAC 1-6-5(5). A copy of this filing is being provided via electronic mail to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC"). After NIPSCO met with the OUCC to discuss this proposed tariff, the OUCC advised NIPSCO that it has no objection to this 30-day filing.

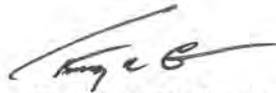
In accordance with 170 IAC 1-6-6, NIPSCO has posted notice of this change in its local customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana and has placed the notice

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on its website under pending tariffs (see <http://www.nipsco.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>). A copy of the notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of NIPSCO customers affected by this filing is attached hereto. A copy of the proof of publication will be provided immediately upon its receipt.

Please let me know if the Commission Staff has any questions or concerns about this submission.

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Caister  
Director, Regulatory Policy

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cc: (w/ encl. – via email transmission) to A. David Stippler and Jeffrey M. Reed, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ([dstippler@oucc.in.gov](mailto:dstippler@oucc.in.gov), [jreed@oucc.in.gov](mailto:jreed@oucc.in.gov), [infomgt@oucc.in.gov](mailto:infomgt@oucc.in.gov))

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- 1.33 Industrial Customer. Any Customer who is engaged primarily in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product.
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- 1.36 IURC Rules. Rules and regulations for gas utilities promulgated by the IURC, codified in Title 170 of the Indiana Administrative Code (IAC), Article 5.
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- 1.46 Premise. The main residence, or Living Quarters for the use of a single family, or main building of a Commercial Customer, which includes the outlying or adjacent buildings used by the Customer provided the use of the service in the outlying or adjacent buildings is supplemental to the service used in the main residence or building.
- 1.47 PSIG. Pounds per square inch gauge.
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- 1.49 Residential Customer. Any Customer that resides in a residential dwelling, mobile home, apartment or condominium using gas for space heating, cooling, water heating and/or other residential uses.
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- 1.51 Riders. The part of the Tariff setting forth supplemental provisions applicable to specific Rate Schedules, as filed with and approved by the IURC.
- 1.52 Rules. The part of the Tariff setting forth the General Rules and Regulations Applicable to Gas Service, as filed with and approved by the IURC.
- 1.53 Sales Customer. A Customer receiving Sales Service from the Company.
- 1.54 Sales Service. Gas service involving the delivery by the Company to the Customer of Company supplied gas.
- 1.55 Tariff. The entire body of the Rules, Rate Schedules and Riders.
- 1.56 Therm. Commercial unit of heat. One Therm equals one hundred thousand Btu.
- 1.57 Transportation Customer. A Customer receiving Transportation Service from the Company.
- 1.58 Transportation Service. Gas service involving the delivery by the Company to the Customer of Customer-delivered gas.

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**9. METERING**

9.1 Meters to be Installed by Company

The gas supplied, unless otherwise specified, shall be measured by a meter or meters of standard manufacture, installed and owned by the Company. Each meter shall be considered by itself in calculating the amount of any bills, except when, for the convenience of the Company, more than one meter is installed on the same class of service in the same Premises for the same Customer, in which case the sum of the registrations shall be, in all cases, taken as the total registration.

Where service is supplied at pressures in excess of ten (10) inches of water column or where gas temperature varies from 60° F., the Company may correct the volume of gas metered to correspond to gas of standard condition on a water vapor free basis, at an absolute pressure of 14.65 pounds per square inch, and at a temperature of 60° F.

Charges for metering may be imposed in accordance with Section 16.

9.2 Meter Testing

The Company will test meters used for billing Customers in accordance with the IURC Rules (170 IAC 5-1-9).

9.3 Failure of Meter and/or Instrumentation

Whenever it is discovered that a meter or associated instrumentation when used to correct metered gas volumes to standard conditions is not operating within the limits of accuracy as prescribed in the IURC Rules, an adjustment shall be made in accordance with such IURC Rules.

9.4 Correction of Metered Quantities for Billing

For the purpose of billing under this Rule, a Therm shall be one hundred cubic feet of gas at a temperature of 60° F, at an absolute pressure of 14.65 pounds per square inch, having an average total heating value equivalent to 100,000 British thermal units (Btu). Metered quantities of gas, corrected for temperature and pressure conditions, shall be adjusted for Btu content by multiplying by the average heating value per cubic foot of gas, as determined for the latest monthly period available, and dividing by 1,000.

9.5 Extra Meters at Customer's Request

The Company will not supply meters other than those deemed necessary by the Company to render gas service to the Customer except for temporary installation. When such temporary extra meters are installed at the request of the Customer, the Customer shall be required to pay the cost, (with the exception of the meter) required for the installation and removal. A rental charge in accordance with Rule 6.4, dependent upon size and type of meter, but in no case less than \$1.00 per meter per month, will be made for each extra meter.

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**16. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-REOCCURRING CHARGES**

16.1 Reconnection Charges

Whenever the service has been turned off by the Company in accordance with Rule 12, a charge will be made by the Company to cover the cost of reconnection of service, which charge shall be as follows:

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| A. | Reconnect during normal working hours<br>(8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)               | \$70.00  |
| B. | Reconnect after normal working hours<br>(Monday through Friday)<br>Saturday | \$85.00  |
| C. | Reconnect on Sunday and Holidays  | \$100.00 |

16.2 Non-Sufficient Funds

A charge of \$20.00 to reimburse the Company for its cost incident to Non-Sufficient Funds will be assessed.

16.3 After Hours / Same Day Charge.

If Customer requests that gas service be initially connected, reconnected or disconnected outside of normal business hours or on the same day the request is submitted, Customer shall be charged an After Hours / Same Day Charge of \$55.00 in addition to any other applicable charges for each connection, reconnection or disconnection.

16.4 Return Trip Charge.

If Customer schedules an appointment in association with a service request, and the Company's serviceman is not able to gain access to Company's facilities due to the absence of the Customer, the Customer shall be charged a Return Trip Charge in the amount of \$40.00 at the time an appointment is rescheduled by the Customer.

16.5 AMR Opt-Out Charge.

If Customer does not permit Company to install a meter employing AMR on Customer's Premise, Company shall charge Customer a monthly AMR Opt-Out Charge of \$15 per location each month to recognize the cost of manually reading the meter. The charge shall cease to be applied once an AMR meter is installed and Company receives the first automatic reading from the meter. If Customer already has an AMR meter, Company will not replace it with a non-AMR meter at Customer's request. In the event that a non-AMR fails, Company will replace it with an AMR meter.

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**16. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-REOCCURRING CHARGES (continued)**

16.5 AMR Opt-Out Charge (continued)

A Customer who does not permit installation includes a Customer who communicates to the Company that AMR installation is refused; does not timely respond to the Company's request to schedule an AMR meter installation; fails to complete the installation appointment; or otherwise does not allow the Company to use AMR for the Customer's service. A Customer who misses an AMR installation appointment will also be subject to the Trip Charge under Rules 9.6 and 16.4.

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Charges for metering may be imposed in accordance with Section 16.

9.2 Meter Testing

The Company will test meters used for billing Customers in accordance with the IURC Rules (170 IAC 5-1-9).

9.3 Failure of Meter and/or Instrumentation

Whenever it is discovered that a meter or associated instrumentation when used to correct metered gas volumes to standard conditions is not operating within the limits of accuracy as prescribed in the IURC Rules, an adjustment shall be made in accordance with such IURC Rules.

9.4 Correction of Metered Quantities for Billing

For the purpose of billing under this Rule, a Therm shall be one hundred cubic feet of gas at a temperature of 60° F, at an absolute pressure of 14.65 pounds per square inch, having an average total heating value equivalent to 100,000 British thermal units (Btu). Metered quantities of gas, corrected for temperature and pressure conditions, shall be adjusted for Btu content by multiplying by the average heating value per cubic foot of gas, as determined for the latest monthly period available, and dividing by 1,000.

9.5 Extra Meters at Customer's Request

The Company will not supply meters other than those deemed necessary by the Company to render gas service to the Customer except for temporary installation. When such temporary extra meters are installed at the request of the Customer, the Customer shall be required to pay the cost, (with the exception of the meter) required for the installation and removal. A rental charge in accordance with Rule 6.4, dependent upon size and type of meter, but in no case less than \$1.00 per meter per month, will be made for each extra meter.

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**16. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-REOCCURRING CHARGES**

16.1 Reconnection Charges

Whenever the service has been turned off by the Company in accordance with Rule 12, a charge will be made by the Company to cover the cost of reconnection of service, which charge shall be as follows:

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| A. Reconnect during normal working hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)            | \$70.00  |
| B. Reconnect after normal working hours (Monday through Friday) Saturday | \$85.00  |
| C. Reconnect on Sunday and Holidays                                      | \$100.00 |

16.2 Non-Sufficient Funds

A charge of \$20.00 to reimburse the Company for its cost incident to Non-Sufficient Funds will be assessed.

16.3 After Hours / Same Day Charge.

If Customer requests that gas service be initially connected, reconnected or disconnected outside of normal business hours or on the same day the request is submitted, Customer shall be charged an After Hours / Same Day Charge of \$55.00 in addition to any other applicable charges for each connection, reconnection or disconnection.

16.4 Return Trip Charge.

If Customer schedules an appointment in association with a service request, and the Company's serviceman is not able to gain access to Company's facilities due to the absence of the Customer, the Customer shall be charged a Return Trip Charge in the amount of \$40.00 at the time an appointment is rescheduled by the Customer.

16.5 AMR Opt-Out Charge.

If Customer does not permit Company to install a meter employing AMR on Customer's Premise, Company shall charge Customer a monthly AMR Opt-Out Charge of \$15 per location each month to recognize the cost of manually reading the meter. The charge shall cease to be applied once an AMR meter is installed and Company receives the first automatic reading from the meter. If Customer already has an AMR meter, Company will not replace it with a non-AMR meter at Customer's request. In the event that a non-AMR fails, Company will replace it with an AMR meter.

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**16. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-REOCCURRING CHARGES (continued)**

16.5 AMR Opt-Out Charge (continued)

A Customer who does not permit installation includes a Customer who communicates to the Company that AMR installation is refused; does not timely respond to the Company's request to schedule an AMR meter installation; fails to complete the installation appointment; or otherwise does not allow the Company to use AMR for the Customer's service. A Customer who misses an AMR installation appointment will also be subject to the Trip Charge under Rules 9.6 and 16.4.

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*Reflects the efficiencies of the same meter reader / same known customer each month.*

## Calculation of AMR Opt-Out Charge

Incremental Steps To Read A Non-AMR Site	Time Required
1. Identify and download meter reading route(s) that contain non-AMR sites	
2. Load the routes into the hand held device (the AMR meters are loaded into the Mobile device)	5 minutes
3. Identify / familiarize where the non-AMR sites are and plan	
4. At some point during the AMR driving path, need to leave the route to manually read non-AMR site	
5. Upon arrival, follow proper safety steps: > locate safe and proper parking spot > gather safety equipment: dog stick and spray > exit and lock vehicle	20 minutes
6. Safely approach, locate and read the meter and enter into the hand held device	
7. Return to vehicle, follow proper safety steps: > perform 360 evaluation > re-enter vehicle, stow safety equipment	
8. Return to route	
9. End of day, perform the additional processing and uploading steps for reading obtained in the hand held	5 minutes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Standard Hourly Rate of Pay</b>	<b>\$29.41</b>
<b>Incremental Cost To Read</b>	<b>\$14.71</b>
<b>Proposed Charge</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

**Verified Statement of Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
Concerning Notification of Customers Affected by August 12, 2015 30-Day Filing**

Northern Indiana Public Service Company complied with the Notice Requirements under 170 IAC 1-6-6 in the following manner:

- The attached notice was posted in a public place at NIPSCO's customer service office at 3229 Broadway, Gary, Indiana;
- The same notice was posted on NIPSCO's website under 30-Day Filings (see <http://www.nipsco.com/About-us/Rates-Tariffs/30-Day-Filings.aspx>).
- A legal notice was published in the Post Tribune (Lake County), a newspaper of general circulation that has a circulation encompassing the highest number of the utility's customers affected by the filing, on August 11, 2015; and
- I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



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Timothy Caister  
Director, Regulatory Policy

## **NOTICE OF 30-DAY FILING**

On or about August 12, 2015, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (“NIPSCO”) will submit to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval under its 30-Day Filing procedures, 170 IAC 1-6-1, *et seq.* a revised Rule 1 – Definitions, Rule 9 – Metering and Rule 15 – Miscellaneous and Non-Recurring Charges of its IURC Electric Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 12 and Table of Contents, Rule 1 – Definitions, Rule 9 – Metering and Rule 16 – Miscellaneous and Non-reoccurring Charges of its IURC Gas Service Tariff, Original Volume No. 7. The revisions impact Residential or Non-Residential Customers who refuse installation of an Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) upgrade to their gas and/or electric meter(s) to measure and report their usage. The Opt-Out Charge would recover the incremental costs of continuing manual meter reads and provides a market signal to customers choosing to have their meter(s) manually read. A decision on the 30-Day Filing is anticipated at least thirty days after the August 12, 2015 filing date. Any objection to the filing should be directed to (a) the Secretary of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or (b) the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.