

COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

November 25, 2009

Dear Columbia City Municipal Electric Utility Customer,

On November 25, 2009 Columbia City Municipal Electric Utility (Utility) petitioned the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Commission) for approval of an increase in the current monthly electric service charge. The Utility is requesting the Commission to approve the following rates:

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		\$4.88
ENERGY CHARGE PER MONTH		
FIRST 500 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.09201
OVER 500 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.08566
RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATER AND ELECTRIC HEAT SERVICE:		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		
WATER HEATER		\$7.77
ALL ELECTRIC		\$7.82
ENERGY CHARGE PER MONTH		
FIRST 900 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.08532
OVER 900 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.07952
GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL):		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		
SINGLE PHASE		\$20.74
THREE PHASE		\$25.92
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE		\$46.66
ENERGY CHARGE PER MONTH		
FIRST 5,000 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.08792
OVER 5,000 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.08177
GENERAL SERVICE (SMALL) ALL ELECTRIC:		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		
SINGLE PHASE		\$25.26
THREE PHASE		\$30.31
SINGLE AND THREE PHASE		\$55.57
ENERGY CHARGE PER MONTH		
FIRST 5,000 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.07975
OVER 5,000 KWH PER MONTH		\$0.07423
GENERAL SERVICE (LARGE):		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		\$83.73
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD	\$6.64
ALL KWH USAGE		\$0.06327
GENERAL SERVICE INDUSTRIAL:		
CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH		\$107.48
MAXIMUM LOAD CHARGE	PER MONTH PER KVA OF BILLING MAXIMUM LOAD	\$6.59
ALL KWH USAGE		\$0.06084
MUNICIPAL:		
STREET LIGHTING (PER KWH)		\$0.12394
ALL OTHER SERVICE (PER KWH)		\$0.09776
SECURITY LIGHTING SERVICE:		
RATE PER LAMP PER MONTH	100 WATT	\$5.73
	175 WATT	\$6.04
	250 WATT	\$7.84
	400 WATT	\$10.86
	1,000 WATT	\$21.12

The Utility last requested a base rate change in November, 1997. The proposed monthly rate, which represents a 7.48% across-the-board increase over the present rates, is necessary in order for the Utility to pay its current monthly expenses for operation and maintenance of its plant and equipment and also allow for necessary improvements to maintain the utility plant and distribution system in a sound financial and physical condition. Current operating expenses reflect inflationary increases since the last rate adjustment thirteen years ago. Changes in the cost of purchasing wholesale power for resale automatically pass thru to retail customers through the Commission's 30 day filing procedures on a quarterly basis. Assuming a typical residential customer bill of 700 kwh's per month, the proposed rate increase would amount to approximately \$4.74 per month (current monthly cost of \$63.28 to proposed \$68.02 per month).

The Utility filed its application for rate change under 170 IAC 14-1-2(b) without the necessary cost of a Commission hearing; however, a public hearing will be held by the Commission if any public or municipal corporation, ten (10) individuals, firms, corporations or association or ten (10) complainants of all or any of the classes affected by the proposed rate change or if the Utility Consumer Counselor requests a formal public hearing by filing a written signed request with the Secretary, Utility Regulatory Commission at 101 W. Washington Street Suite 1500 E, Indianapolis, IN 46204. It is likely that no hearing will be held in the absence of a written request as described above. The implementation of the proposed service charge is subject to the Commission's approval.

Mailing Address

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