

IPL wants a 51% increase in base rates. Tell them NO!

In December 2014 IPL filed their first base rate case (Cause No. 44576) before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) since April of 1994. **IPL is asking the IURC for permission to raise their annual operating revenues by \$67.8 million**, significantly increase the amount you pay regardless of how much energy you use, and raise other fees by as much as 220%. Charging more for using less has a disproportionate impact on low and fixed income households (seniors, disabled, and other vulnerable populations) AND penalizes households that are conserving energy and making their homes more energy efficient.

Specifically, IPL wants to:

- Increase the monthly fixed cost on most customers to \$17.00, a 55% increase. Low usage customers (low and fixed income households, most notably senior citizens) who use 325 kilowatt hours or less per month will see their monthly fixed cost increase by 68% to \$11.25!
- Increase per kilowatt hour charges for the first 500 kWh used each month by 44% and every kWh used thereafter by 66%.
- Increase per kilowatt hour charges (over 1,000 kWh) for households that are electrically heated or have electric hot water heaters by 90%.

This would mean the residential base rate of \$66.50 (for a household using 1,000 kWh per month) approved in IPL's last base rate case would increase to \$100.47 before taxes. **A 51% INCREASE in base rates!**

In the last 10 years despite not filing a base rate case, IPL's monthly bills have increased nearly 44% for the average customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month.

During that same time period, the median annual income in Indianapolis has declined nearly 12%, or almost \$7,000, while households struggle with significant increases in the cost of energy, health care, food, and other necessities.

This increase in monthly bills is being caused by IPL's abuse of adjustable rate mechanisms, more commonly referred to as "trackers" or "riders". **In this case, not only is IPL asking the IURC to let them keep all of their existing trackers, they want the IURC to approve three new trackers** which will lead to even more frequent bill increases.

Moreover, this 51% increase in their residential base rate DOES NOT INCLUDE \$1.137 billion in increases that IPL has already received approval for to build a new natural gas plant, convert two coal-fired units to natural gas, and install pollution control on their antiquated and dirty coal plants.

But wait, there's more! In addition to the \$1.137 billion that is not included in this rate increase, **this case also DOES NOT INCLUDE ANOTHER \$332 million** that IPL is currently seeking approval for before the IURC in Cause No. 44540 to install new wastewater systems at their power plants and convert Harding St. 7 from coal to natural gas.

That's nearly \$1.5 billion in approved or pending increases that IPL wants YOU to pay above and beyond the 51% rate increase they're asking for in this case.

Take Action Now!

**Send comments to the OUCC
and make your voice heard!**

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Tell the OUCC and the IURC Regulators:

- To oppose IPL's request to increase fixed monthly costs and charge you more for using less.
- To oppose IPL's request for any new trackers and any excessive profits.
- To fight for residential customers to ensure that monthly bills are affordable, just, and reasonable.

**Make sure to reference
Cause Number 44576
in your comments!**

IPL Base Rates Comparison

for the average customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month

Current Bill

	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Monthly Fixed Charge	\$11.00	\$11.00
0-500 kWh rate	\$0.067	\$33.50
Each kWh over 500	\$0.044	\$22.00
Total:		\$66.50

Proposed Bill

	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Monthly Fixed Charge	\$17.00	\$17.00
0-500 kWh rate	\$0.093935	\$46.97
Each kWh over 500	\$0.073	\$36.50
Total:		\$100.47

This is the core of your electric bill - what you are charged for fixed costs and usage fees. This part of your IPL bill makes up about 60% - 70% of your current total IPL bill.

Trackers: the other 30% - 40% of your IPL bill not included in "rates"

These trackers are currently included in your IPL bill, added to the average bill you see above. IPL wants to include the amounts they're currently collecting through trackers into "base rates" going forward. Then they want to file for new amounts to be collected through these trackers shortly after the IURC approves the new base rates. How much the trackers will be on your monthly bill is unknown to everyone but IPL.

	Current Trackers		Proposed Trackers	
	Charges & Rates	Total Bill	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Rider No. 6 - Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC" - filed quarterly)	\$0.019828	\$19.83	???	???
Rider No. 20 - Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery Adjustment ("ECCRA" - filed semi-annually)	\$0.009268	\$9.27	???	???
Rider No. 22 - Demand Side Management Adjustment ("DSMA" - filed semi-annually)	\$0.003491	\$3.49	???	???
Total trackers on current bills:		\$32.59		???
Total bill with base rates and trackers:		\$99.09		\$100.47 + ???

In addition to the trackers currently on your bills, IPL wants to add three new trackers. Again, how much these would be on your monthly bills is unknown to everyone but IPL.

- **Rider No. 24 - Capacity Cost Recovery Adjustment ("CAP"** - would be subject to annual adjustments in a future docket)
- **Rider No. 25 - Off-System Sales Margin Sharing ("OSS"** - would be subject to annual adjustments in a future docket)
- **Rider No. 26 - Regional Transmission Organization Adjustment ("RTO"** - would be subject to annual adjustments in a future docket)



Tell the IURC and the OUCC:

NO MORE RATE INCREASES FOR IPL AND NO NEW TRACKERS!