Settlement With IPL Results In NO INCREASE In Monthly Fixed Charge For Most Customers!

In December 2017, IPL filed a new base rate case (Cause No. 45029) before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), despite the fact that they raised base rates less than two years before. **IPL asked the IURC for permission to raise their annual operating revenues by $95 million**, and significantly increase your monthly fixed charge (the amount you pay regardless of how much energy you use). Increased fixed charges have a disproportionate impact on low and fixed income households (seniors, disabled, and other vulnerable populations) AND penalize households that are conserving energy and making their homes more energy efficient.

**Specifically, IPL wanted to:**

- Increase the monthly fixed charge on most customers to $27 per month, a 59% increase. This would give IPL the highest monthly fixed charge of any investor-owned utility in Indiana, by far.
- Low usage customers (primarily 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 42% to $16!
- Increase per kilowatt hour charges for the first 500 kWh used each month by 15% and every kWh used thereafter by 21%.
- Increase per kilowatt hour charges (over 1,000 kWh) for households that are electrically heated or have electric hot water heaters by 25%.

This would have meant the residential base rate of $97.42 (for a household using 1,000 kWh per month) approved in IPL’s last base rate case would increase to $121.85 before taxes, trackers, and other fees - **a 25% INCREASE in base rates!**

**Settlement approved by the IURC:**

On July 19, 2018, CAC and our partner organizations joined a settlement reached by all parties in IPL base rate case. The agreement was approved by the IURC on October 31, 2018.

The settlement leaves the monthly fixed charge at $17.00 for most residential customers, well below what the company was seeking. For customers whose monthly usage is less than 325 kWh, the existing monthly fixed charge of $11.25 was slightly increased to $12.50.

Several terms of the settlement also include pilot programs to begin helping IPL low-income customers who struggle to pay their monthly electric bills, including $150,000 to weatherize homes and make them more efficient.

For more info on the settlement, visit www.citact.org. In the menu, choose Issues > Issues by Utility, then click on “IPL” in the “Filter by Utility” section of the resulting page.

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**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 fight for residential customers to ensure that monthly bills are affordable, just, and reasonable.
- To support IPL’s proposed low-income pilot programs to assist households experiencing difficulties paying their bills.

Make sure to reference Cause Number 45029 in your comments!
IPL Base Rates Comparison
for the average customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month

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 85% of your current total IPL bill.

Trackers: the other 15% of your IPL bill not included in "base rates"
These trackers are currently included in your IPL bill, added to the average bill you see above. IPL wants to include most of 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.

Tell the IURC and the OUCC to stop the shakedown!