

## **I&M wants \$18 per month, before you use ANY electricity Tell I&M NO WAY to a higher fixed charge and NO WAY to an I&M Bail-Out!**

***I&M wants to raise your base electric rate by 25.3% and your monthly fixed customer charge by a whopping 147%! This amounts to a monthly bill increase for the average I&M residential customer of \$29.74 or 27.7%. And they want you to pay more for their poor business decisions.***

Despite the average bill increasing over 17% since their last base rate case in 2012, Indiana Michigan Power has filed a new base rate case at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). I&M monthly electric bills have increased 62% since 2007, and 36% over the last 5 years. At the same time, Hoosier households struggle with declining and stagnant income and wages, and significant increases in the cost of energy, health care, food, and other necessities. **Enough is enough!**

***I&M wants to significantly increase your monthly fixed charge from \$7.30 to \$18. This is the amount you pay regardless of how much energy you use.***

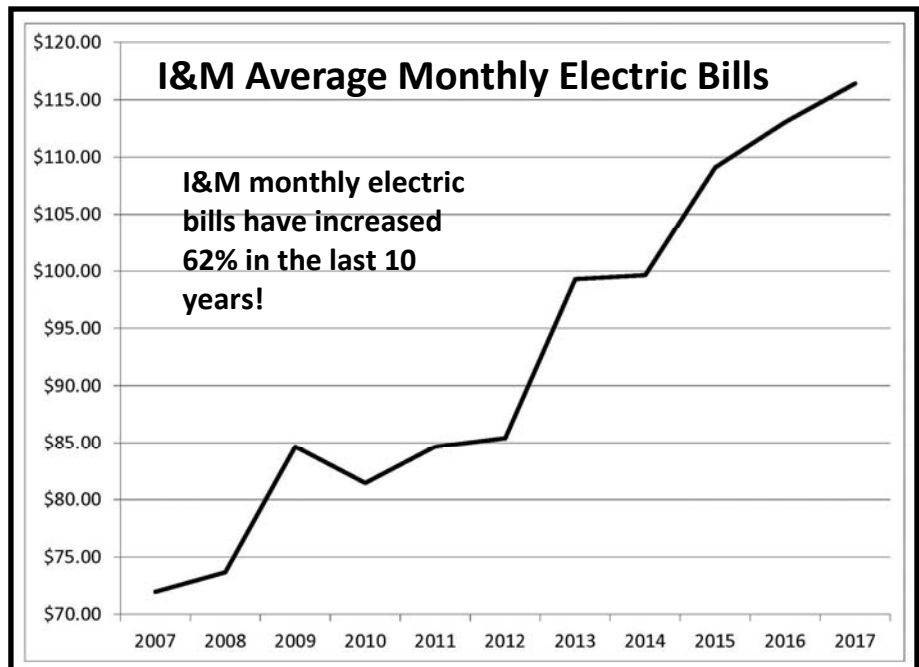
Charging more for using less through higher fixed charges disproportionately hurts households on low- or fixed-incomes, most notably senior citizens and people with disabilities. **We should be protecting vulnerable customers, not harming them.** It also diminishes the longstanding principal of encouraging conservation by **charging you more for using less.** And it imposes an unfair "tax" on farms, homes, schools, and businesses that choose to install solar panels, wind turbines, or other distributed energy technologies on their property.

**In this case, I&M is also asking the IURC to force you to bail them out for their bad business decisions.** 5 years ago, I&M knew that the industry was going toward smart meters, yet they decided to install another kind of meter instead. The new meters last at least 15 years. We're only 5 years into that 15 years, but now they want to rip them out and install smart meters.

To do this, they want to accelerate the depreciation of the meters they just installed. This means that they want customers to pay off these bad investments in a shorter period of time, which increases cash flow to the Company while significantly increasing your electric rates. **I&M wants you to pay off the newly installed meters in the next 5 years so they can spend even more of your money installing expensive and intrusive smart meters.** I&M, not customers, made the decision to install technologically obsolete meters. The Company should pay.

As for the super-polluting Rockport coal-fired dinosaur, I&M has been aware of the challenges that coal-fired power plants have faced in recent years in trying to compete with cheap natural-gas and wind power, as well as the tremendous declines in the price of solar energy. Indeed Rockport itself has been, and continues to be, mired in litigation regarding the wisdom of pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into dirty and obsolete technology. **I&M's own analysis has displayed that shutting down Rockport is the right choice for its customers, yet I&M chose to spend your money to continue to operate the plant.**

Now they finally acknowledge the "economic and technological obsolescence" of Rockport, and **they want you to pay off their bad investments** by 2028 (instead of 2044 as is currently in rates) because they know the plant's time has come. While CAC strongly believes Rockport should be retired and replaced with investments in clean energy, customers should not be penalized for the Company's decision to continue to operate the plant. They made that decision, not customers. The Company should pay.



# I&M Electric Base Rates Comparison

## for the average customer using 888 kilowatt hours of electricity per month

	<u>Current Bill</u>		<u>Proposed Bill</u>	
	Charges & Rates	Total Bill	Charges & Rates	Total Bill
Monthly Charge:	\$7.30	\$7.30	\$18.00	\$18.00
per Kilowatt Rate:	\$0.08634	\$76.67	\$0.10819	\$96.07
	<b>Total: \$83.97</b>		<b>Total: \$114.07</b>	

This is the core of your electric bill - what you are charged for fixed costs and usage fees. This part of your I&M bill makes up about 78% of your current total I&M bill as of August 1, 2017.

### Trackers: the other 22% of your I&M Electric bill not included in base "rates"

These trackers, also called "riders," are currently included in your I&M bill and added to the average bill you see above. The amount collected through trackers changes frequently as some are adjusted quarterly, while others change on a semi-annual or annual basis. I&M is asking to consolidate certain trackers, eliminate others, and create several new ones. Since the trackers will change frequently before I&M files another base rate case, how much the trackers will add to your monthly bill in the months and years ahead is unknown at this point. I&M's current trackers as of August 1, 2017 are listed below.

	Charge per kWh	Current Trackers Total Avg. Bill
Fuel Cost Adjustment Rider (FAC)	(\$0.003050)	(\$2.71)
Nuclear Life Cycle Management Rider (LCM)	\$0.006410	\$5.69
Demand Side Management Rider (DSM)	\$0.005308	\$4.71
PJM Cost Rider (PJM)	\$0.008024	\$7.13
Off-System Sales Margin Sharing Rider (OSS)	\$0.002383	\$2.12
Solar Power Rider (SP)	\$0.002750	\$2.44
Federal Mandate Rider (FMR)	\$0.001600	\$1.42
Clean Coal Technology Rider (CCTR)	\$0.001727	\$1.53
Capacity Settlement Rider (CSR)	\$0.002624	\$2.33
Environmental Cost Compliance Rider (ECCR)	(\$0.000010)	(\$0.01)
Depreciation Credit (DC)	(\$0.001242)	(\$1.10)
<b>Total Trackers on Current Bills:</b>		<b>\$23.55</b>

### TOTAL I&M ELECTRIC BILL INCLUDING TRACKERS

	Current Total Bill	Proposed Total Bill
Charges & Rates:	\$83.97	\$114.07
Trackers:	\$23.55	\$23.19
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$107.52</b>	<b>\$137.26</b>



### Take Action Now!

Send comments to the OUC and make your voice heard!

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### Tell the Utility Consumer Counselor:

- To oppose I&M's request to increase fixed monthly costs and charge you more for using less.
- To oppose customers paying more for I&M's bad business decisions. **NO I&M BAILOUT!**
- To fight for residential customers to ensure that monthly bills are affordable, just, and reasonable.

**Make sure to reference Cause Number 44967 in your comments!**