### Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Update Since Last Exchange

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#### **Office Move**

- Relocation of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor to new offices outside the State Government Complex
  - Offices of the Commission and the OUCC are now on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the National City Center in Indianapolis.
  - Two Hearing Rooms are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the National City Center

## Reorganization of Commission's Legal Office

July 1, 2007-Combination of Administrative Law Judges and General Counsel into a single newly constituted Office of General Counsel.



### Work in Progress Rulemakings

Proposed Modification of the **Commission's Procedural Rules** Proposed Modification of the **Commission's Ex-parte rules** Proposed Modification of the **Commission's Rules on Minimum Standard Filing Requirements** > Rulemaking to Formalize Requirements for "30 Day Filings."

### **Recent Rate Cases**

Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company Gas Rate Case

- Order issued on August 1, 2007
- Cause No. 43112
- Vectren Electric Rate Case
  - Order issued on August 15, 2007
  - Cause No. 43111

Both Cases Settled with the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor and the Industrial Intervenors

### Major Electric Cases

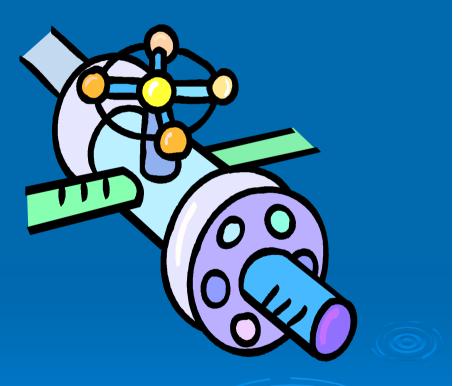
Request by Duke Energy Indiana for approval to Construct an Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle ("IGCC") Plant in Knox County Indiana.

- Designed to convert coal to synthetic natural gas to be burned in a 650 MW generation unit.
- Would replace an existing older unit that is small and underutilized.
- Record closed- Request being considered by the Commission.
- Record in the Commission's Demand Side Management Investigation is closed and the matter is being considered by the Commission

# Syngas Proceeding

Request for the Commission to Decline to Exercise Jurisdiction over the Construction and Operation of a Facility that will convert coal to synthetic natural gas

- syngas may be sold to jurisdictional gas and electric utilities under a long term contract
- Parties attempting to work out details before moving forward



### Pending or Possible Upcoming Electric Rate Cases

Indiana Michigan Power recently filed a Rate Case with the Commission

- First such request since Order issued in Cause No. 39314 on Nov. 12, 1993 – Almost 16 years ago.
- Prehearing Conference Order has been issued by the Commission which establishes the Procedural Schedule

Rate case from Other Electric Utilities may be forthcoming in the near future

#### **Guidelines on Interstate Pipelines**

- Senate Enrolled Act 529 requires the Pipeline Safety division of the IURC to create and administer guidelines related to interstate pipeline construction.
- The Commission accepted written comments on proposed guidelines and held three public meetings throughout the state to solicit verbal comments.
- After September 1, 2007, the statute requires the Pipeline Safety division to mail the guidelines and a letter to all affected landowners and pipelines as soon as it learns of a proposed pipeline (or within 3 days of receiving notice from FERC of a pipeline's application for a certificate of territorial authority). The division is also required to establish a website and keep all information about pipeline projects current; make a contact person available at a toll-free number; and attend all public meetings regarding pipeline projects.

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