

Gas rate

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tric rates. An average residential gas customer in Southwestern Indiana could see an increase of about \$15 per month on their bill, according to CenterPoint.

That is because most of the costs associated with the upgrade have already been recovered in real-time as the work progressed, an arrangement approved by the IURC and allowed by state law.

The proposed rate increase is for recovering the remaining 20 percent of the costs, Hedde said.

The pipeline upgrades resulted in a 36 percent reduction of methane emissions, according to CenterPoint.

The energy efficiency programs included in the request have, since 2013, saved enough natural gas to heat about 46,000 homes, which is equal to about a reduction of about 195,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, CenterPoint officials said in October.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will primarily be conducted vir-

tually. Those wanting to watch the hearing but not comment can do so on YouTube at the following link: <https://youtu.be/CTp2wfdmJfE>.

Here is how to comment:

- Those who want to make spoken comments can do so by WebEx teleconference by registering in advance and then calling 1-240-454-0887 and entering the access code 180 937 8016# no later than 5:50 p.m. Feb. 1. The commission will then call on ratepayers to speak. Participants can RSVP by noon (Central Time) Feb. 1 by calling 1-317-232-5888 or by going online to in.gov/oucc/.

- People who don't want to provide written comments or are unable to join the WebEx session on their own can come to the hearing location and provide comments by WebEx with the assistance of staff.

- Written comments can be submitted to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor at in.gov/oucc/2361.htm, by email to uccinfo@oucc.IN.gov or mailed to: Consumer Services Staff, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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