



**Docket Nos. RPU-2019-0001 and RPU-2019-0002**  
**Alliant Energy-IPL – Proposed Electric and Natural Gas Rate Increases**

**Date Alliant Filed Its Application with the Board:** March 1, 2019

**Permanent Annual Revenue Increase Requested:** \$203.6 million (electric); \$21 million (natural gas)

**Residential Monthly Base Rate Increase Requested:** Alliant-IPL's average residential base rate for electric use would increase from \$82 to \$102, or 24.45%, (based on usage of 756 kWh); the base rate for natural gas use would increase from \$28 to \$35, or 25%, (based on usage of 64 therms)

**Commercial Monthly Base Rate Increase Requested:** From \$190 to \$225, or 18.36%, for electric; from \$95 to \$108, or 14%, for natural gas.

**Base rates** account for approximately 66% of a *residential* electric bill. The remaining 34% of the electric bill include costs assessed by transmission providers, fuel for generation facilities, state-mandated energy efficiency programs, and franchise fees and taxes. Base rates account for approximately 44% of a *residential* natural gas bill. The remaining 56% of the natural gas bill includes the cost of natural gas purchased by Alliant-IPL, state-mandated energy efficiency programs, and franchise fees and taxes.

**Future Test Year Calculations:** Alliant chose to use a future test year for its proposed final rates. IPL's proposed final rates are based on the company's projections about its expenses for 2020, instead of on historic data.

**Temporary (Interim) Rates:** Interim rates may be collected from customers and are subject to refund, with interest, if the interim rates collected are higher than final rates approved by the Iowa Utilities Board, or if the Board determines the interim rates were not based on previously established regulatory principles.

Alliant implemented an interim rate increase of 5.5% for electric service customers effective April 1, 2019, which will increase the company's revenue by \$89.6 million. No interim rate increase was sought for natural gas customers.

**Iowa Utilities Board Final Decision:** The Board will issue separate decisions in the electric and natural gas dockets upon completion of its review of each case.

**Public Customer Comment Meetings:** The Board held meetings in ten communities: Creston, Marshalltown, Storm Lake, Mason City, Decorah, Ottumwa, West Burlington, Clinton, Dubuque and Cedar Rapids. A court reporter was present at each meeting and a transcript of each meeting was filed in the dockets and available to review in the Board's electronic filing system <https://efs.iowa.gov>.

**Alliant's Iowa Customer Base:** Estimated 490,000 electric customers and 220,000 gas customers.

**The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)** is an independent, quasi-judicial agency that regulates utilities to ensure that reasonably priced, reliable, environmentally responsible, and safe utility services are available to all Iowans.

**Participants in a Rate Docket Proceeding** include the three Board members of the IUB; the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, which does not represent any individual customer or specific class of customers but examines the rate proposals to determine the justification of the request; and the utility company (Alliant-IPL) requesting the rate change. There may also be intervenors, such as other utilities or public groups that have an interest.

**The Obligation of the Iowa Utilities Board** under Iowa law is to ensure the charge made by any public utility, for any service rendered, shall be reasonable and just. The Board also will consider all factors relating to value. (Iowa Code chapter 476.8)

**Public Access to Documents Filed in this Case** is available in the Electronic Filing System at <https://efs.iowa.gov/> by searching under Dockets RPU-2019-0001 (electric) and RPU-2019-0002 (natural gas). Paper copies are available (a fee may apply).

**Submitting Comments in a Rate Case Proceeding:** Customers may provide comments regarding the proposed rate increases electronically, in writing, or by completing and submitting the docket comment form on the “Online Services” drop-down menu item on the IUB’s website; by emailing to [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov); or via US Postal Service mail to the address below. For assistance in electronic filing, contact the EFS Help Desk at (515) 725-7337 or [efshelpdesk@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:efshelpdesk@iub.iowa.gov). All comments are uploaded into the dockets, become part of the permanent record, and are reviewed during the course of the rate case proceedings.

*Customers with complaints about their individual service should follow the process listed below.*

**For problems with your utility service or questions about your utility bill:**

If you experience utility service issues or have questions, contact your local utility company. If the utility’s customer service staff cannot resolve your concerns, ask to speak to a supervisor.

**What to do if you cannot get the matter resolved by your utility company:**

If you contacted your utility company and have tried unsuccessfully to resolve the matter, contact the Iowa Utilities Board Customer Service staff and request assistance.

**How do I contact the Customer Service staff of the Iowa Utilities Board?**

By telephone: Call 515-725-7321 or, toll-free, 877-565-4450

By email: [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov)

By US Mail:                   Attention: Customer Service  
                                  Iowa Utilities Board  
                                  1375 E. Court Ave.  
                                  Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

You also may file electronically using the IUB Online Complaint Form:

<https://iub.iowa.gov/consumers/complaints-about-utility/online-complaint-form>