



NIPSCO GREEN POWER RATE PILOT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

In May 2012, NIPSCO filed a proposal with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to offer a new pilot program that would allow customers to designate a portion, or all of their monthly electric usage to be attributable to power generated by renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and hydroelectric power.

1. What is the Green Power Rate pilot program?

NIPSCO's Green Power Rate pilot program is a voluntary program that would allow customers to designate a portion or all of their monthly electric usage to be attributable to power generated by renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and hydroelectric power.

2. Who is eligible to participate and what are the designation levels?

All electric customers, including residential, commercial and industrial customers, are eligible to participate.

Residential electric customers can designate 25, 50 or 100 percent of their monthly electric usage. In addition to those options, commercial and industrial customers have the option to designate five or 10 percent of their electricity usage.

3. How much does it cost to participate?

Customers electing to participate will pay a small premium in addition to NIPSCO's standard, regulated electric rate – reflecting the added cost for NIPSCO to purchase the renewable energy on behalf of its customers. The added costs are passed directly through to customers, with no mark-up or financial return for NIPSCO.

NIPSCO's proposed green power rate is \$0.002163 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh"). This means, for example, that customers choosing the 100 percent option and using 1,000 kWh per month would pay \$2.16 in addition to their typical monthly electric bill. Customers who do not wish to participate in this optional pilot program are not responsible for sharing any costs associated with making this program available. Customers may opt out at any time during the pilot program's duration.

4. How can customers sign-up for the program?

The program must be reviewed and approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) before being made available to customers.

Once the program is available, customers will be able to sign-up On-line or call NIPSCO directly.

5. How can customers be sure the power they're designating comes directly from renewable energy resources?

Under the proposal, NIPSCO will purchase a sufficient amount of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) necessary to cover all green power designated by its electing customers. RECs are the environmental attributes that are derived when electricity is generated from renewable and/or environmentally friendly sources.



These RECs will be certified through Green-e[®], a recognized national organization that ensures RECs are created from the proper sources and are properly claimed.

6. Where does the purchased power come from?

The green power purchased through this program will be targeted to come from Indiana and/or Midwestern resources.

7. Do customers who do not participate in the program have to pay?

No. Customers who do wish not to participate in this optional pilot program are not responsible for sharing any costs associated with making this program available to all customers.

8. Why is NIPSCO offering this program?

This pilot program addresses interest in providing additional customer options like the green options already provided by NIPSCO. It is a simple alternative for those customers who aren't, for whatever reason, able to purchase and install their own solar panels or wind turbines, but still want to make a positive environmental impact.

In addition to supporting the state's goals to promote renewable and homegrown energy, the Green Power Rate program is in-line with NIPSCO's mission to invest in clean, modern, and affordable energy solutions that support Indiana's long-term economic growth.

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