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**NIPSCO NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS TO SEE LOWER BILLS
AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL TAX REFORM**

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – As a result of the newly enacted federal tax reform, NIPSCO submitted a request with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to lower its previous request to modify natural gas base rates by \$26 million.

The reduction means natural gas residential customers would pay nearly \$2 less per month following the Commissions' decision in the company's natural gas rate proposal, which is expected in the second half of 2018. The average natural gas residential customer paying \$50 per month is projected to see their bill go to \$58.10 per month, subject to IURC approval, rather than \$59.80 as originally proposed.

Electric rate benefits from federal tax reform are being considered and reviewed separately.

NIPSCO's original proposal, which was made last September, is four months into a formal regulatory review process, which includes opportunities for public input and involvement.

According to the IURC's monthly residential bill comparisons, NIPSCO is currently the lowest natural gas cost provider in Indiana.

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