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Porchstock 2024 Friday

FORT MADISON – Get ready for an evening full of friends, music, and fun with Fort Madison Porchstock 2024! This free music event will take place on Friday, September 20th from 5-8 pm on various porches and yards. There will be 11 bands of different genres within an 8-block span between Avenues D-G. Be sure to come hungry and stop by one of the awesome food vendors. Bring your lawn chair to sit and enjoy one of your favorites or stroll through town and catch them all. Maps are available by QR Code on the Facebook Page at Fort Madison Porchstock and on the signs at each location.

- Dennis Albee at 1223 Avenue F
- JAB at 1135 Avenue E along with Amazing Grazing
- Curtis Steffensmeier at 521 10th Street
- Laughing Soul at 1002 Avenue G along with Wilson Bros. BBQ
- Gold Protocol at 915 Avenue E
- Heathers & Co. at 907 Avenue D
- Little Evil at 804 Avenue E
- Jason Allen Humes at 630 Avenue E
- PoManTone at 535 Avenue E
- Jonas Birkel at 520 Avenue F
- Shades in Blue at 535 Avenue G along with DeLovely's Delicious Mini Donuts.

This event is free to attend but tips for the bands are certainly appreciated.

Vinnie's Longbranch and The Rail Yard Sports Bar are both going to keep the fun going by hosting an after party at 9 p.m. Bradley Allen Coco will be rocking out at Vinnie's at 2601 Avenue L while The Boys will be getting down at The Rail Yard at 1310 14th Street.

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The Fort Madison Porchstock neighborhood music festival will take place this Friday at the locations listed above with an after-party set for the Rail Yard and Vinnie's Longbranch.

Estate, Community Heating and Cooling, Country Treasures, The Rail Yard, Vinnie's Longbranch, and Griffin Muffler & Brake Center.

Thank you to the committee that put this all together: Tara Vincent, Brian Peterschmidt, Sara Roberts, Bobby Holtkamp, Chi Eastin and Savanna Collier.

COMMENTARY

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Transplant no holiday for Holaday

Most everybody in Henry County, and a lot of SE Iowa, know Jim Holaday. Back in the early nineties he started a business called Holaday Satellite, installing 10' satellite dishes. Remember those? Jim's reputation as a hard worker and provider of excellent equipment and service was well established. He had a young man, Efrain Gutierrez, working for him who dug the 4' deep holes for the center post. The 10' dishes were soon replaced by the smaller saucers of Direct and Dish, and Jim Holaday worked seven days a week installing them.

Jim eventually sold Holaday Satellite to Efrain and became an employee of Holaday Satellite. The well known name of Holaday Satellite remained the same. Why change a name that's time honored?

Recently, Jim, in his mid sixties, noticed that he was, on occasion, short of breath. When this happened, he would take three aspirins and, in half-an-hour, feel better. He didn't give it much thought. Efrain was doing most of the heavy work anyway, so it all worked out.

However, on June 3rd of this year, Jim was sitting in their Mt. Pleasant office sweating profusely. He soaked three paper towels. Efrain, not liking how Jim looked, said, "I'm taking you to the Emergency Room. Let's go."

"Naw. I'm all right," Jim said.

"Now. You're going."

Long story short, Efrain took Jim to the emergency room at Henry County Health Center (HCHC). HCHC transported Jim by ambulance to the

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CITY NEWS

Fort Madison police nab suspect of last week's search

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The suspect of a multi-jurisdictional search last week, has been taken into custody by the Fort Madison Police Tuesday afternoon.

According to a release from Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff, Dakota William Burgund, 34, of Fort Madison was apprehended at a residence southwest of the city limits at about 12:50 p.m..

Burgund was the subject of a Lee County CrimeStoppers posting concerning a previous apprehension attempt a week earlier.

Burgund had been sought by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force on drug charges when spotted by Fort Madison officers, leading them on a high-speed chase before abandoning his car in rural Lee County. A

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WEATHER

WED 18 Sep.....Sunny & warm, 85° F/ 58° F
 THU 19 Sep.....Sunny & warm, 87° F/ 64° F
 FRI 20 Sep.....Mostly sunny & warm, 87° F/ 64° F

IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 09/16.....13 25 38 40 63, Powerball: 23
 LOTTO AMERICA 09/16.....416 41 44 52, Star Ball: 5 All Star Bonus: 2
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/16.....1 2 15 17 39, Lucky Ball: 14
 PICK 3 MIDDAY 09/16.....6 8 9
 PICK 3 EVENING 09/16.....0 3 8
 PICK 4 MIDDAY 09/16.....4 2 2 1
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CARL A. HELLWEG

Carl Aloysius Hellweg, 82, of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 2:25 a.m. Sunday, September 15, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born on July 1, 1942, in Houghton, the son of Aloysious and Marie (Pomberg) Hellweg. On December 1, 1962, he married LaVina Rauenbuehler at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point.



HELLWEG

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years: LaVina; children: Daniel (Amy) Hellweg of Mt. Hamill, Iowa, Carla (Tom) Steffensmeier of West Point, Iowa, Deb (Marty) Moeller of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Cathy (Scott) Stuecker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren: Blake, Connor, Bailey, Dan, Jenny, Nick, Steven, Mitchell, Makenzie, Ashlyn, Taylor; fifteen great-grandchildren: Ruby, Rose, James, Kathleen, Carly, Teddy, Preston, Leo, Hank, Hazel, Maggie, Layne, Cade, Cael, Drew; siblings: Alvera (Gene) Merschman, Lucille Olson and brother-in-law: Carl (Maryann) Rauenbuehler. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Clarice Abolt, Rose Mary Cash and granddaughter-in-law: Lori Steffensmeier.

Carl was a graduate of St. John's Catholic High School. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed farming, puzzle books, watching Westerns, playing and coaching baseball in his younger years and talking about old times. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and loved watching their games. Carl was quick witted and always had a smart comeback.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

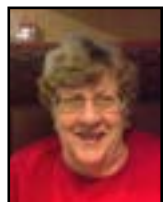
Memorials have been established in his memory for Houghton Fire and Rescue or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

LINDA L. OLSON

Linda L. Olson, 82, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away at 10:46 PM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Hospice House on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

She was born on May 26, 1942 in Marshalltown to Oliver and Sarah Lovejoy Olson.



OLSON

Linda was a music teacher for the Ft. Madison School District for forty years. She loved playing the organ and piano and also played at the Lutheran and Catholic Churches. Linda loved to travel to Alaska and European countries, especially Ireland and always had a place in her heart for anything Irish.

Survivors include one brother, David Olson of Peoria; one nephew, Tod Olson of Chicago; one niece, Cindy Olson; one sister in law, Darlene Olson of Ohio; her good friend, Pam Hayes of Ft. Madison and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents & one brother, Lloyd.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service for Linda will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Dave Poland officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Vermillion, SD.

A memorial has been established for the Ft. Madison Community Schools Music Department and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

DAVID L. IRELAND

David Lee Ireland, 74, of Montrose, IA, died Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at his home following a long battle with cancer.

He was born on May 4, 1950 in Fort Madison, IA, the son of Jimmy Walter and Beulah Irene (Foresman) Ireland. He graduated from Fort Madison High School with the Class of 1968.



IRELAND

On August 15, 1970, David was united in marriage to Rebecca Sue Lunday in Fort Madison. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Matthew Ireland and his wife Julie of Adel, IA and Shawn Ireland and his wife Melissa of Cedar Rapids, IA, five grandchildren, Mitchell (Olivia) Ireland, Mackenzie Ireland, Austin Ireland, Isabelle Ireland and Kennedy Ireland. Other survivors include two sisters, Sherry Ireland of Cedar Rapids and Debbie Kempker of Hudson, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles "Chuck" R. Ireland and Patrick J. Ireland and one sister, Barbara Ireland.

David had been employed at the Lee County Sheriff's Office for 31 years, retiring in 2004. He served as Lee County Sheriff for 16 years.

He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Fort Madison. He was also a member of ILLIAMO, the Model T Ford Club of America, the Eagles Club and the Elks Lodge. He was a lifetime member of the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies' Association. David had served on the Tri-State Rodeo Operating Committee.

Over the years, David was very active in Boy Scouts. He served as Scout Master for Troop #19 in Denmark, IA, was an advisor for Camp Eastman, Silver Tomahawk Lodge and Troop 30 in Montrose. He had also served as the Boy Scouts District Commissioner. David was an Eagle Scout and very proud of his two son's accomplishments in Boy Scouts, both having received the rank of Eagle Scout. His grandsons continue the scouting tradition, one has already received the Eagle Scout rank and one will soon be completing the Eagle Scout rank.

David enjoyed collecting Ford Model T parts, Model T memorabilia and antique anti-theft devices. He also enjoyed canoeing with his wife on the Mississippi.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Chaplin Darran Whiting officiating, Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Camp Eastman Development Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



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From the Front

Suspect facing multiple charges

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manhunt ensued, with the subject successfully evading deputies, a police K-9 unit, and a drone.



BURGUND

Today's arrest was successfully culminated with the assistance of the US Marshall's Service, Fort Madison Police Detectives, and the Lee County Narcotics Task Force.

Burgund is charged with multiple felonies to include controlled substance violations; a drug tax stamp violation; felony eluding; reckless driving; possession of drug paraphernalia; and numerous traffic violations. He is currently held pending arraignment at the Lee County Jail.

The public is reminded that charges are an accusation of a criminal act, and that persons arrested are presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

Old heart became new life

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SE Iowa Regional Health Center in Burlington (Great River Medial Center), and Great River air lifted Jim the next day to the University of Iowa Hospital. He was there a week-and-a-half. His heart was barely functioning, even after installing balloons to open up clogged arteries. They sent Jim home to die.

However, the heart of a 35-year old person became available. Jim was called back to the University of Iowa Hospital and they told him he was going to have a heart transplant the next morning. Jim actually video recorded the heart arriving at the hospital.

On Sunday morning, August 4th, at 6:00 am, Jim underwent eight-and-a-half hours of surgery to receive a new heart. He came to with a tube down his throat and another in his nose. He could barely move his arms, they were so swollen with fluid. But he was alive. He's just now starting to get his voice back.

All-in-all, Jim was in the hospital three months, minus the week-and-a-half he was home. It took him a while to regain the use of his hands to where he could feed himself. He thanks his life partner for the great care she gave and continues to give him.

Jim now sits in the office in Mt. Pleasant and lets Efrain do most of the work. Jim doesn't even answer the phone because it rings through to the Holaday Satellite office in Burlington. If someone walks into the Mt. Pleasant office, Jim will assist them. People hardly recognize him, he has lost so much weight. He is down to 138 lbs from 171. But people are happy to see him and amazed at his story of a heart attack and heart transplant. He turned 65 on July 5th. He will be on anti-rejection medication for the rest of his life. Jim thinks that by spring he will be able to do more work to assist Efrain who saved his life. Jim smiles and says that he doesn't like going out on the snow and ice anyway.

Amazingly, like a miser who won't throw anything away, the University of Iowa Hospital can use Jim's old heart for spare parts. The valves and arteries can be reused in other peoples' hearts. Modern medicine has come so far.

Jim wants everyone to know that he is alive and getting stronger everyday. You probably won't see him on a roof in the future, but he is here, with a new heart, to help Holaday Satellite usher in the era of live streaming. God willing.

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Friday, September 20

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 11, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Tom Schulz, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes and Matt Pflug.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input-Lori Hasenclever asked the Board where they are on establishing a land use plan for wind turbines.

Amanda Rogers and Allison Houston with the Best You Coalition gave an update on their programs.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to

approve the second reading of the Loose Livestock Ordinance and waive the third reading. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve an agreement with Allender Butzke Engineers for a geotechnical investigation for replacement of Bridge 84.1 on County Highway X32 over Lost Creek, at a cost of \$12,500.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to replace a vacant Family Support Specialist position in the Health Department. Roll call: Schulz-abstained because he felt like he needed more information, Holmes-aye, Seyb-abstained for the same reasons as Schulz, Fedler-aye. Pflug rescinded his motion and moved to table the matter until the next Board meeting. Fedler seconded the motion. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the

June 3, 2024 Board minutes and the claims for payment. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve a new hire for the Recorder's Office, Alyssa Haas, Records Clerk, \$17.62/hr., effective 6/17/24 and a step increase for Jill Lionberger, Records Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, from \$18.09/hr. to \$18.63/hr., effective 6/6/24. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of May 2024, the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2024 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2024.

The Board canvassed the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. The results are as follows;

Republican Primary
For U.S. Representative District..... 1
Mariannette Miller-Meeks 793
David Pautsch 600
Write-ins 1
For State Senator
Jeff Reichman..... 1283
Write-ins 22

For State Representative District..... 99
Matthew Rinker..... 97
Write-ins 1
For State Representative District..... 100
Martin L Graber 1177
Write-ins 16
For Supervisor District... 1
Denise Fraise 336
Write-ins 7
For Supervisor District... 4
Garry W Seyb..... 242
Write-ins 30
For Supervisor District... 5
Ginger Knisley 246
Write-ins 1
For County Auditor
Sherri Yasenchok 1184
Write-ins 27
For County Sheriff
Daniel Lee Johnson... 347
Elliott Vandenberg ... 1094
Write-ins 27
Democratic Primary
For U.S. Representative District..... 1
Christina Bohannon... 333
Write-ins 2
For State Senator
Nannette Griffin 330
Write-ins 2
For State Representative District..... 99
Jim Beres..... 12
Write-ins 2
For State Representative District..... 100
Write-ins 39
For Supervisor District... 1

Ron R Fedler 49
Write-ins 4
For Supervisor District... 4
Teresa Murray..... 82
Write-ins 0
For Supervisor District... 5
Matt Pflug 104
Write-ins 1
For County Auditor
Roslyn Garcia 329
Write-ins 3
For County Sheriff
Stacy S Weber..... 309
Write-ins 34
Libertarian Primary
For U.S. Representative District..... 1
Write-ins 3
For State Senator
Write-ins 4
For State Representative District..... 99
Write-ins 1
For State Representative District..... 100
Write-ins 3
For Supervisor District... 1
Write-ins 0
For Supervisor District... 4
Write-ins 0
For Supervisor District... 5
Write-ins 0
For County Auditor
Write-ins 4
For County Sheriff
Write-ins 6
Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to accept the canvass of the June 4, 2024 Primary

Election as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting. Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting. Schulz reported on a Best You Coalition meeting.

At 11:40 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

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ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Lee County is accepting applications for an Engineering Technician to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, the ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$26.40 to \$28.51. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$32.01 to \$34.90.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov.

LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

MECHANIC CLASS II

Lee County is currently accepting applications for a Mechanic Class II to work out of our Central Shop near Donnellson, IA. The successful applicant will perform skilled mechanical work in the maintenance and repair of vehicles, and construction and maintenance equipment and all related mechanical equipment including but not limited to performing diagnostics; electrical repairs; gas welding and cutting; arc and mig welding; and work on hydraulic components. Maintains records of all parts and tools used in repair and assist in inventory of parts and equipment. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements or the ability to obtain Class A within 60 days of hire.

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Sports/Business News

Holy Trinity girls finding form with sweep of Mediapolis

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Melissa Freesmeier knows every year she can count on her seniors to provide leadership.

It's how you become a power in Iowa high school volleyball, and Freesmeier has two seniors playing big roles on Holy Trinity's team this season.

Anna Bendlage and Teagan Snaadt have become big voices within the Crusaders, and they provided some of the big plays in Tuesday's 25-22, 25-16, 25-23 win over Mediapolis at Shottenkirk Gym.

Holy Trinity, ranked No. 5 in Class 1A, took sole possession of the SEI Superconference South Division lead with the win.

"Any time you can get a sweep in the South, it's a good night," Freesmeier said.

Freesmeier has stressed that this is a young team, but Bendlage and Snaadt have helped make sure the Crusaders' progression through the early part of the season has continued.

"I think it's just building their confidence up, telling them you are good enough to be out here, you're playing on one of the best teams and the best programs around, that you just have to know that if you're out on this court, you're a really good player, and you're meant to be out there," said Snaadt, the

Crusaders' libero.

Both have been perfect fits into Freesmeier's system.

"Anna's not usually the person that's loud on the court, but she's stepping up and doing that this year, and I know her teammates appreciate it," Freesmeier said. "She's always cheering. She's never down. She just keeps them pumped up. So I think that's huge for us.

"Teagan is just so solid, a real competitor, who does so many good things for us. To have those two as senior leaders has really made a difference for us."

Freesmeier praised the court vision of Bendlage, the team's setter.

"She comes up with big plays, finds the open spots on the floor and just does the little things that make us better," Freesmeier said. "I'm happy with what she's doing, leading our offense and finding new ways to help us."

Bendlage used misdirection and tips to find openings in Mediapolis' aggressive defense, coming up with key points in the second and third sets.

"I think Melissa has done a good job of telling us to be patient," Bendlage said. "Like when they're blocking, wait and see where their hands are. Same with when they are playing defense, if you can just be patient, you can find holes in their defense."

The Crusaders (4-2 overall, 3-0 division) have im-

proved on their aggressiveness on offense throughout their current three-match winning streak.

"I think we've been working at swinging hard at everything instead of tipping," Bendlage said. "Sometimes tonight, when they went on their runs, you really saw us tipping the ball. One of the things we have to remember is to swing at everything."

Holy Trinity had 44 kills, led by Presley Myers' 17. Adalyn Kruse had 10.

The Crusaders play Thursday at New London.

"I feel like we're coming as a team," Freesmeier said. "We got better tonight, we'll get better tomorrow in the gym, then we'll go play New London on Thursday."

HOLY TRINITY STATISTICS

Kills — Presley Myers 17, Adalyn Kruse 10, Anna Bendlage 7, Olivia Bendlage 7, Emma Mohrfeld 2, Elizabeth Griffin 1.

Assists — A.Bendlage 20, Griffin 16, Snaadt 4, Myers 2, Kruse 1, O.Bendlage 1

Serving — Snaadt 19-19 (3 aces), A.Bendlage 13-13 (1 ace), O.Bendlage 12-13, Griffin 11-12 (3 aces), Myers 9-11, Kruse 8-10)

Digs — A.Bendlage 15, Griffin 12, Snaadt 11, Kruse 10, O.Bendlage 10, Myers 3

Blocks — Myers 2

Utility board grants Alliant electric, gas rate hike

DES MOINES – The Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) has issued its final decision and order in Docket No. RPU-2023-0002 regarding a request from Interstate Power and Light Company, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy (Alliant), to increase Iowa retail customer electric and natural gas rates.

On October 12, 2023, Alliant filed with the IUC an application seeking an increase in electric and natural gas rates and requesting a revenue increase of approximately \$284 million in electric rates and a revenue increase of approximately \$14 million for natural gas rates.

On June 20, 2024, a non-unanimous partial settlement was filed requesting the IUC approve a reduction in the annual electric rate revenue increase to \$185 million and a return on equity reduction from 10.0% to 9.65%. For Alliant's natural gas rate increase, the settlement reduced the requested amount to \$10 million. The return on equity would also be 9.65%. Parties to the settlement were the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice; the Iowa Business Energy Coalition; Walmart; and Alliant.

The IUC's order approves the non-unanimous partial settlement agreement and resolves other contested issues in the case. The order:

- Increases the average residential monthly charge for electric customers from \$13 to \$15.50.
- Approves a conditional electric rate base moratorium through October 2029.
- Implements a rate increase cap of 15% for each customer class.
- Denies proposals to assess a management efficiency penalty against Alliant.
- Requires Alliant to file updated responses to its 2012 Management Efficiency Audit and its Stakeholder Engagement and Customer Satisfaction Plan within six months after final rates are implemented.
- Requires Alliant to notify customers of bill impacts as an outcome of the rate proceeding within 30 days of new rates being implemented.

The IUC ordered Alliant to file compliance filings and associated tariffs within 30 days of today's order based on the decision and documents in this rate case proceeding. Rate changes for customers will take effect upon the IUC's review and approval of the compliance tariffs.

Under Iowa law, because Alliant used a future test year to determine rates, the IUC will conduct a subsequent proceeding to determine whether the actual costs and revenues are reasonably consistent with those approved by the IUC. This will occur approximately 15 months after the new customer rates become effective.

As part of the proceedings in this rate case, the IUC received hundreds of written public comments and held three in-person public consumer comment meetings throughout Alliant's Iowa service territory and one virtual comment meeting.

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