



File Layouts

NIPSCO CHOICE[®] Program

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I. Reference Tables

Transaction Type

The processing of each record in the SIGNUP_IN file results in multiple SIGNUP_OUT records, each with a different Status Code. The SIGNUP_OUT records may be transmitted in one or more files (i.e., on the same day or on multiple days).

Transaction Type	Description
AD	Add customer to Supplier pool
CH	Change customer pricing
RE	Remove customer from Supplier pool
AB	Add customer to NIPSCO Budget Plan
CB	Change NIPSCO Budget Plan payment
RB	Remove customer from NIPSCO Budget Plan
SV	Change Customer Account for summary billing

Remove Reason

Remove Reason Code	Description
CR	Customer Request
DQ	Delinquency
SO	Shut Off
SP	Shut Off for Non-Payment
CA	Customer Account Change. Only sent for SV transaction type.

Status Code

Status Code	Description
ER	Error
	Error found while processing transaction; reason(s) returned in data elements Error Code 1-3)
EX	Error - Sent to Supplier
MA	Maintenance Applied
	Transaction is complete
ME	Maintenance Applied and Sent to Supplier
TR	Transmitted
VD	Verified
	Data elements contain valid values; data element combinations are valid, such as service account and meter
VE	Verified - Sent to Supplier
VT	Voided
	Pending transaction is terminated; reason(s) returned in data elements Error Code 1-3
PH	Pending Host Validation
	Transaction is pending NIPSCO Processing

Usage Type

Usage Type indicates if the record contains current or historical customer gas consumption data.

Usage Type Code	Description	
C	Current Usage	The record contains current consumption data for the time period Usage Start Date to Usage End Date, as required for billing and/or adjustments.
H	Historical Usage	The record contains historical consumption data for time period Usage Start Date to Usage End Date. One record is returned for each month requested in SIGNUP_IN file, Transaction Type = AD (Add), Usage Months (12, 24 or 36 months).

Error Code Listing

ER (error) may be transmitted at any time during the processing of add, remove, or change transactions. Data elements Error Code 1-3 provide the reason(s)

Error Code	Description
BL	Ineligible CHOICE customer. Customer Account balance is 31+ days overdue and must be current to enroll in CHOICE program.
CI	Ineligible CHOICE customer based Service Account and Pool ID provided. Check accuracy of numbers. If correct, customer may be ineligible for CHOICE due current gas service rate (e.g., higher level of gas consumption).
GM	Meter ID provided is not a gas meter. Confirm a natural gas (not electric) Meter ID was provided.
IC	Invalid Customer Account. Service Account combination. Check latest SIGNUP_OUT records for NIPSCO-confirmed Service Account and/or Customer Account such as Transaction Type = AD Status Code = VD Service Account = <i>Value as provided in SIGNUP_IN</i> New Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions
	Transaction Type = AD Status Code = MA Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions New Service Account = <i>Space-fill</i>
	Transaction Type = SV Customer Account = <u>former</u> Customer Account number New Customer Account = <u>new</u> Customer Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions Service Account = <i>confirmed</i> Service Account number
IP	Invalid Service Plan or Service Plan Option. Check the Service Plan and Service Plan Option provided match the numbers provided to Supplier by NIPSCO.

Continuation: Error Code Listing

Error Code	Description
IS	Invalid Service Account. Check latest SIGNUP_OUT records for NIPSCO-confirmed Service Account such as
	Transaction Type = AD Status Code = VD Service Account = <i>Value as provided in SIGNUP_IN</i> New Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions
	Transaction Type = AD Status Code = MA Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions New Service Account = <i>Space-fill</i>
IT	Invalid Transaction Type for Customer Account. Service Account combination because Add or Remove request is pending.
	Additional Add and Change requests cannot be made while Add request is pending.
	Additional Remove and Change requests cannot be made while Remove request is pending.
MC	Invalid Customer Account. Meter ID combination. The Meter ID provided is not installed at the service location(s) associated with the Customer Account provided.
MN	Invalid Meter ID. Check required Meter ID format (e.g., case sensitive, leading zeroes, trailing spaces).
NV	Request to Change or Remove cannot be processed because the Service Account is no longer an active CHOICE account and/or is enrolled in a NIPSCO program such as Depend-a-Bill, Price Protection Service (PPS) and Green Path.
OT	Other. Contact CHOICE Specialist for assistance.
PA	Pending add. Another supplier's Add request is pending for this customer.
PE	Invalid Pool ID. Confirm the Pool ID provided is a valid, numeric Pool ID for the active Supplier.
PO	A range of valid values has been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the value provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 does not fall within that range.
PS	Ineligible CHOICE customer. Service Account is pending shut off.
PT	Eligible CHOICE customer. Service Account is pending turn on.
SO	Ineligible CHOICE customer. Service is off at the Service Account.
TF	Ineligible CHOICE customer. Customer may be enrolled in a NIPSCO program such as Depend-a-Bill, Price Protection Service (PPS) and Green Path. To become CHOICE-eligible prior to the final month of program agreement, customer must terminate the program.
AT	Invalid Pool ID. The pool number provided is not valid for the Supplier.

Continuation: Error Code Listing

Error Code	Description
DP	Duplicate transaction.
ID	Valid date(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the date provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 is invalid. (Issued for NIPSCO service plans only.)
IF	Invalid Effective Date.
IM	Valid contract value(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the contract value provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 is invalid. (Issued for NIPSCO service plans only.)
IR	Invalid Billing Option.
IV	Valid numeric value(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the value provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 is invalid.
IX	Valid text value(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the value provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 is invalid.
IZ	Valid zip code(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the zip code provided for Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2 is invalid.
MS	Invalid Service Account. Meter ID combination. Check latest SIGNUP_OUT records for NIPSCO-confirmed Service Account such as
	Transaction Type = AD Status Code = VD Service Account = <i>Value as provided in SIGNUP_IN</i> New Service Account = <i>Confirmed Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions</i>
	Transaction Type = AD Status Code = MA Service Account = <i>Confirmed Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions</i> New Service Account = <i>Space-fill</i>
MZ	Valid zip code(s) have been defined for the Service Plan Option provided, and the zip code is missing in Service Plan Option Value 1 or 2.
NA	Invalid Billing Option. Pass-through billing has not been established for Supplier.
NP	Invalid Customer Account. Pool ID combination. Customer Account is not in the Pool ID provided in Change request.
PM	Pending Maintenance.
RI	Revenue Town Ineligible
RR	Billing Option is a required data element.
SR	Service Plan and Service Plan Option are required data elements when Billing Option = 80.

Continuation: Error Code Listing

Error Code	Description
SA	<p>Service Account is a required data element for Change and Remove requests. Check latest SIGNUP_OUT records for NIPSCO-confirmed Service Account such as</p>
	<p>Transaction Type = AD Status Code = VD Service Account = <i>Value as provided in SIGNUP_IN</i> New Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions</p>
	<p>Transaction Type = AD Status Code = MA Service Account = <u>Confirmed</u> Service Account number to use in Change/Remove transactions New Service Account = Space-fill</p>

Meter Reading Type

Meter Reading Type indicates if the record contains billable usage, usage that generated an exception, or usage adjustments.

Usage Type	Description	
B	Billable meter reading	
H	Held meter reading, exception identified	When exception is resolved, NIPSCO transmits a new record with Meter Reading Type = B (Billable meter reading)
N	No meter reading, usage recorded as zero	When meter is read, NIPSCO transmits a new record with Meter Reading Type = B (Billable meter reading)
C	Cancel meter reading	Issued when exception is not resolved, or meter is not read within the customer bill cycle
O	Other meter reading, such as special adjustments	E.g., final bill

Statement Type Code

Status Code	Description
B	Regular Billing
R	Rebill
S	Off-cycle Billing
C	Canceled billing. The billing for this time period is being corrected.
N	No bill (customer was not billed for meter read but was probably billed the budget amount)

Bill Type

Type of customer bill

Bill Type Code	Description
B	On-cycle bill
C	Canceled bill
N	No bill
R	Rebill
S	Off-cycle bill

Financial Activity

Type of financial activity represented by Financial Activity Amount

Valid Codes for Supplier that has signed the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement

Financial Activity Code	Description
LR	Late payment adjustment
SP	Commodity charge
	Financial Activity Amount represents the Commodity Amount Due and does <u>not</u> include associated sales tax. The commodity amount due is subject to Supplier administrative charges and accounts receivable discounts.
TP	Tax charge
	Financial Activity Amount represents the tax amount due, to be remitted by NIPSCO on behalf of Supplier

Valid Codes for Supplier that has not signed the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement

Financial Activity Code	Description
LR	Late payment adjustment
MC	Misc. charge
PA	Payment, commodity amount collected
RE	Refund
SP	Commodity charge
TP	Tax charge
TR	Transfer
WO	Write-off

NIPSCO Service Plan Numbers

NIPSCO Service Plan Numbers	Description
311	Residential service
315	Multiple family housing service
316	Multiple building service
317	Housing Authority service
321	General service small
325	General service large
345	Supplier aggregation service

NIPSCO Revenue Class

NIPSCO Revenue Class Code	Description
37	Commercial transport – general service
38	Industrial transport – general service
41	Residential transport – heating
43	Residential transport – general service
47	Commercial transport – heating
48	Industrial transport – heating

NIPSCO Budget Payment Plan

NIPSCO Budget Payment Plan Code	Description
1	8-month budget
2	12-month budget
3	Extended Equal payment
5	Easy plan 12 mo.
6	Easy Plan 12 mo. Extended
7	Easy plan 8 mo.

Transaction File Maintenance Timeline

Customer Enrollment

Example

In response to a customer Add request (SIGNUP_IN file, Transaction Type = AD, Status Code = PH), NIPSCO transmits two SIGNUP_OUT records.

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>add account</i>	AD (add)	PH (pending host validation)	Fri, Jun 1 current date	Fri, Jun 1 current date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	AD (add)	VD (verified transaction)	Mon, Jun 4 current date	Thu, Jun 7 <u>planned</u> first day of service with Supplier
SIGNUP_OUT <i>active status</i>	AD (add)	MA (verified transaction)	Thu, Jun 7 current date	Thu, Jun 7 <u>actual</u> first day of service with Supplier

Customer Removal

Example

Similarly, in response to a Remove request (SIGNUP_IN file, Transaction Type RE, Status Code PH), NIPSCO transmits two SIGNUP_OUT records.

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>remove account</i>	RE (remove)	PH (pending host validation)	Fri, Jun 1 current date	Fri, Jun 1 current date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	RE (remove)	VD (verified transaction)	Mon, Jun 4 current date	Thu, Jun 7 <u>planned</u> last day of service with Supplier
SIGNUP_OUT <i>active status</i>	RE (remove)	MA (verified transaction)	Thu, Jun 7 current date	Thu, Jun 7 <u>actual</u> last day of service with Supplier

Effective Date

Request File (SIGNUP_IN)

Supplier may transmit customer Add, Change or Remove requests on any business day. Most often requests become effective on a customer's next Bill Cycle Day. However, in some cases, requests need to effective on a prior Bill Cycle Day.

- In most SIGNUP_IN records, Effective Date = current date.
In SIGNUP_OUT response, NIPSCO returns Effective Date = next Bill Cycle Day.
- To back date a SIGNUP_IN request, Effective Date = 04/01/1998.
In SIGNUP_OUT response, NIPSCO returns Effective Date = prior Bill Cycle Day.

To request an Add, Change, Remove to be effective on ...	Use Effective Date of ...	Comments
<u>Next</u> Bill Cycle Day	Current date in MM/DD/YYYY format	Use for most add, change, remove requests
		Use to add / remove customer <u>with</u> existing service, to / from Supplier pool
		Use to update customer pricing for the next Billing Cycle
		Use to remove a pending customer when the customer rescinds Supplier offer
<u>Prior</u> Bill Cycle Day	04/01/1998	Use to add customer <u>with no</u> existing service, to Supplier pool
		Use to update customer pricing beginning with the prior Billing Cycle

Response File (SIGNUP_OUT)

The meaning of Effective Date in SIGNUP_OUT records depends on Transaction Type and Status Code.

Transaction Type	Status Code	Meaning of Effective Date
AD (Add)	VD (Verified)	<u>Planned</u> first date of service with Supplier, based on Bill Cycle Day
	MA (Maintenance applied)	<u>Actual</u> first date of service with Supplier
CH (Change)	VD (Verified)	<u>Planned</u> first date of customer pricing change, based on Bill Cycle Day
	MA (Maintenance applied)	<u>Actual</u> first date of customer pricing change
RE (Remove)	VD (Verified)	<u>Planned</u> last date of service with Supplier, based on Bill Cycle Day
	MA (Maintenance applied)	<u>Actual</u> last date of service with Supplier
AB (Add Budget Plan)	MA (Maintenance applied)	<u>Actual</u> date customer was added to NIPSCO Budget Plan
CB (Change Budget Plan)		<u>Actual</u> date of change in NIPSCO Budget Plan payment
RB (Remove Budget Plan)		<u>Actual</u> date customer was removed from NIPSCO Budget Plan
SV (Change Customer Account)	MA (Maintenance applied)	<u>Actual</u> date of change in Customer Account for summary billing (customer bill includes multiple Service Accounts)

Examples: Effective Date = Current Date vs. 04/01/1998

Add request where Billing Cycle is Tue, Jul 31 through Thu Aug 30:

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>remove account</i>	AD (Add)	PH (pending host validation)	Wed, Aug 15 current date	Wed, Aug 15 <u>current</u> date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	AD (Add)	VD (verified transaction)	Thu, Aug 16 current date	Fri, Aug 31 <u>planned</u> first day of service with Supplier, based on <u>next</u> Bill Cycle Day

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>remove account</i>	AD (Add)	PH (pending host validation)	Wed, Aug 15 current date	04/01/1998 <u>back</u> date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	AD (Add)	VD (verified transaction)	Thu, Aug 16 current date	Tue, Jul 30 <u>planned</u> first day of service with Supplier, based on <u>prior</u> Bill Cycle Day

Remove request where Billing Cycle is Tue, Jul 31 through Thu Aug 30:

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>remove account</i>	RE (Remove)	PH (pending host validation)	Wed, Aug 29 current date	Wed, Aug 29 <u>current</u> date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	RE (Remove)	VD (verified transaction)	Thu, Aug 30 current date	Fri, Aug 31 <u>planned</u> last day of service with Supplier, based on <u>next</u> Bill Cycle Day

	Transaction Type	Status Code	Status Date	Effective Date
SIGNUP_IN <i>remove account</i>	RE (Remove)	PH (pending host validation)	Wed, Aug 29 current date	04/01/1998 <u>back</u> date
SIGNUP_OUT <i>pending status</i>	RE (Remove)	VD (verified transaction)	Thu, Aug 30 current date	Tue, Jul 30 <u>planned</u> last day of service with Supplier, based on <u>prior</u> Bill Cycle Day

Customer Billing

Each customer is assigned to one of the 21 days in a billing cycle called, Bill Cycle Day. Customer meters are read in a three (3) business-day window. On each business day, NIPSCO reads meters and bills customers for all customers that have been assigned a given Bill Cycle Day, according to the current Meter Read Schedule.

To view the current Meter Read Schedule visit www.nisourcesuppliers.com/indiana.

Once meters are read, NIPSCO calculates consumption for each customer and transmits customer consumption data for the current billing cycle (USAGE_OUT file). The file may be empty if Supplier does not have customers assigned to the current Billing Cycle Day.

II. Supplier Initiated File

Request File Format (SIGNUP_IN)

DLY_SIGNUP_IN record lengths and formats must conform to the following layout and business rules for Transaction Types:

- AD** (Add customer to Supplier pool)
- CH** (Change customer pricing)
- RE** (Remove customer from Supplier pool)

NIPSCO processes transactions in the follow order within a Customer Account:
Removes are processed first, followed by Adds and then Changes.

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Num	Customer Account Number	<p>Part of unique record identifier when: P (Pending) = Meter ID A (Active) or F (Final bill) = Customer account number as presented on customer bill</p> <p>Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial, or industrial service contracts. Fewer than 9 digits = Fill with leading zeros Multiple meters = Requests "summary billing," requires NIPSCO-provided New Customer Account (SIGNUP_OUT file, Transaction Type = SV, Status Code = MA, New Customer Account = <i>newly assigned number</i>, Remove Reason = CA)</p>

Continuation: Request File Format (SIGNUP_IN)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
10	9	Num	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location
				Part of unique record identifier when Service Account Status = A (Active)
				If fewer than 9 digits, fill with leading zeros
				If Transaction Type: AD (Add) = Zero fill for <u>single-meter</u> customer account Unique number for each meter (i.e., 000000001, 000000002, 000000003) for <u>multiple-meter</u> customer account
				If Transaction Type: CH or RE = NIPSCO-confirmed value returned in Add records (SIGNUP_OUT file, Transaction Type = AD) VD = number as presented in SIGNUP_IN file, New Service Account = NIPSCO-confirmed number MA = NIPSCO-confirmed number, New Service Account = space-filled
19	2	Alpha	Transaction Type	Valid supplier Transaction Type = AD, CH and RE
21	2	Alpha	Status Code	PH (Pending host validation)
23	10	Alpha	Status Date	Current date in MM/DD/YYYY format , including slashes
33	10	Alpha	Effective Date	Supplier-requested date for add/change/ remove in MM/DD/YYYY format , including slashes
				Valid Dates
				Current date = Add/change/remove is requested beginning with the <u>next</u> Bill Cycle Day 04/01/1998 = Add/change/remove is requested beginning with the <u>prior</u> Bill Cycle Day

Continuation: Request File Format (SIGNUP_IN)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
43	2	Num	Usage Months	Number of months of consumption history to be returned in USAGE file Usage Type = H (Historical)
				Valid Number of Months 00, 12, 24 or 36
45	9	Num	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
				Value depends on Transaction Type AD (Add) = requires any valid Pool ID assigned to Supplier by NIPSCO AD and Status Code VD = NIPSCO-confirmed pool identifier CH (Change) or RE (Remove) = requires NIPSCO-confirmed Pool ID for Service Account (SIGNUP_OUT file,
54	3	Alpha	Business Use	GAS (Gas service)
57	2	Alpha	Billing Option	How the commodity portion of the bill is prepared
				Valid Values 80 = Service Plan Option determines if NIPSCO or Supplier prepares commodity portion of bill (Complete or Pass-through billing, respectively) Space-fill = Supplier prepares commodity portion of bill (Pass-through billing) and Service Plan Options are <u>not</u> defined/used
59	9	Alpha	Service Plan ID	Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plans, assigned to Supplier by NIPSCO
				Value depends on Bill Option 80 = Service Plan number; if fewer than 9 digits, fill with leading zeros Spaces = zero-fill

Continuation: Request File Format (SIGNUP_IN)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
68	9	Alpha	Service Plan Option ID	Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plan, assigned to customer by Supplier
				Value depends on Bill Option 80 = Service Plan Option number; if fewer than 9 digits, fill with leading zeros Spaces = zero-fill
77	16	Num	Service Plan Option Value 1	9(9).9(6) format, including decimal
				Value depends on Bill Option and Service Plan Option
				If Bill Option = 80 Fixed Service Plan Option = Commodity rate per therm or flat charge per bill as required by service plan Variable Service Plan Option = Adder charge or rate, Admin charge, or zero-fill as required by service plan Custom Service Plan Option = zero-fill, including decimal
				If fewer than 16 digits, fill with leading zeroes prior to decimal and trailing zeroes after decimal (e.g., 000000000.245000, 000000002.450000, 000000000.000000)
				If Bill Option = spaces Zero-fill, including decimal
93	40	Alpha	(Not used)	Not required – space fill

Continuation: Request File Format (SIGNUP_IN)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
133	16	Num	Service Plan Option Value 2	9(9).9(6) format, including decimal
				Value depends on Bill Option and Service Plan Option
				If Bill Option = 80 Fixed Service Plan Option = Admin charge or zero-fill, as required by service plan Variable Service Plan Option = Adder charge or rate, Admin charge, or zero-fill, as required by service plan Custom Service Plan = zero-fill, including decimal
				If fewer than 16 digits, fill with leading zeroes prior to decimal and trailing zeroes after decimal (e.g., 000000000.245000, 000000002.450000, 000000000.000000)
				If Bill Option = spaces Zero-fill, including decimal
149	40	Alpha	Not used	Space fill
189	6	N/A	Not used	Underscore fill " _ "
195	9	Num	Not used	Zero fill
204	9	Alpha/Num	Meter ID	As presented on customer bill, unique <u>case-sensitive</u> identifier of the meter that measures the gas consumption of a Service Account If 7 characters = left justify and fill with trailing spaces (e.g., 1234567 followed by two spaces) If <7 characters = fill with leading zeros to create 7-character identifier, then fill with trailing spaces (e.g., 0123456 followed by two spaces)
				Part of unique record identifier when Service Account Status = P (Pending) Customer Account - <u>Meter ID</u>
213	44	N/A	Not used	
257	2	Alpha	Remove Reason	Optional – Reason Supplier initiated a Remove
				See valid Remove Reason Type

III. NIPSCO Initiated File

Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

DLY_SIGNUP_OUT and MLY_SIGNUP_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to the following layout and business rules for Transaction Types:

Transmitted in response to SIGNUP_IN records:

- AD** (Add customer to Supplier pool)
- CH** (Change customer pricing)
- RE** (Remove customer from Supplier pool)

NIPSCO-initiated records:

- RE** (Remove customer from Supplier pool due to customer request, delinquency, shut off for nonpayment and other reasons)
- AB** (Add customer to NIPSCO BudgetPlan)
- CB** (Change NIPSCO BudgetPlan payment)
- RB** (Remove customer from NIPSCO BudgetPlan)
- SV** (Change Customer Account to accommodate summary billing)

MLY_SIGNUP_OUT file contains all records from all DLY_SIGNUP_OUT files transmitted to Supplier from first to last day of each month.

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts If Transaction Type = SV (Change Customer Account for summary billing) Customer Account = former Customer Account number New Customer Account = new Customer Account number that must be used in future change/remove transactions Part of unique record identifier Service Account Status A (Active) = Service Account Service Account Status = P (Pending) = Meter ID

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location
				Customer Account = Service Account when Service Account Status = A (Active)
				If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
				Value depends on Transaction Type and Status Code Transaction Type = AD (Add)
				Status Code VD (Verified) = value as provided in SIGNUP_IN file, New Service Account is the confirmed Service Account number that must be used in all future SIGNUP_IN and SIGNUP_OUT records Status Code = MA (Maintenance applied) = confirmed Service Account number that must be used in all future SIGNUP_IN and SIGNUP_OUT records, New Service Account = space-filled
				If Transaction Type ≠ AD (Add) Service Account = confirmed Service Account number New Service Account = space-filled
19	2	Alpha	Transaction Type	Action as requested by Supplier (AD/CH/RE) or action initiated by NIPSCO (RE/AB/CB/RB/SV)
				See valid Transaction Type
21	2	Alpha	Status Code	Valid code VD, MA, ER and VT. (ER and VT Error Code 1-3 beginning in position 189)
				See valid Status Code

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
23	10	Alpha	Status Date	MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				Value depends on Transaction Type AD (Add) or CH (Change) = first business day the record is available to Supplier, in the FROM_CIS directory The record is transmitted in the daily transaction file dated <u>one business day prior</u> to Status Date
				RE (Remove) = day record was created For RE only, the record is transmitted in the daily file dated with the <u>same</u> date as Status Date
33	10	Alpha	Effective Date	MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				Value depends on Transaction Type Status Code VD (Verified) = <u>planned</u> date of add/change/remove Status Code MA (Maintenance Applied) = <u>actual</u> date of add/change/remove
43	2	Alpha	Usage Months	Zero filled
45	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
54	3	Alpha	Business Use Code	GAS (Gas service)
57	2	Alpha	Billing Option	How the commodity portion of the bill is prepared 80 or space-filled = assigned to customer by Supplier and as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)
59	9	Alpha	Service Plan ID	Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plan, assigned to Supplier by NIPSCO; as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file) or zero-filled

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
68	9	Alpha	Service Plan Option ID	<p>Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plan, assigned to customer by Supplier and as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)</p> <p>Bill Option 80 = Service Plan number; if fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros</p> <p>Bill Option spaces = zero-filled</p>
77	16	Alpha	Service Plan Option Value 1	9(9).9(6) format, including decimal
				<p>Value depends on Transaction Type and Service Plan Option</p> <p>Transaction Type AD,CH,RE = value as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)</p> <p>Transaction Type = AB, CB, RB, SV = zero-filled</p>
				<p>Fixed Service Plan Option = Commodity rate per therm or flat charge per bill as required by service plan</p> <p>Variable Service Plan Option = Adder charge or rate, Admin charge, or zero-fill as required by service plan</p> <p>Custom Service Plan Option = zero-fill, including decimal</p> <p>If fewer than 16 digits, fill with leading zeroes prior to decimal and trailing zeroes after decimal (e.g., 000000000.245000, 000000002.450000, 000000000.000000)</p>
93	40	Alpha	(Not used)	Not required – space-filled

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
133	16	Alpha	Service Plan Option Value 2	<p>9(9).9(6) format, including decimal</p> <p>Value depends on Transaction Type and Service Plan Option Transaction Type AD, CH, RE = value as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file) Transaction Type AB, CB, RB, SV = space-filled</p> <p>Fixed Service Plan Option = Admin charge or zero-fill, as required by service plan Variable Service Plan Option = Adder charge or rate, Admin charge, or zero-fill, as required by service plan Custom Service Plan = space-filled</p> <p>Supplier that prepares all customer bills without Service Plan, space-filled</p>
149	40	Alpha	Not used	Space filled
189	2	Alpha	Error Code 1	<p>Code relates to error description</p> <p>Error codes and descriptions</p>
				<p>Value depends on Status Code If Status Code = ER (Error) or VT (Void) Error Code 1 provides the best description of the error All other Status Codes, underscore-filled or space-filled</p>
191	2	Alpha	Error Code 2	<p>Same as Error Code 1 This data element is rarely populated.</p> <p>Error codes and descriptions</p>

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
193	2	Alpha	Error Code 3	Same as Error Code 1 This data element is rarely populated. Error codes and descriptions
195	9	Alpha	New Customer Account	Value depends on Transaction Type Transaction Type ≠ SV (Change Customer Account), zero-filled Transaction Type = SV (Change Customer Account), NIPSCO-assigned "new" Customer Account (SIGNUP_OUT file Customer Account = former Customer Account number New Customer Account = New Customer Account number that must be used in all future SIGNUP_IN and SIGNUP_OUT records)
204	9	Alpha	Meter ID	Unique <u>case-sensitive</u> identifier of the meter that measures the gas consumption of a Service Account
				Value depends on Transaction Type and Status Code Transaction Type AD, VD, ER = case-sensitive Meter ID
				Part of unique record identifier Account Status P (Pending) = Customer Account <u>Meter ID</u> when Service Otherwise space- or zero-filled

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
213	9	Alpha	New Service Account	Based on Meter ID, NIPSCO-confirmed unique identifier of a service location
				Value depends on Transaction Type and Status Code If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
				Transaction Type AD and Status Code VD = Service Account value as provided in SIGNUP_IN file New Service Account value as <u>confirmed</u> Service Account number that must be used in all future SIGNUP_IN and SIGNUP_OUT records
				Status Code MA = Service Account value as <u>confirmed</u> Service Account number that must be used in all future SIGNUP_IN and SIGNUP_OUT records New Service Account value as space-filled
				Transaction Type ≠ AD = Service Account value as confirmed Service Account number New Service Account = space-filled
222	2	Alpha	Service Account Status	Current status of Service Account
				P = Pending A = Active billing F = Final billed

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
224	9	Alpha	NIPSCO Budget Payment Plan	Customer-requested NIPSCO Budget Plan (Complete billing only)
				Value depends on Transaction Type Transaction Type AB or CB = Budget Plan number with leading zeroes See valid NIPSCO Budget Payment Plan
				All other Transaction Types, space- or zero-filled
233	10	Alpha	NIPSCO Budget Plan Settle-up Date	Based on NIPSCO Budget Plan, date budget-deferred balance is settled (Complete billing only)
				Value depends on Transaction Type Transaction Type = AB (Change NIPSCO BudgetPlan), date in MM/DD/YYYY format All other Transaction Types, space- or zero-filled
243	14	Alpha	NIPSCO Budget Plan Payment	NIPSCO BudgetPlan payment amount (Complete billing only)
				Transaction Type AB and CB = payment amount in 9(10).9(2) format If any other Transaction Types, space- or zero-filled
257	2	Alpha	Remove Reason	Reason NIPSCO initiated a Remove
				Value depends on Transaction Type
				Transaction Type RE (Remove) Valid code = CR, DQ, SO, SP and TS
				Transaction Type SV (Change Customer Account for summary billing) Valid Codes = CA
				All other Transaction Types, space-filled

Continuation: Response File Format (SIGNUP_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
259	2	Alpha	Bill Cycle Day	NIPSCO-assigned Bill Cycle Day, one of the 21 days in a billing cycle
				Value depends on Transaction Type and Status Code Transaction Type AD, VD, MA = customer is assigned to one of the 21 business days in a bill cycle Valid Codes = 1-21
				If any other Transaction Types and Status Codes, space- or zero-filled
261	1	Alpha	(Not used)	Space-filled
262	1	Alpha	Customer Classification	Service Account classification per the Indiana Gas Tariff Rate
				Value depends on Status Code Status Code VD and MA = indicates if Service Account is residential or non-residential Valid Codes R (Residential) N (Non-residential: Commercial, Industrial)
				Status Code ER and VT = space-filled

Customer Usage File Format (USAGE_OUT)

DLY_USAGE_OUT and **MLY_USAGE_OUT** record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

- If no customers are to be billed on a given cycle day, the daily file is transmitted as an empty file.

MLY_USAGE_OUT file contains all records from all DLY_USAGE_OUT files transmitted to Supplier from first to last day of each month.

Note: USAGE_OUT file records cannot be linked to records in BILLING_OUT and TAXES_OUT files.

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
19	1	Alpha	Usage Type	See valid Usage Type
20	10	Alpha	Usage End Date	Last day of customer billing cycle in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
30	9	Alpha	Usage Sequence Number	Used by NIPSCO only
39	1	Alpha	Meter Reading Type	See valid Meter Reading Type
40	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
49	10	Alpha	Usage Start Date	First day of customer billing cycle in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
59	10	Alpha	Usage Days	Days of customer consumption between Usage Start Date and Usage End Date, in -9(9) format
69	13	Alpha	Usage	Therms of customer consumption between Usage Start Date and Usage End Date, in -9(10).9 format

Continuation: Customer Usage File Format (USAGE_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
82	10	Alpha	Status Date	First <u>business</u> day the record is available to Supplier in the FROM_CIS directory, in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				The record is transmitted in the daily transaction file dated <u>one business day prior</u> to Status Date
92	10	Alpha	Receivable Create Date	MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				Value depends on Usage Type
				If Usage Type = C (Current usage), NIPSCO receivable recording date
				If Usage Type = H (Historical usage), current date

Customer Billing File Format (BILLING_OUT)

DLY_BILLING_OUT and MLY_BILLING_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

MLY_BILLING_OUT file contains all records from all DLY_BILLING_OUT files transmitted to Supplier from first to last day of each month.

DLY_BILLING_OUT file is empty:

- If no customers were billed by NIPSCO on a given cycle day
- If Supplier prepares all customer bills and does not use a Custom Service Plan

If Supplier bills customer for commodity charges via Custom Service Plan, the following data elements are zero-filled.

- Commodity Amount Due
- Total Commodity Balance
- NIPSCO BudgetPlan Settle-up Balance

BILLING_OUT file records cannot be linked to records in USAGE_OUT file.

If NIPSCO bills customer for commodity charges, the following data elements (in the order listed) may be used to link records in BILLING_OUT and TAXES_OUT files:

- Customer Account
- Service Account
- Receivable Create Date
- Status Date
- Usage End Date
- Receivable Sequence Number

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
19	2	Alpha	Supplier Code	Internal use only- Supplier identifier
21	10	Alpha	Receivable Create Date	NIPSCO receivable recording date, in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes Note: Typically the bill statement date is the same as the Receivable Create Date. However if Summary Billing is used, the bill statement date is the same as the Receivable Create Date of the <u>last</u> Service Account billed.

Continuation: Customer Billing File Format (BILLING_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
31	5	Alpha	Receivable Sequence Number	Begins with 1 for each Status Date, and increments when additional records are created with the same Status Date.
				Note: Gaps in sequence numbers may exist as a result of internal NIPSCO processing.
36	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
45	3	Alpha	Bill Type	See valid Bill Type codes
48	14	Alpha	Commodity Amount Due	Commodity amount owed for this bill, in -9(10).9(2) format
				Includes Supplier commodity charges, associated sales tax, fees and other charges
				Excludes NIPSCO delivery charges, associated sales, fees and other charges
62	14	Alpha	Total Commodity Balance	Total commodity amount owed (includes Commodity Amount Due), in -9(10).9(2) format
				Includes Supplier commodity charges, associated sales tax, fees and other charges
				Excludes NIPSCO delivery charges, associated sales, fees and other charges
76	14	Alpha	NIPSCO BudgetPlan Settle-up Balance	Total commodity amount required to bring NIPSCO BudgetPlan account balance to zero (includes Commodity Amount Due), in -9(10).9(2) format (Complete billing only)
				Includes Supplier commodity charges, associated sales tax, fees and other charges
				Excludes NIPSCO delivery charges, associated sales, fees and other charges
90	1	Alpha	Receivable Disposition	Internal use only V = Billed D = Deferred
91	2	Alpha	Billing Cycle	Number of customer's billing cycle (01-21)

Continuation: Customer Billing File Format (BILLING_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
93	1	Alpha	Commodity Amount Due Type	Indicates if Commodity Amount Due is based on actual usage or a NIPSCO BudgetPlan A = Actual B = Budget
94	10	Alpha	Status Date	First <u>business</u> day the record is available to Supplier, in the FROM_CIS directory, in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes The record is transmitted in the daily transaction file dated <u>one business day prior</u> to Status Date
104	10	Alpha	Usage End Date	Last day of customer billing cycle in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
114	6	Alpha	NIPSCO Revenue Year and Month	Month in which NIPSCO recorded the Commodity Amount Due as revenue, in YYYYMM format

Customer Tax File Format (TAXES_OUT)

DLY_TAXES_OUT and MLY_TAXES_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

MLY_TAXES_OUT file contains all records from all DLY_TAXES_OUT files transmitted to Supplier from first to last day of each month.

DLY_TAXES_OUT file is empty:

- If no customers were billed by NIPSCO on a given cycle day
- If Supplier prepares all customer bills and does not use a Custom Service Plan

Transaction Tax Exempt indicates if the Service Account is exempt from sales tax.

- If Transaction Tax Exempt = Y (Yes, do not calculate sales tax for this transaction)
- If Transaction Tax Exempt = N (No, calculate sales tax for this transaction)

If NIPSCO bills customer for commodity charges, Taxable Commodity Amount = *taxable portion of Commodity Amount Due (in BILLING_OUT file)* and:

- Transaction Tax Exempt = Y, Tax Amount Due = *zero-filled*
- Transaction Tax Exempt = N, Tax Amount Due = *tax associated with Taxable Commodity Amount*

If Supplier bills customer for commodity charges via Custom Service Plan:

- Taxable Commodity Amount = *zero-filled*
- Tax Amount Due = *zero-filled*

TAXES_OUT file records cannot be linked to records in USAGE_OUT file.

If NIPSCO bills customer for commodity charges, the following data elements (in the order listed) may be used to link records in BILLING_OUT and TAXES_OUT files:

- Customer Account
- Service Account
- Receivable Create Date
- Status Date
- Usage End Date
- Receivable Sequence Number

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
19	2	Alpha	Supplier Code	Used by NIPSCO only; Supplier identifier

Continuation: Customer Tax File Format (TAXES_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
21	10	Alpha	Receivable Create Date	NIPSCO receivable recording date, in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				Note: Typically, the bill statement date is the same as the Receivable Create Date. However, if Summary Billing is used, the bill statement date is the same as the Receivable Create Date of the <u>last</u> Service Account billed.
31	5	Alpha	Receivable Sequence Number	Begins with 1 for each Status Date, and increments when additional records are created with the same Status Date.
				Note: Gaps in sequence numbers may exist as a result of internal NIPSCO processing.
36	9	Alpha	Tax Plan	Internal use only - similar to Service Plan
45	9	Alpha	Tax Plan Option	Internal use only - similar to Service Plan Option
54	14	Alpha	Taxable Commodity Amount	Taxable portion of Commodity Amount Due in BILLING_OUT file, in -9(10).9(2) format
				Includes Supplier commodity charges, fees and other charges
				Excludes commodity-related sales tax, NIPSCO delivery charges, associated sales, fees and other charges
				If NIPSCO prepares customer bill, value provided for tax exempt and nonexempt customers
				If Supplier prepares customer bill using Custom Service Plan, zero-filled
68	14	Alpha	Tax Amount Due	Sales tax associated with Taxable Commodity Amount, in -9(10).9(2) format
				For NIPSCO-prepared customer bill, subject to Transaction Tax Exempt Indicator
				For Supplier-prepared customer bill, zero-filled

Continuation: Customer Tax File Format (TAXES_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
82	1	Alpha	Transaction Tax Exempt	Indicates if the Service Account was charged tax for this transaction
				Y = Yes, sales tax not calculated)
				N = No, sales tax calculated)
83	10	Alpha	Status Date	First <u>business</u> day the record is available to Supplier, in the FROM_CIS directory, in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes
				The record is transmitted in the daily transaction file dated <u>one business day prior</u> to Status Date
93	10	Alpha	Usage End Date	Last day of customer Bill Cycle in MM/DD/YYYY format, including slashes

Customer Address File Format (ADDRESS_OUT)

DLY_ADDRESS_OUT and MLY_ADDRESS_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

MLY_ADDRESS_OUT file contains all records from all DLY_ADDRESS_OUT files transmitted to Supplier from first to last day of each month.

If no addresses change on a given cycle day, the daily file is transmitted as an empty file.

Important:

- DLY_ADDRESS and MLY_ADDRESS records include 30-character Address Line 1 and Address Line 2 with 5-digit zip code for only active customer mailing address updates
- MLY_RECON records include 50-character Address Line 1 and Address Line 2 mailing and service addresses with Zip+4 zip codes, for all active and pending customers

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location If fewer than 9 digits, fill with leading zeros
19	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
28	30	Alpha	Mailing Address Line 1	First line of mailing address associated with the Customer Account This is a 30-character address. A 50-character address is provided in the Reconciliation (RECON_OUT) file.
58	30	Alpha	Mailing Address Line 2	Optional – second line of mailing address associated with the Customer Account
88	25	Alpha	Mailing Address City	City of mailing address associated with the Customer Account
113	2	Alpha	Mailing Address State	State of mailing address associated with the Customer Account

Continuation: Customer Address File Format (ADDRESS_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
115	5	Alpha	Mailing Address 5-digit Zip	5-digit zip code of mailing address associated with the Customer Account • Postal-preferred Zip+4 is provided in the Reconciliation (MLY_RECON_OUT) file

Supplier Billed Revenue File Format (MLY_FINPAY_OUT)

MLY_FINPAY_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

MLY_FINPAY_OUT file is empty if Supplier prepares all customer bills and does not use a Custom Service Plan

The records in FINPAY_OUT file cannot be linked to records in USAGE_OUT file.

For Supplier that has signed the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement and NIPSCO bills commodity portion of customer bill and:

- Financial Activity = SP, Financial Activity Amount represents the Commodity Amount Due and does not include associated sales tax. The commodity amount due is subject to Supplier administrative charges and accounts receivable discounts.
- Financial Activity = TP, Financial Activity Amount represents the tax amount due, to be remitted by NIPSCO on behalf of Supplier

For Supplier that has or has not signed the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement and Supplier bills customer via Custom Service Plan:

- SP Financial Activity Amount is zero-filled
- TP Financial Activity is zero-filled

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
19	2	Alpha	Financial Activity	Type of financial activity represented by Financial Activity Amount See Valid Financial Activity Code
21	10	Alpha	Financial Activity Date	Date of the Financial Activity, in YYYYMM format
31	9	Alpha	Financial Activity Sequence Number	Used by NIPSCO only

Continuation: Supplier Billed Revenue File Format (MLY_FINPAY_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
40	14	Alpha	Financial Activity Amount	Financial amount associated with Financial Activity , in -9(10).9(2) format
				If Financial Activity = SP and Supplier <u>has signed</u> the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement, includes commodity and delivery charges and as appropriate, sales tax, fees and other charges
				If Financial Activity = SP and Supplier <u>has not signed</u> the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement, zero-filled
				If Financial Activity = TP, zero-filled
54	14	Alpha	Total Balance	Total commodity amount owed, including Financial Activity Amount, to bring the account balance to zero, in -9(10).9(2) format
				Value depends on Financial Activity
				If Financial Activity = SP and Supplier <u>has signed</u> the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement, includes commodity charges and as appropriate, sales tax, fees and other charges
				If Financial Activity = SP and Supplier <u>has not signed</u> the Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement, zero-filled
68	14	Alpha	Financial Activity Usage	Customer consumption associated with Financial Activity, in -9(10).9(2) format
				If Financial Activity = TP, zero-filled

Continuation: Supplier Billed Revenue File Format (MLY_FINPAY_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
82	1	Alpha	Payment Disposition	Internal Use V = Billed D = Deferred
83	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account

Customer Reconciliation File Format (MLY_RECON_OUT)

The MLY_RECON_OUT record lengths and formats must conform to this layout.

The **Active Effective Date** is populated for active Service Accounts only.

The **Pending Effective Date** is populated for pending Service Accounts only.

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
1	9	Alpha	Customer Account	Unique identifier of the individual, firm or organization that holds one or multiple residential, commercial or industrial service contracts
10	9	Alpha	Service Account	Unique identifier of a service location If fewer than 9 digits, filled with leading zeros
19	10	Alpha	Meter ID	Unique identifier of the meter that measures the gas consumption of a Service Account, left justified
29	10	Alpha	Active Effective Date	Required for active customer only – date the customer became active with Supplier or date of the latest pricing change, in MM/DD/YYYY format , including slashes If Pending Effective Date is populated, space-filled
39	2	Alpha	Transaction Type	Required for pending request only – as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file) ○ If Active Effective Date is populated, space-filled Valid Codes for Pending Request AD (Add) CH (Change) RE (Remove)
41	10	Alpha	Pending Effective Date	Required for pending request only – date <u>planned</u> date of add/change/remove, in MM/DD/YYYY format , including slashes If Active Effective Date is populated, space-filled

Continuation: Customer Reconciliation File Format (MLY_RECON_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
51	9	Alpha	Service Plan	Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plan, assigned to Supplier by NIPSCO or zero-filled
60	9	Alpha	Service Plan Option	Unique identifier of customer billing pricing plan, assigned to customer by Supplier – as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)
69	10	Alpha	Customer Classification	Service Account classification per the Indiana Gas Tariff Rate
				Valid Codes
				RESID (Residential) NON-RESID (Non-residential: Commercial, Industrial)
79	10	Alpha	Customer Tax Exempt	Indicates if the Service Account pays or is exempt from paying sales tax
				Valid Codes
				EXEMPT (Tax exempt; tax is not calculated) NON-EXEMPT (Not tax exempt; tax due is calculated)
89	25	Alpha	Customer Name Last	Last name of customer associated with Service Account
114	25	Alpha	Customer Name First	First name of customer associated with Service Account
139	1	Alpha	Customer Name Middle Initial	Middle initial of customer associated with Service Account
140	30	Alpha	Customer Name Complete	Full name of customer associated with Service Account, in format: First Middle Initial Last
170	50	Alpha	Mailing Address Line 1	First line of customer's mailing address
220	50	Alpha	Mailing Address Line 2	Second line of customer's mailing address
270	25	Alpha	Mailing Address City	City of customer's mailing address
295	2	Alpha	Mailing Address State	State of customer's mailing address
297	12	Alpha	Mailing Address Zip+4	Postal-preferred Zip+4 code of customer's mailing address
309	50	Alpha	Service Address Line 1	First line of customer's service address
359	50	Alpha	Service Address Line 2	Optional – second line of customer's service address
409	25	Alpha	Service Address City	City of customer's service address

Continuation: Customer Reconciliation File Format (MLY_RECON_OUT)

Position	Length	Data Type	Data Element Name	Additional Information
434	2	Alpha	Service Address State	State of customer's service address
436	12	Alpha	Service Address Zip+4	Postal-preferred Zip+4 code of customer's service address
448	9	Alpha	Pool ID	Unique identifier of the Supplier pool associated with the Service Account
457	16	Alpha	Service Plan Option Value 1	9(9).9(6) format , including decimal – as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)
				For <u>Fixed</u> Service Plan Option, <u>Commodity</u> rate per therm or flat charge per bill, as required by service plan
				For <u>Variable</u> Service Plan Option, <u>Adder</u> charge or rate, <u>Admin</u> charge, or zero-filled, as required by service plan
				For <u>Custom</u> Service Plan, zero-filled
				For Supplier that prepares <u>all</u> customer bills <u>without</u> Service Plan, zero-filled
473	16	Alpha	(Not used)	Not required – space-filled
489	9	Alpha	Service Plan Option Value 2	9(9).9(6) format , including decimal – as received from Supplier (SIGNUP_IN file)
				For <u>Fixed</u> Service Plan Option, <u>Admin</u> charge or zero-filled, as required by service plan
				For <u>Variable</u> Service Plan Option, <u>Adder</u> charge or rate, <u>Admin</u> charge, or zero-filled, as required by service plan
				For <u>Custom</u> Service Plan, space-filled
				For Supplier that prepares <u>all</u> customer bills <u>without</u> Service Plan, space-filled
498	2	Alpha	NIPSCO Revenue Class	See table of valid Revenue Class
557	2	Alpha	NIPSCO Service Plan	Rate assigned to Service Account; similar to Supplier-assigned Service Plan
				Option numbers correspond to current rates , as filed with and approved by the IURC.
				See table of valid NIPSCO Service Plan Numbers

