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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

The AES Corporation) File No. 70-9779

Certificate Pursuant to Rule 24 and Release No. 35-27363 Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

On March 23, 2001, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") issued an order, Release No. 35-27363 in File No. 70-9779 ("Exemption Order"), granting an exemption under Section 3(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, to The AES Corporation ("AES") in relation to its proposed acquisition of IPALCO Enterprises, Inc. ("IPALCO"), which has a public-utility subsidiary company, Indianapolis Power & Light Company ("IPL"). The Exemption Order required AES to file certain certificates (as described in the Exemption Order) under Rule 24 within 60 days of the close of each calendar quarter for a period of two years beginning March 31, 2001 and every six months thereafter. A certificate complying with the Exemption Order is set forth below (as an attachment) for the period ending September 30, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ EARLE H. O'DONNELL

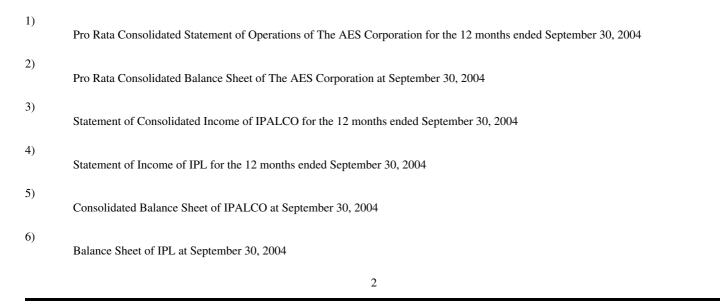
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Dated: November 29, 2004

The AES Corporation SEC Filing Pursuant to Section 3(a)(5) Exemption Order Period Ended September 30, 2004

Item (1) per Exemption Order (statements attached):



THE AES CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (INCLUDES IPALCO) FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 PRO RATA BASIS¹ (Unaudited)

	Twelve Months Ended 9/30/2004		
	(\$ in millions)		
REVENUES:			
Sales and services	\$	7,615	
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Cost of sales and services		5,303	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		60	
Total operating costs and expenses		5,363	
OPERATING INCOME		2,252	
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OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE):			
Interest expense, net		(1,483)	
Other (expense) income, net		(210)	
Foreign currency transaction gains (losses)		(106)	
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		453	
Income tax (benefit) expense		175	
(LOSS) INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		278	
Loss from operations of discontinued components (net of income taxes)		(538)	
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE		(260)	
Cumulative effect of accounting change (net of income taxes)		43	
NET (LOSS) INCOME	\$	(217)	
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In accordance with the analysis used in the order requiring filing of this certificate, this table is calculated on a proportional consolidation basis whereby AES' subsidiaries are included by multiplying each applicable line item from the statement of operations of each AES subsidiary times AES' percentage ownership interest in such subsidiary.

THE AES CORPORATION

PRO RATA BASIS¹ CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (INCLUDES IPALCO) SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (\$ in millions, unaudited)

ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,582
Restricted cash		357
Short-term investments		139
Accounts receivable, net of reserves		1,317
Inventory		388
Deferred income taxes current		159
Prepaid expenses		115
Other current assets		803
Current assets of discontinued operations and businesses held for sale		250
Total current assets		5,110
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Property, Plant and Equipment:		740
Land		748
Electric generation and distribution assets		21,969
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(5,087)
Construction in progress		827
Property, plant and equipment, net		18,457
Other Assets:		
Deferred financing costs net		486
Investments in and advances to affiliates		683
Debt service reserves and other deposits		598
Goodwill net		1,376
Deferred income taxes noncurrent		778
Long-term assets of discontinued operations and businesses held for sale		683
Other assets		1,785
Total other assets		6,389
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Total assets	\$	29,956
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THE AES CORPORATION

Additional paid-in capital

Total stockholders' equity

Accumulated other comprehensive loss

Accumulated deficit

Total

LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

PRO RATA BASIS¹ CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (INCLUDES IPALCO) SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (\$ in millions, unaudited)

Current liabilities: Accounts payable \$ 1,027 Accrued interest 447 Accrued and other liabilities 1,372 Current liabilities of discontinued operations and businesses held for sale 769 Recourse debt current portion 295 Non-recourse debt current portion 1,778 Total current liabilities 5.688 Long-term Liabilities: Recourse debt 5,175 Non-recourse debt 11,262 Deferred income taxes 1,122 Pension liabilities 900 Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations and businesses held for sale 19 Other long-term liabilities 3,134 21,612 Total long-term liabilities Minority interest 1,226 Stockholders' Equity: Common stock \$.01 par value 1,200 million shares authorized for 2004 and 2003, 648 million issued and outstanding in 2004, 626 million issued and outstanding in 2003 6

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IPALCO ENTERPRISES, INC. and SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statement of Income (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2004		
ELECTRIC UTILITY OPERATING REVENUES	\$	859,678
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UTILITY OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operation:		
Fuel		189,445
Other operating expenses		124,019
Power purchased		14,730
Maintenance		80,708
Depreciation and amortization		121,227
Taxes other than income taxes		31,864
Income taxes net		94,156
Total operating expenses		656,149
UTILITY OPERATING INCOME		203,529
OTHER INCOME AND (DEDUCTIONS):		
Allowance for equity funds used during construction		2,817
Gain (loss) on sales of assets, net		(1,353)
Other net		(1,353)
Income tax benefit net		26,402
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Total other income (deductions) net		26,514
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INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES:		110.571
Interest on long-term debt		112,571
Other interest		619
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction		(2,474)
Amortization of redemption premiums and expense on debt-net		2,746
Preferred dividends of subsidiary		3,213
Total interest and other charges net		116,675
NET INCOME	\$	113,368
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INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Statement of Income (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2004		
OPERATING REVENUES	\$	859,678
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operation:		
Fuel		189,445
Other		124,019
Power purchased		14,730
Maintenance		80,708
Depreciation and amortization		121,227
Taxes other than income taxes		31,864
Income taxes net		94,156
Total operating expenses		656,149
OPERATING INCOME		203,529
OTHER INCOME AND (DEDUCTIONS):		
Allowance for equity funds used during construction		2,817
Miscellaneous income and (deductions) net		(971
Gain on sale of asset		811
Income (taxes) applicable to other income and deductions		(115)
Total other income and (deductions) net		2,542
INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES:		
Interest on long-term debt		48,821
Other interest		619
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction		(2,474
Amortization of redemption premium and expense on debt net		1,708
Total interest and other charges net		48,674
NET INCOME		157,397
PREFERRED DIVIDEND REQUIREMENTS	<u> </u>	3,213
	\$	154,184
INCOME APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$	134,164
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IPALCO ENTERPRISES, INC. and SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2004
ASSETS	
UTILITY PLANT:	
Utility plant in service	\$ 3,407,977
Less accumulated depreciation	1,336,315
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Utility plant in service net	2,071,662
Construction work in progress	62,723
Property held for future use	1,085
Utility plant net	2,135,470
OTHER ASSETS:	
Nonutility property at cost, less accumulated depreciation	1,502
Other investments	7,255
Other assets net	8,757
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	21,798
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue (less allowance	
for doubtful accounts of \$1,518)	50,377
Fuel at average cost	25,197
Materials and supplies at average cost	46,139
Net income tax refunds receivable	2,375
Prepayments and other current assets	4,293
Total current assets	150,179
DEFERRED DEBITS:	
Regulatory assets	119,678
Miscellaneous	34,027
Total deferred debits	153,705
TOTAL	\$ 2,448,111
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IPALCO ENTERPRISES and SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

September 30, 2004 **CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION:** Common shareholder's deficit: Premium on 4% cumulative preferred stock \$ 649 Paid in capital 606 Accumulated deficit (54,964)Accumulated other comprehensive loss (55,220)Total common shareholder's deficit (108,929)Cumulative preferred stock of subsidiary 59,135 Long-term debt (less current maturities and sinking fund requirements) 1,502,045 Total capitalization 1,452,251 **CURRENT LIABILITIES:** Current maturities and sinking fund requirements 300 Accounts payable 38,862 Accrued expenses 17,037 Dividends payable 803 Accrued real estate and personal property taxes 11,737 Accrued income and other taxes 421 Accrued interest 38,642 Customer deposits 11,345 Other current liabilities 1,685 Total current liabilities 120,832 DEFERRED CREDITS AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Accumulated deferred income taxes net 343,257 Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs 376,863 Unamortized investment tax credit 26,142 Accrued postretirement benefits 6,650 Accrued pension benefits 111,117 Miscellaneous 10,999 Total deferred credits and other long-term liabilities 875,028 2,448,111 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES TOTAL

INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Balance Sheets (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2004
ASSETS	
UTILITY PLANT:	
Utility plant in service	\$ 3,407,977
Less accumulated depreciation	1,336,315
Utility plant in service net	2,071,662
Construction work in progress	62,723
Property held for future use	1,085
Utility plant net	2,135,470
OTHER PROPERTY	
At cost, less accumulated depreciation	2,198
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	16,810
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue (less allowances	
for doubtful accounts of \$1,505)	50,183
Receivable due from Parent	1,163
Fuel at average cost	25,197
Materials and supplies at average cost	46,144
Net income tax refunds receivable	1,070
Prepayments and other current assets	4,293
Total current assets	144,860
DEFERRED DEBITS:	
Regulatory assets	119,678
Miscellaneous	26,400
Miscertalicous	20,100
Total deferred debits	146,078
TOTAL	\$ 2,428,606
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INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Balance Sheets (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2004
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
CAPITALIZATION:	
CATTALIZATION: Common shareholder's equity:	
Common stock	\$ 324,537
Premium and net gain on preferred stock	2,642
Paid in capital	606
Retained earnings	373,576
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(55,217)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(55,217)
Total common shareholder's equity	646,144
Cumulative preferred stock	59,135
Long-term debt (less current maturities and sinking fund requirements)	752,045
Total capitalization	1,457,324
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:	20 = 20 1
Accounts payable	38,786
Accrued expenses	16,455
Dividends payable	803
Accrued real estate and personal property taxes	11,734
Accrued taxes	827
Accrued interest	14,525
Customer deposits	11,345
Other current liabilities	1,685
Total current liabilities	96,160
Total current flaorities	70,100
DEFERRED CREDITS AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:	242.251
Accumulated deferred income taxes net	343,351
Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs	376,863
Unamortized investment tax credit Accrued postretirement benefits	26,142
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Miscellaneous	10,999
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Total deferred credits and other long-term liabilities	875,122
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES TOTAL	\$ 2,428,606
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Item (2) per Exemption Order (Income Statement Amounts are 12 months ended):

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IPL Contributions To AES/IPALCO Consolidated Holding Company (Pro Rata Consolidation Basis¹) (\$MM)

	12 Mos. ended 1 9/30/03	2 Mos. ended 9/30/04
Gross Revenues ²	10.56%	11.29%
IPL	825	860
IPALCO (excluding IPL)		0
AES	6,989	6,755
AES/IPALCO	7,814	7,615
Operating Income	14.77%	13.23%
IPL	287	298
IPALCO (excluding IPL)	0	0
AES	1,656	1,954
AES/IPALCO	1,943	2,252
Net Income (Loss)	(5.14%)	(70.97%)
IPL	140	154
IPALCO (excluding IPL)	(39)	(41)
AES	(2,825)	(330)
AES/IPALCO	(2,724)	(217)
Net Assets	6.84%	8.11%
IPL	2,080	2,429
IPALCO (excluding IPL)	19	20
AES	28,316	27,507
AES/IPALCO	30,415	29,956

In accordance with the analysis used in the order requiring filing of this certificate, the AES line items in this table are calculated on a proportional consolidation basis whereby AES' subsidiaries are included by multiplying each applicable line item from the statement of operations or balance sheet, as applicable, of each AES subsidiary times AES' percentage ownership interest in such subsidiary. The numbers presented for AES in this table exclude CILCO, which AES sold during the first quarter of 2003.

Gross business revenues (utility and non-utility) of IPALCO combined as a percentage of total gross business revenues (including IPALCO/IPL, utility and non-utility) of AES.

Item (3) per Exemption Order Generation Information:

AES Generating Plants in Operation at September 30, 2004 (excluding IPALCO):

Unit	Country	Capacity (MW)	AES Interest (%)	AES Equity (MW)	Regulatory Status
AES Deepwater	USA	160	100	160	QF
AES Beaver Valley	USA	125	100	125	QF
AES Placerita	USA	120	100	120	QF
AES Thames	USA	181	100	181	QF
AES Shady Point	USA	320	100	320	QF
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