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July 16, 2018

Katelyn Colclazier Small Business Ombudsman Indiana Economic Development Corporation One North Capitol, Suite 600 Indianapolis, IN 46204 KColclazier@iedc.IN.gov

Re: LSA Document #17-448; IURC RM #17-02

Dear Ms. Colclazier:

Under IC 4-22-2.1-6, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") received the comments of the small business ombudsman regarding the rule proposed by the IURC in LSA Document #17-448, which amends Indiana's minimum pipeline safety standards, found in 170 IAC 5-3, to incorporate by reference recently enacted applicable federal pipeline safety standards though June 1, 2017.

The comments were submitted on July 13, 2018, which is seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing scheduled in this matter for July 20, 2018, at 11:00 p.m. E.S.T.

The IURC understands that the small business ombudsman has concluded the proposed rule will create no additional annual reporting, record keeping, or other administrative cost on small businesses in order to comply with the proposed rule. IC 4-22-2.1-6(c) requires the agency to fully consider the comments submitted by the ombudsman. The IURC does not intend to make any changes to the Proposed Rule based on your comments.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Comeau

Assistant General Counsel