

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

IURC Proposed Rule, LSA Document #12-442

This rule is authorized by HEA 1126 which added Indiana Code §8-1.5-3-8.3. Section 8.3 provides a means by which customers living outside a municipality, or the municipality itself, may petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to review and adjust, if necessary, the differential in utility rates and charges between the customers outside and customers inside the municipal boundaries. Section 8.3(k) states that the commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement the new legislation. The proposed rule sets forth procedural guidelines for filing petitions under Section 8.3.

This proposed rule sets forth procedural guidelines for filings under Section 8.3. It also contains sample petitions for both customers and municipalities, along with instructions for filing the petitions. As a result, there should be minimal legal costs imposed on the outside customers who may wish to file. There should also be minimal costs imposed on the municipality as it would be required to submit documentation that it should already have readily available.

Consequently, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission estimates that the total economic impact of its proposed rule will likely be neutral or positive and will definitely be less than \$500,000 per year.