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David E. Veleta
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Dear Mr. Valeta:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") and contained in LSA Document 09-212. The proposed rule makes changes to 170 IAC 1-1.5-1 to exempt an application for a certificate of territorial authority for communications providers or notice of change form that is filed under IC 8-1-32.5 from the ex parte rules of the commission.

The proposed rule impacts those businesses that are communications providers in Indiana. The economic impact statement provide by the IURC indicates that there is no way to determine the number of affected businesses that would qualify as small businesses as defined by IC 4-22-2.1-5. However, the statement also indicates that the proposed rule will not impose any costs on affected small businesses. The IURC anticipates that the proposed rule will actually benefit impacted businesses by streamlining the permit process and can help reduce costs associated with incomplete applications. The rule will not create any new reporting, recording, or administrative costs for small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with this proposed rule. As indicated above the proposed rule has the potential to create cost savings for small businesses by simplifying their interactions with the IURC.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Asberry".

Ryan Asberry
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