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Commissioner	Yes	No	Not Participating
Huston	√		
Bennett	√		
Freeman			√
Veleta	√		
Ziegner	√		

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
2024-02**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2024, House Enrolled Act 1306 was signed into law by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, with an effective date of July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act 1306 added Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1, which requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission” or “IURC”) to livestream hearings noticed under Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8 that will include:

- 1) an examination of witnesses;
- 2) a nonprocedural discussion between one or more parties to the commission proceeding;
- 3) questions from one or more of the commissioners regarding the substance of the case;
- or
- 4) a contested procedural matter; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1(c) provides that the Commission shall issue a general administrative order to implement a policy that governs the live transmission of Commission proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a policy under Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1(c) must include:

- 1) For a Commission proceeding that the Commission determines is not subject to live transmission, a process by which members of the public may request the live transmission of the commission proceeding; and
- 2) For any Commission proceeding for which the Commission will provide a livestream:
 - a. a process by which members of the public may access the live transmission of the Commission proceeding; and
 - b. a process for:
 - i. archiving the live transmission of the Commission proceeding; and
 - ii. members of the public to access or request the archived live transmission of the Commission proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that a standardized policy providing guidelines for case parties to notify the Commission when a party plans:

- 1) to examine a witness;
- 2) to have a nonprocedural discussion; or
- 3) knows there is a contested procedural matter;

will better enable the Commission to meet its statutory requirements to livestream Commission proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has also determined that a standardized policy governing the livestreaming of Commission proceedings will help enhance the transparency of Commission proceedings and raise public awareness of Commission proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the IURC Livestreaming Policy, which is attached to this General Administrative Order as Appendix A, be adopted by this Commission.

HUSTON, BENNETT, VELETA, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; FREEMAN ABSENT:
APPROVED: AUG 07 2024

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

Dana Kosco, Secretary of the Commission

APPENDIX A

IURC Livestreaming Policy Pursuant to Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1

I. Applicability

The Livestreaming Policy applies to any “Commission proceedings,” which are hearings that have been noticed under Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.

II. Required Livestreaming of Commission Proceedings

The Commission will livestream Commission proceedings that it determines will involve:

- 1) an examination of witnesses;
- 2) a nonprocedural discussion between one or more parties to the commission proceeding;
- 3) questions from one or more of the commissioners regarding the substance of the case; or
- 4) a contested procedural matter.

III. Posting of Proceedings Scheduled to be Livestreamed

The Commission will post a publicly accessible schedule of Commission proceedings that will be livestreamed on its website. A Commission proceeding that is known to meet the criteria established in Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1(b) will be posted on the schedule the week prior to the hearing date. The Commission may update the schedule at any time to add or remove Commission proceedings as new information becomes available. The schedule of Commission proceedings that will be livestreamed can be accessed on the Commission’s website at <https://www.in.gov/iurc/watch-the-iurc-live/>.

IV. Requesting a Commission Proceeding to be Livestreamed

Members of the public and parties of a case may request that the Commission livestream a Commission proceeding that does not meet the criteria under Indiana Code § 8-1-1-8.1(b). The request to livestream a Commission proceeding that is not scheduled to be livestreamed should be made at least three business days prior to the hearing date. The request must be emailed to URCStreamingServices@urc.in.gov and must include the Cause Number, date of the hearing, hearing room location, and the reason for the request. If a request to livestream a Commission proceeding is submitted in a timely manner, the Commission shall make a practical effort to livestream the Commission proceeding. If a request is not submitted in a timely manner, or if it is not feasible for the Commission to satisfy a request to livestream, the Commission may record the Commission proceeding. If the Commission does livestream or record a proceeding, it will be done so in accordance with Section VI below.

V. Notifying Commission of Hearings that Meet Criteria Under IC 8-1-1-8.1(b)

Parties of a case are encouraged to notify the Presiding Administrative Law Judge as soon as practicable (preferably no later than three business days) prior to a Commission proceeding if they plan on cross-examining a witness, having a nonprocedural discussion

with other parties during the Commission proceeding, or that there is a contested procedural matter that will be discussed during a Commission proceeding.

VI. Livestream & Archive Website

The Commission will broadcast livestreams of Commission proceedings on its YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@iurcstateofindiana6982>. The Commission will use its YouTube channel to archive all livestreams and recordings of Commission proceedings for members of the public to view past Commission proceedings.

VII. Technical Issues with Livestream or Recording

If the Commission encounters technical issues with livestreaming a Commission proceeding that is required under Indiana Code section 8-1-1-8.1 to be livestreamed, the Commission shall record the Commission proceeding and post the recording on its YouTube channel.

VIII. Confidentiality

If confidential or privileged information that has been deemed confidential under Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4 and/or 170 IAC 1-1.1-4 is being discussed during a Commission proceeding, the Commission will indicate visually on the livestream that confidential information is being discussed and mute audio from the courtroom. If confidential or privileged information is discussed while a recording is being taken of a Commission proceeding, the recording will be stopped during the discussion and resumed once the discussion is over.

IX. Official Record

The livestream or recording of a Commission proceeding does not constitute an official record or transcript of the Commission proceeding.