

# IURC News Release

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## **Embarq Released From Formal Regulatory Oversight**

In Cause No. 43301, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC, Commission) approved a settlement agreement between the IURC, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor and Embarq Communications for early termination of the company's existing Alternative Regulatory plan as allowed under HEA 1279.

The Commission believes that in Embarq has met or exceeded the terms of its obligation to its alternative regulatory agreement with the Commission, which would otherwise expire in December 2008. The Commission also notes that Embarq has exceeded its commitment to deploy broadband to its customers.

The company has agreed not to abandon any of its local exchange service territories, and will provide its current Lifeline/Link-up offerings and to appropriately communicate them to customers.

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