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### Commission Opens Investigation into IPL's Network Facilities

**INDIANAPOLIS (March 20, 2015)** - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued an order opening an investigation (Cause No. 44602) into Indianapolis Power and Light Company's (IPL) ongoing investment in, and operation and maintenance of, its network facilities.

The Commission has addressed IPL's network failures in 2011 and 2014. Both times the Commission required analyses of network failures, third-party reviews, and action plans to be carried out by IPL. Despite these discussions and efforts, IPL has experienced continued failures in its underground network facilities, resulting in a risk to public safety.

A technical conference to define the specific issues to be addressed in the investigation will take place on April 2, 2015, at 10 a.m. at 101 W. Washington St. Room 222, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Although the technical conference is open to the public, only parties to the case will participate in the discussion. The Commission also will set a procedural schedule, which will include a field hearing where the Commission will take public comments.

Prior to the field hearing, the public may provide comments to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), the state agency that represents the public before the Commission. The public can submit their comments:

- online at [www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm)
- by mail at Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
- email at [uccinfo@oucc.in.gov](mailto:uccinfo@oucc.in.gov)

All comments should include the Cause Number (44602) and the commenter's full name, mailing address, email (if applicable), and daytime telephone number.

To view documents related to this case, visit the Commission's electronic document system and search the cause number (44602) at <https://myweb.in.gov/IURC/eds/>. Instructions on how to best use this database can be found at [www.in.gov/iurc/2666.htm](http://www.in.gov/iurc/2666.htm).

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#### About the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)

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