

TITLE 170 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

I. Estimate of Number of Small Businesses That Will Be Subject to this Rule.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(1), the estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule:

Unknown. The authority of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“IURC” or “Commission”) is limited with regards to telecommunications service providers and so it does not have the information necessary to determine which regulated entities would qualify as small businesses. However, the Commission estimates that 31 regulated entities will be affected..

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(2), the estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small businesses will incur to comply with the proposed rule:

NONE. In fact, the proposed rule will lessen the administrative costs for the affected small businesses.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(a)(3), the estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance with the proposed rule will have on all small businesses subject to the rule:

The economic impact on small businesses will be positive, as the proposed rule provides for a less expensive alternative method for providing notice.

II. Justification Statement.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(4), the following statement justifies any requirement or cost that is imposed on small businesses by the rule; and not expressly required by the statute authorizing the agency to adopt the rule; or any other state or federal law. The statement required by this subdivision must include a reference to any data, studies, or analyses relied upon by the agency in determining that the imposition of the requirement or cost is necessary.

The proposed rule does not impose any requirements or costs on the affected small businesses. The proposed rule provides for a less expensive method regarding the notice requirement in the Commission’s existing 30 day administrative filing rule.

III. Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.

As required by IC 4-22-2.1-5(5), this regulatory flexibility analysis considers any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule. The analysis under this subdivision considers the following methods of minimizing the economic impact of the proposed rule on small businesses:

- (A) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
NONE.
- (B) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
NONE.
- (C) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.
NONE.
- (D) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses instead of design or operational standards imposed on other regulated entities by the rule.
NONE.
- (E) The exemption of small businesses from part or all of the requirements or costs imposed by the rule.
NONE.