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Dear Ms. Poon:

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 contained in LSA Document 12-42 and proposed by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC"). The proposed rule adds 170 IAC 4-9 regarding vegetation management standards for electric utilities to implement the IURC's order in cause number 43663, approved on November 30, 2010, and the IURC's order on reconsideration in the cause, approved July 7, 2011.

The economic impact statement prepared by the IURC indicates that the proposed rule would apply only to investor-owned utilities, none of which meet the definition of a small business. Therefore, according to the IURC economic impact statement, no small businesses will be impacted by the proposed rule.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or [eshields@iedc.in.gov](mailto:eshields@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Shields". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric P. Shields  
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