TITLE 170 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

60 Day Requirement (IC 4-22-2-19) LSA Document #16-48

January 19, 2016

RE: LSA Document #16-48, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Rulemaking No. 15-05

On behalf of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), I am submitting this written notice in compliance with <u>IC 4-22-2-19</u>, which requires an agency to begin the rulemaking process not later than 60 days after the effective date of the statute that authorized the rule, unless a notice is filed with the Publisher that includes the reasons for the noncompliance.

The General Assembly enacted P.L.213-2015, SEC. 101, effective July 1, 2015, requiring the IURC to execute a rulemaking concerning the IURC's administration of the funds in an account for the support of 211 services in Indiana. The rulemaking requirement is now codified at IC 8-1-19.5-13.

The IURC was unable to begin the formal rulemaking process within 60 days of the statute authorizing the rule because of the need to confer with Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc., to develop a plan for the expenditure of the money in the account as required by IC 8-1-19.5-11(d). The IURC worked closely with Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc., in a series of meetings. The IURC also held a pre-rulemaking workshop where it took public comments on June 9, 2015. The IURC submitted its plan for the expenditure of money in the 211 account on October 16, 2015. Please be assured that the IURC is proceeding, and will continue to proceed, in such a manner as to comply with P.L.213-2015 and IC 4-22-2, in order to best serve the State of Indiana and its citizens.

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