



Economic Development Corp.

**Via Email**

Steve Davies

Deputy General Counsel

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

*Re:* LSA Document # 26-167 Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Dear Steve,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document # 26-167 submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #26-167 amends 170 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 1-1 to 170 IAC 1-7 to make clarifications, update the language of the code, and a few substantial changes to the rules. Some changes include requiring subpoenas to be sent to a witness 5 days before a hearing, the removal of an outdated website link, and many small grammatical changes that improves the readability of the rules. Also, a change in the rules now allows a non-attorney to represent or make a filing before the commission.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission knows how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance to minimize those potential impacts to small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman is supportive of the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at [ombudsman@iedc.in.gov](mailto:ombudsman@iedc.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Caleb Wakeman

Small Business Ombudsman

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