

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING
LSA DOCUMENT 23-776/IURC RM 20-02
170 Indiana Administrative Code Rule 15**

This is a public hearing held on January 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in Judicial Courtroom 222 of the PNC Center, located at 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. This public hearing is being held before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, or “Commission,” in a rulemaking docketed before the Commission as LSA number 23-776, IURC Rulemaking number 20-02. The public hearing is also being live streamed on the Commission’s webpage, www.in.gov/iurc under rulemakings. Instructions on the webpage allowed remote attendees to request a Web-ex meeting code if they wished to provide oral comments virtually. No persons requested the code to provide oral comments.

This rule updates the sub-billing rules applicable to a landlords or associations when those entities sub-bill or sub-meter water and/or wastewater service to their tenants or members. The Proposed Rule and Regulatory Analysis were approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the State Budget Agency on October 5, 2023 as OMB #2023-

07R . The Commission approved the proposed rule at a conference of the Commission on November 22, 2023.

The Indiana Register published the Notice of First Comment Period, Notice of Public Hearing and the Regulatory Analysis in the Indiana Register on December 20, 2023. Notice of the time and place of this hearing was given as provided by law by publication in the Indiana Register.

Prior to the publication of the Notice of First Comment Period, which formally initiated the official statutory rulemaking process for this rule, the Commission solicited comments from stakeholders.

The draft proposed rule was posted to the Commission's website and written comments taken in three different informal comment periods. Four groups provided written comments during the rule development: the Association of Indiana Municipalities, the Indiana Apartment Association, the Utility Management and Conservation Association—a trade group of third-party sub-billing contractors—and a third-party sub-billing contractor company. The Commission Staff made changes to the draft proposed rules based on the comments.

In addition, based on stakeholder requests, the Commission staff convened a series of workshops where Commission staff met, virtually, with interested stakeholders to discuss provisions of the revised draft proposed rules and to take oral comments. The Commission staff first hosted a virtual workshop on October 25, 2022, and hosted a second follow-up meeting on November 22, 2022. Both were attended by various stakeholder groups and resulted in further refinements to the revised draft proposed rule.

The Commission greatly appreciates the input of the stakeholders who participated, and the discussion and consensus-building accomplished through these pre-rulemaking steps. The Commission carefully considered the comments and discussions and incorporated the results into the Proposed Rule that was approved by the Commission and published in the Indiana Register.

Prior to the start of this hearing, I notified in-person attendees who wished to speak that they should see the court reporter and fill out the appearance form so the Commission may have your name, address and, if applicable, the name of the organization that you are representing; you may still do so if you want to testify in this hearing.

If you have written comments to submit, you need not make an oral presentation -- merely submit the comments to the court reporter.

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Are there in-person attendees that wish to make oral comments? I see there are no other in-person oral public comments.

The deadline for written comments is the close of business on this Friday, January 26, 2024. When providing written comments, the Commission would ask that, when possible, you provide comments by e-mail in Microsoft Word to me or General Counsel Beth Heline at urccomments@urc.in.gov. All mailed comments should be addressed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Office of General Counsel, 101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 East, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Thank you again for your participation.

This hearing is now adjourned.