

**VIA EMAIL**

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Re: LSA Document #24-91/Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Heline,

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 for small businesses associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #24-91 (proposed rule) proposed by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #24-91 amends rules found in Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) under 170 IAC 4-11 as authorized through Indiana Code 8-1-1-3 & 8-1-8.5-12.1. Specifically, the proposed rule largely amends basic wording of IAC to align with Indiana Code. Effectively providing investor-owned utilities (IOU) clarity and procedural guidance on how they may wish to develop a Small Modular Reactor as part of their energy portfolio to replace legacy generation. Furthermore, the proposed rule does not issue new reporting, compliance, or costs that would impact small businesses across Indiana.

With that said, the IURC's provided economic impact analysis, regulatory analysis, and proposed rule display a proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation of will not impact small businesses located in Indiana. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the IURC 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,

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