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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
OF THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
2018-3**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly enacted House Enrolled Act 1065 ("HEA 1065"), which was signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb, effective March 21, 2018, as Public Law 177 ("P.L. 177-2018"); and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of HEA 1065, P.L. 177-2018, requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") to conduct a study ("IUSF-Broadband Study") regarding the Indiana Universal Service Fund ("IUSF") and broadband deployment and to issue a final report to the Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications no later than October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 8-1-2.6-1.1 expressly prohibits the Commission from exercising jurisdiction over broadband service; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Indiana Code §§ 8-1-2.6-1.1, 8-1-2.6-13, and 8-1-32.5-6, Section 13 of HEA 1065, P.L. 177-2018, allows the Commission to request information from service providers and customers only for the purposes of the IUSF-Broadband Study; and

WHEREAS, the Commission considers it necessary and in the public interest that the IUSF-Broadband Study is conducted in an open and transparent manner with the opportunity for input from and discussions with service providers, customers, and interested stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Commission hereby delegates its authority under HEA 1065, P.L. 177-2018, to Commission staff to study and prepare a final report on the IUSF and broadband deployment through an open, transparent process in which interested stakeholders may submit information and written comments to the Commission staff, pursuant to the procedures outlined and attached to this General Administrative Order as Appendix A, which are hereby adopted by the Commission.

  
James F. Huston, Chairman

ABSENT  
David L. Ober, Commissioner

  
Sarah E. Freeman, Commissioner

  
David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

**I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the order as approved.**

  
Mary Becerra  
Secretary of the Commission

Date: MAY 16 2018

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### Appendix A

Procedures for Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“IURC” or “Commission”) staff regarding the IUSF-Broadband Study and the preparation of a final report under Section 13 of HEA 1065, P.L. 177-2018.

- A. Study topics
- (1) The types of service on which the IUSF surcharge is imposed
  - (2) The types of service for which disbursements from the IUSF may be used.
  - (3) The eligibility requirements for service providers to receive disbursements from the IUSF.
  - (4) Broadband deployment (expansion and improvement of access to broadband services).
  - (5) Any other matter concerning universal service reform that the Commission considers appropriate.
- B. Service providers, customers, and interested stakeholders are invited to provide written comments on the above study topics, according to the following schedule:
- (1) Written comments by June 15, 2018.
  - (2) Reply comments by July 13, 2018.
- C. Written comments submitted electronically should be sent to the following email address: [URCComments@urc.IN.gov](mailto:URCComments@urc.IN.gov). Written comments submitted through regular mail should be addressed as follows:
- IURC General Counsel  
Re: IUSF-Broadband Study  
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
101 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 E  
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- C. Persons or entities desiring to receive information through an email distribution list may request to be included by emailing the IURC’s General Counsel at [urcgeneralcounsel@urc.in.gov](mailto:urcgeneralcounsel@urc.in.gov).
- D. All written comments and other relevant information will be posted on the Commission’s website on the following webpage: <https://www.in.gov/iurc/3010.htm>.
- E. Commission staff may hold individual meetings with service providers, customer advocacy groups and other interested stakeholders, regarding topics that are not part of the Commission’s Triennial Review of the IUSF in IURC Cause No. 45064.
- F. The Commission staff shall complete its study and post the final report to the Commission’s website prior to October 1, 2018.