



Economic Development Corp.

Re: LSA Document # 26-173 Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Beth E. Helene

General Counsel

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

Dear Ms. Helene,

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 # 26-173 submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #26-173 amends 170 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 14 to include small changes to definitions and including a new definition of “days” in the new rule. Also, time to request a public field hearing is now extended from forty (40) days to within sixty (60) days. Also, several mentions are added of the Commission’s electronic filing system including the filing system into Commission processes.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission know 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 neutral 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.

Sincerely,

Caleb Wakeman

Small Business Ombudsman

Indiana Economic Development Corporation