

Roads, Beth Krogel

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To: Roads, Beth Krogel
Cc: Helmen, Randy; Smith, Barbara Ann; Gray, Abby
Subject: RM 11-07 IRP

Dear Ms. Roads:

You asked interested parties to provide input on the economic impact of proposed changes to the Commission's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Rule under RM 11-07. The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) expects to incur additional costs related to the new public meeting requirement that would apply to Indiana's five investor owned electric utilities. Although it is difficult to provide an exact cost estimate, please consider the following in your review and analysis.

An additional part-time analyst might be required to attend public input meetings across the state at an approximate annual cost of \$45,000 (including salary and benefits).

The OUCC would incur additional travel expenses, the total amount of which would depend on the number and location of meetings, the number of staff attending, and whether overnight travel is required. Consider the following rough estimate of additional travel expense: \$2,000 per year.

Training and related expenses for a new employee could cost an additional \$1,250 per year.

If the above assumptions are accurate, the proposed IRP rule change could result in additional annual OUCC expenses of approximately \$48,250 or more, if attorney attendance is also required.

I hope this information will be helpful. If you have any follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Karol

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