



# Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

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## **OUCC Personnel Announcement**

Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine has announced the following personnel changes at the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC):

- **Barbara Smith**, Executive Director, Technical Operations, is retiring effective June 30, 2022. Ms. Smith's career includes more than 35 years of service in state government and the utility industry. She joined the OUCC in 2006 and has served in her current role since 2015.
- External Affairs Director **Anthony Swinger** is being promoted to Executive Director, Technical Operations, effective July 1, 2022. In his new role, Mr. Swinger will oversee the OUCC's electric, natural gas, and water/wastewater divisions, whose professionals participate as expert witnesses on behalf of consumers in utility regulatory cases. Mr. Swinger has served with the OUCC since 2000. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees, respectively, from the University of Illinois at Springfield and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
- External Affairs Specialist **Olivia Rivera** is being promoted to External Affairs Director effective July 1, 2022. Ms. Rivera joined the OUCC in 2019 and will oversee the agency's public relations and external communications efforts in her new role. She is an Indiana State University graduate.

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The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) represents Indiana consumer interests before state and federal bodies that regulate utilities. As a state agency, the OUCC's mission is to represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, and creative problem solving.