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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-4.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.7. (a) As used in this section, "budget**
4 **billing plan" means a leveled payment plan, however**
5 **denominated, that:**

6 **(1) applies to a customer's account with an electricity**
7 **supplier;**
8 **(2) provides for the payment of a customer's bill in equal**
9 **monthly installments; and**
10 **(3) involves a reconciliation mechanism in which:**
11 **(A) the amount of utility service actually used by the**
12 **customer during a specified period is compared with the**
13 **amount of utility service for which the customer was**
14 **billed under the plan during the specified period; and**
15 **(B) the customer's account is either billed or credited, as**

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appropriate, for any difference identified under clause (A).

(b) As used in this section, "customer" refers to a residential customer who has agreed to pay for utility service from an electricity supplier under the electricity supplier's standard residential tariff.

(c) As used in this section, "electricity supplier" means a person, however organized, that:

(1) provides utility service to customers; and

(2) is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the approval of rates and charges.

(d) As used in this section, "utility service" means electric service that is provided at retail to customers.

(e) An electricity supplier shall do the following:

(1) Beginning with the first monthly billing cycle that begins after June 30, 2026, apply a budget billing plan to all active customer accounts:

- (A) for utility service provided under the electricity supplier's standard residential tariff; and
- (B) to which a budget billing plan does not already apply.

apply.

(2) Not later than April 1, 2026, offer each customer a mechanism, through one (1) or more methods described in subsection (f)(4), by which the customer may opt out of the budget billing plan at any time, without penalty, before or after the budget billing plan is applied to the customer's account, subject to the reconciliation mechanism described in subsection (a)(3).

(3) Not later than July 1, 2026, for any budget billing plan offered by the electricity supplier and applied to an active customer account, regardless of the date the budget billing plan was first offered or applied, amend or design the budget billing plan, as applicable, so that the reconciliation mechanism described in subsection (a)(3) is applied at least two (2) times during a calendar year to reflect, to the extent possible, typical seasonal patterns of electricity usage by residential customers.

(f) Not later than April 1, 2026, an electricity supplier shall provide to each customer having an active account for utility service provided under the electricity supplier's standard residential tariff a written notice that:

(1) informs the customer that a budget billing plan will be

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1 applied to the customer's account beginning with the first
2 monthly billing cycle that begins after June 30, 2026, if a
3 budget billing plan does not already apply to the customer's
4 account;

5 (2) describes, in clear language that is easily understandable
6 to a lay person, the reconciliation mechanism described in
7 subsection (a)(3), including an explanation of:

8 (A) the number of times during a calendar year that the
9 reconciliation mechanism will be applied to the
10 customer's account, subject to subsection (e)(3);

11 (B) for each time during a calendar year that the
12 reconciliation mechanism will be applied, the monthly
13 billing cycle after which the reconciliation mechanism
14 will be applied; and

15 (C) the method by which the electricity supplier will:

16 (i) compare the amount of utility service actually
17 used by the customer with the amount of utility
18 service for which the customer was billed under the
19 plan during the billing cycles that are being
20 reconciled; and

21 (ii) either bill or credit the customer's account, as
22 appropriate, for any difference identified under
23 item (i);

24 (3) offers the customer a mechanism, through one (1) or
25 more methods described in subdivision (4), by which the
26 customer may opt out of a budget billing plan at any time,
27 without penalty, before or after the budget billing plan is
28 applied to the customer's account, subject to the
29 reconciliation mechanism described in subsection (a)(3); and
30 (4) is delivered to the customer by one (1) or more of the
31 following methods:

32 (A) United States mail.

33 (B) Electronic mail.

34 (C) A mobile application or another Internet based
35 method.

36 (g) Not later than April 1, 2026, an electricity supplier shall
37 post on its website the information set forth in subsection (f)(2) and
38 (f)(3) for each budget billing plan offered by the electricity
39 supplier, regardless of the date the budget billing plan was first
40 offered.

41 (h) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
42 implement this section.



1 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-2-42.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2013,
 2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 42.7. **(a) This section does not apply to an**
 4 **electricity supplier (as defined in IC 8-1-46-6) that has filed a**
 5 **petition with the commission to change the electricity supplier's**
 6 **basic rates and charges through the submission of a multi-year rate**
 7 **plan under IC 8-1-46.**

8 **(a) (b)** For purposes of this section, "average prime rate" means the
 9 arithmetic mean, to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%),
 10 of the prime rate values published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin for
 11 the three (3) months preceding the first month of a calendar quarter.

12 **(b) (c)** For purposes of this section, "case in chief" includes the
 13 following:

- 14 (1) Testimony, exhibits, and supporting work papers.
- 15 (2) Proposed test year and rate base cutoff dates.
- 16 (3) Proposed revenue requirements.
- 17 (4) Jurisdictional operating revenues and expenses, including
 18 taxes and depreciation.
- 19 (5) Balance sheet and income statements.
- 20 (6) Jurisdictional rate base.
- 21 (7) Proposed cost of capital and capital structure.
- 22 (8) Jurisdictional class cost of service study.
- 23 (9) Proposed rate design and pro forma tariff sheets.

24 **(c) (d)** For purposes of this section, "utility" refers to the
 25 following:

- 26 (1) A public utility.
- 27 (2) A municipally owned utility.
- 28 (3) A cooperative owned utility.

29 **(d) (e)** In a petition filed with the commission to change basic rates
 30 and charges, a utility may designate a test period for the commission to
 31 use. The utility must include with its petition the utility's complete case
 32 in chief. The commission shall approve a test period that is one (1) of
 33 the following:

- 34 (1) A forward looking test period determined on the basis of
 35 projected data for the twelve (12) month period beginning not
 36 later than twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the
 37 utility petitions the commission for a change in its basic rates
 38 and charges.
- 39 (2) A historic test period based on a twelve (12) month period
 40 that ends not more than two hundred seventy (270) days before
 41 the date on which the utility petitions the commission for a



1 change in its basic rates and charges. The commission may
 2 adjust a historic test period for fixed, known, and measurable
 3 changes and appropriate normalizations and annualizations.

4 (3) A hybrid test period based on at least twelve (12) consecutive
 5 months of combined historic data and projected data. The
 6 commission may adjust the historic data as set forth in
 7 subdivision (2).

8 (e) (f) This subsection does not apply to a proceeding in which a
 9 utility is seeking an increase in basic rates and charges and requesting
 10 initial relief under IC 8-1-2.5-5 or IC 8-1-2.5-6. If the commission does
 11 not issue an order on a petition filed by a utility under subsection (d)
 12 (e) within three hundred (300) days after the utility files its case in
 13 chief in support of the proposed increase, the utility may temporarily
 14 implement fifty percent (50%) of the utility's proposed permanent
 15 increase in basic rates and charges, subject to the commission's review
 16 and determination under subsection (f)-(g). The utility shall submit the
 17 proposed temporary rates and charges to the commission at least thirty
 18 (30) days before the date on which the utility seeks to implement the
 19 temporary rates and charges. The temporary rates and charges may
 20 reflect proposed or existing approved customer class allocations and
 21 rate designs. However, if the utility uses a forward looking test period
 22 described in subsection (d)(1) (e)(1) or a hybrid test period described
 23 in subsection (d)(3); (e)(3), the utility may not:

24 (1) implement the temporary increase before the date on which
 25 the projected data period begins; or
 26 (2) object during a proceeding before the commission to a
 27 discovery request for historic data as described in subsection
 28 (d)(2) (e)(2) solely on the basis that the utility has designated a
 29 forward looking or hybrid test period.

30 (f) (g) The commission shall review the temporary rates and
 31 charges to determine compliance with this section. The temporary rates
 32 and charges take effect on the latest of the following dates unless the
 33 commission determines that the temporary rates and charges are not
 34 properly designed in compliance with this section:

35 (1) The date proposed by the utility.
 36 (2) Three hundred (300) days after the date on which the utility
 37 files its case in chief.
 38 (3) The termination of any extension of the three hundred (300)
 39 day deadline authorized under subsection (g) (h) or (h). (i).

40 If the commission determines that the temporary rates and charges are
 41 not properly designed in compliance with this section, the utility may



1 cure the defect and file the corrected temporary rates and charges with
 2 the commission within a reasonable period determined by the
 3 commission.

4 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** If the commission grants a utility an extension of the
 5 procedural schedule, the commission may extend the three hundred
 6 (300) day deadline set forth in subsection ~~(e)~~ **(f)** by the length of the
 7 extension.

8 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** The commission may suspend the three hundred (300) day
 9 deadline set forth in subsection ~~(e)~~ **(f)** one (1) time for good cause. The
 10 suspension may not exceed sixty (60) days.

11 ~~(f)~~ **(j)** If a utility implements temporary rates and charges that
 12 differ from the permanent rates and charges approved by the
 13 commission in a final order on the petition filed under subsection ~~(d)~~,
 14 ~~(e)~~, the utility shall perform a reconciliation and implement a refund,
 15 in the form of a credit rider, or a surcharge, as applicable, on customer
 16 bills rendered on or after the date the commission approves the credit
 17 or surcharge. The refund or surcharge shall be credited or added in
 18 equal amounts each month for six (6) months. The amount of the total
 19 refund or surcharge equals the amount by which the temporary rates
 20 and charges differ from the permanent rates and charges, plus, for a
 21 refund only, interest at the applicable average prime rate for each
 22 calendar quarter during which the temporary rates and charges were in
 23 effect.

24 SECTION 3. IC 8-1-2-121, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2006,
 25 SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 121. **(a) As used in this section, "electric or**
 27 **gas utility" includes a municipally owned, privately owned, or**
 28 **cooperatively owned utility.**

29 **(b) As used in this section, "electric utility" includes a**
 30 **municipally owned, privately owned, or cooperatively owned**
 31 **utility.**

32 **(c) As used in this section, "extreme heat warning" means an**
 33 **alert that:**

34 **(1) is issued by a local weather forecast office of the National**
 35 **Weather Service; and**

36 **(2) is in effect in a county or region within an electric utility's**
 37 **assigned service area under IC 8-1-2.3;**

38 **when extremely dangerous heat conditions are expected or**
 39 **occurring.**

40 **(a) (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, but subject to**
 41 **subsection (i), the following apply with respect to the termination**
 42 **of residential electric or gas service:**



1 **(1) An electric or gas utility may not terminate residential**
 2 **electric or gas service from December 1 through March 15 of**
 3 **any year no electric or gas utility, including a municipally**
 4 **owned, privately owned, or cooperatively owned utility, shall**
 5 **terminate residential electric or gas service for persons**
 6 **customers who are eligible for and have applied for assistance**
 7 **from a heating assistance program administered under IC 4-4-33.**

8 **(2) On any day for which an extreme heat warning is in**
 9 **effect in a county or region within an electric utility's**
 10 **assigned service area under IC 8-1-2.3, the electric utility**
 11 **may not terminate residential electric service for customers**
 12 **who:**

13 **(A) receive residential electric service from the electric**
 14 **utility at a location for which the extreme heat warning**
 15 **is in effect; and**
 16 **(B) are eligible for and have applied for assistance under**
 17 **a heating assistance program administered under**
 18 **IC 4-4-33 during the calendar year in which the extreme**
 19 **heat warning is in effect.**

20 **If residential electric service is terminated for a customer**
 21 **described in this subdivision at any time after an extreme**
 22 **heat warning has been issued and remains in effect, the**
 23 **electric utility shall restore the terminated service as soon as**
 24 **practicable after the extreme heat warning is issued and may**
 25 **not resume the service termination until after the extreme**
 26 **heat warning is no longer in effect.**

27 **For purposes of subdivision (1), the commission shall implement**
 28 **procedures to ensure that electric or gas utility service is continued**
 29 **while eligibility for such persons customers is being determined.**

30 **(e) Not later than June 1, 2026, an electric or gas utility shall**
 31 **post on the electric or gas utility's website a notice that:**

32 **(1) informs customers of the relief available to eligible**
 33 **customers under:**

34 **(A) subsection (d)(1), in the case of an electric or gas**
 35 **utility; and**
 36 **(B) subsection (d)(2), in the case of an electric utility;**
 37 **and**

38 **(2) includes:**

39 **(A) a toll free telephone number; or**
 40 **(B) a link to a web page;**

41 **that a customer may call or access for information on how to**
 42 **apply for assistance from a heating assistance program**



1 **administered under IC 4-4-33.**

2 **(b) (f)** Any An electric or gas utility including a municipally
 3 owned, privately owned, or cooperatively owned utility, shall provide
 4 any residential customer whose account is delinquent an opportunity
 5 to enter into a reasonable amortization agreement with such company
 6 to pay the delinquent account. Such an amortization agreement must
 7 provide the customer with adequate opportunity to apply for and
 8 receive the benefits of any available public assistance program. An
 9 amortization agreement is subject to amendment on the customer's
 10 request if there is a change in the customer's financial circumstances.

11 **(c) (g)** The commission may establish a reasonable rate of interest
 12 which a utility may charge on the unpaid balance of a customer's
 13 delinquent bill that may not exceed the rate established by the
 14 commission under section 34.5 of this chapter.

15 **(d) (h)** The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry
 16 out the provisions of this section.

17 **(e) (i)** This section does not prohibit an electric or gas utility from
 18 terminating residential utility service upon a request of a customer or
 19 under the following circumstances:

20 (1) If a condition dangerous or hazardous to life, physical safety,
 21 or property exists.

22 (2) Upon order by any court, the commission, or other duly
 23 authorized public authority.

24 (3) If fraudulent or unauthorized use of electricity or gas is
 25 detected and the utility has reasonable grounds to believe the
 26 affected customer is responsible for such use.

27 (4) If the utility's regulating or measuring equipment has been
 28 tampered with and the utility has reasonable grounds to believe
 29 that the affected customer is responsible for such tampering.

30 SECTION 4. IC 8-1-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 31 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]:

33 **Chapter 6.1. Quarterly Residential Customer Reports by**
 34 **Electricity Suppliers**

35 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "budget billing arrangement"**
 36 **means a leveled payment plan, however denominated, that:**

37 **(1) applies to a customer's account with an electricity**
 38 **supplier;**

39 **(2) provides for the payment of a customer's bill in equal**
 40 **monthly installments; and**

41 **(3) involves a reconciliation mechanism in which:**

42 **(A) the amount of utility service actually used by the**



customer during a specified period is compared with the amount of utility service for which the customer was billed under the plan during the specified period; and (B) the customer's account is either billed or credited, as appropriate, for any difference identified under clause (A).

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "customer" refers to a residential customer who has agreed to pay for utility service from an electricity supplier.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "electricity supplier" means a person, however organized, that:

- (1) provides utility service to customers in Indiana; and
- (2) is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the approval of rates and charges.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "payment plan" means a payment arrangement that:

(1) is entered into by an electricity supplier and a customer of the electricity supplier; and

(2) allows the customer to:

- (A) pay current or past due amounts for utility service in lower amounts or over an extended period of time, or according to another agreed upon schedule;
- (B) defer the payment of current or past due amounts for utility service to some future date; or
- (C) receive a forbearance with respect to the payment of certain amounts owed.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "protected account" means an account that:

(1) is for utility service that:

- (A) is provided to a customer who is vulnerable because of advanced age, serious illness, or disability; and
- (B) is not subject to termination or disconnection for nonpayment or for which termination or disconnection for nonpayment is restricted during specified periods; or

(2) otherwise qualifies as a protected account under rules adopted by the commission under section 8 of this chapter.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "utility service" means residential electric service that is provided at retail.

Sec. 7. (a) An electricity supplier shall submit to the commission quarterly reports containing the information set forth in this subsection with respect to the calendar quarter covered by the report. A report under this subsection shall be submitted to the



1 **commission in the manner and form prescribed by the commission**
 2 **and not later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the calendar**
 3 **quarter covered by the report. The first report submitted to the**
 4 **commission under this subsection must cover the third calendar**
 5 **quarter of 2026. A report under this subsection must include the**
 6 **following information for each month in the calendar quarter**
 7 **covered by the report, including, to the extent available, a**
 8 **comparison of the same information for the same month of the**
 9 **immediately preceding calendar year:**

- 10 (1) **The total number of open customer accounts.**
- 11 (2) **The total amount billed by the electricity supplier for all**
 open customer accounts.
- 12 (3) **The total gross receipts received by the electricity**
 supplier for all open customer accounts.
- 13 (4) **Of the total amount of gross receipts reported under**
 subdivision (3), the total amount that was paid through a
 home energy assistance program administered under
 IC 4-4-33.
- 14 (5) **The total number of customers who received assistance**
 from a home energy assistance program administered under
 IC 4-4-33.
- 15 (6) **The total number of open protected accounts for**
 customers.
- 16 (7) **The total number of open customer accounts that were**
 delinquent for at least sixty (60) days and not more than
 ninety (90) days.
- 17 (8) **The total dollar amount owed with respect to the**
 accounts identified under subdivision (7).
- 18 (9) **The total number of open customer accounts that were**
 delinquent for more than ninety (90) days.
- 19 (10) **The total dollar amount owed with respect to the**
 accounts identified under subdivision (9).
- 20 (11) **The total number of customer accounts referred for**
 collection to an attorney or a collection agency.
- 21 (12) **The total number of new payment plans entered into**
 between the electricity supplier and customers of the
 electricity supplier.
- 22 (13) **The total number of new budget billing plans applied to**
 customer accounts.
- 23 (14) **The total number of customer accounts sent a notice of**
 disconnection for nonpayment.
- 24 (15) **The total number of utility service disconnections**



performed for nonpayment.

(16) The total number of utility service restorations after disconnection for nonpayment.

(17) The average duration of utility service disconnection for customer accounts identified under subdivision (16).

(18) The total number of customer accounts written off as uncollectible.

(19) The total dollar value of customer accounts identified under subdivision (18)

(20) The total dollar value of recovered bad debt with respect to customer accounts.

(21) Any other relevant information concerning customer accounts that the commission:

(A) considers appropriate in evaluating:

(i) the payment history of customers; and

- (i) the payment history of customers; and
- (ii) the billing and related practices of electricity suppliers with respect to customers; and

suppliers with respect to customers; and
(B) requires under rules adopted under section 8 of this
law.

chapter.
(b) An electricity supplier shall report all information and data required under subsection (a) in the aggregate and in a manner that does not identify individual customers of the electricity supplier.

(c) This section does not empower the commission to require electricity suppliers to disclose confidential and proprietary business information without adequate protection of the information. The commission shall exercise all necessary caution to avoid disclosure of any confidential information reported by electricity suppliers under this section.

Sec. 8. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

Sec. 9. Beginning in 2027, the commission shall annually compile and summarize the information received from electricity suppliers under section 7 of this chapter for the previous calendar year and include the commission's summary of the information in the commission's annual report under IC 8-1-1-14.

the commission's annual Report under IC 8-1-1-14.

SECTION 5. IC 8-1-39-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.89-2019, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (d), a public utility that provides electric or gas utility service may file with the commission rate schedules establishing a TDSIC that will allow the periodic automatic adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and

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1 charges to provide for timely recovery of eighty percent (80%) of
2 approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs. The petition must:

6 (2) include the public utility's TDSIC plan for eligible
7 transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements;
8 and

9 (3) identify projected effects of the plan described in subdivision
10 (2) on retail rates and charges.

11 The public utility shall provide a copy of the petition to the office of the
12 utility consumer counselor when the petition is filed with the
13 commission.

17 (1) a targeted economic development project under section 11 of
18 this chapter; or

19 (2) transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements
20 not described in the public utility's TDSIC plan most recently
21 approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter.

22 (c) A public utility that recovers capital expenditures and TDSIC
23 costs under subsection (a) shall defer the remaining twenty percent
24 (20%) of approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs, including
25 depreciation, allowance for funds used during construction, and post in
26 service carrying costs, and shall recover those capital expenditures and
27 TDSIC costs as part of the next general rate case that the public utility
28 files with the commission.

29 (d) Except as provided in section 15 of this chapter, a public utility
30 may not file a petition under subsection (a) within nine (9) months after
31 the date on which the commission issues an order changing the public
32 utility's basic rates and charges with respect to the same type of utility
33 service.

34 (e) This subsection does not apply to an electricity supplier (as
35 defined in IC 8-1-46-6) that:

39 **during the term of the electricity supplier's approved TDSIC plan.**
40 A public utility that implements a TDSIC under this chapter shall,
41 before the expiration of the public utility's approved TDSIC plan,
42 petition the commission for review and approval of the public utility's



1 basic rates and charges with respect to the same type of utility service.

2 (f) A public utility may file a petition under this section not more
3 than one (1) time every six (6) months.

4 (g) Actual capital expenditures and TDSIC costs that exceed the
5 approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs require specific
6 justification by the public utility and specific approval by the
7 commission before being authorized for recovery in customer rates.

8 SECTION 6. IC 8-1-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
9 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
10 PASSAGE]:

11 **Chapter 46. Performance Based Ratemaking for Electricity
12 Suppliers**

13 Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "average monthly
14 residential bill", with respect to an electricity supplier, means the
15 average total monthly charges billed, over the course of a calendar
16 year, to all customers receiving retail electric service under the
17 electricity supplier's standard residential tariff.

18 (b) The term includes the following charges:

- 19 (1) Fixed service charges.
- 20 (2) Energy charges based on the amount of electricity
21 provided to or consumed by the customer during the billing
22 cycle.
- 23 (3) Additional charges or credits, including any applicable
24 rate adjustment mechanisms approved by the commission.
- 25 (4) Taxes.

26 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the
27 Indiana utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2.

28 Sec. 3. (a) As used this chapter, "customer", with respect to an
29 electricity supplier, means a metered electrical service point:

- 30 (1) that is located at a specific location in Indiana; and
- 31 (2) for which an active billing account is established by the
32 electricity supplier.

33 (b) As the context requires, the term includes the person of
34 record who has agreed to pay for the retail electric service
35 provided by the electricity supplier at the location described in
36 subsection (a).

37 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "customer affordability
38 performance metric", with respect to an electricity supplier, means
39 a metric that:

- 40 (1) is determined by the commission under section 23 of this
41 chapter for a particular rate year included in that electricity
42 supplier's multi-year rate plan;



- (2) is based on the most recent customer affordability performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 18 of this chapter; and
- (3) is used by the commission to establish a customer affordability PIM that applies to that rate year and provides financial rewards or penalties to the electricity supplier based on the electricity supplier's measured customer affordability performance.

9 Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "customer average interruption
10 duration index", or "CAIDI", means an index that:

11 (1) indicates the average time required to restore electric
12 service to an electricity supplier's customers affected by
13 sustained service interruptions; and

14 (2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:

(A) the sum of sustained service interruption durations in minutes for a specified period; divided by
(B) the total number of customers affected by the sustained service interruptions;

21 a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a)) that:

22 (1) furnishes retail electric service to customers in Indiana;

23 and

24 (2) is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the

25 approval of rates and charges.

(b) The term does not include:

- (1) a municipally owned utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(h));
- (2) a corporation organized under IC 8-1-13; or
- (3) a corporation organized under IC 23-17 that is an electric cooperative and that has at least one (1) member that is a corporation organized under IC 8-1-13.

32 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "IEEE 1336" refers to:

(1) the 2022 edition of IEEE 1336, IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices, as adopted by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; or
(2) if the commission adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to amend:

38 (A) the 2022 edition; or
39 (B) any subsequent edition;
40 of IEEE 1336, the version of IEEE 1336 as amended by the
41 commission.

42 Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "major event day", or "MED",



1 means a day with respect to which an electricity supplier's daily
 2 system SAIDI exceeds a statistical threshold value that is:

3 (1) calculated using the 2.5 Beta methodology developed by
 4 the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; and
 5 (2) based on the most recent five (5) years of relevant data
 6 for the electricity supplier;

7 as defined in IEEE 1336.

8 Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "multi-year rate plan" means
 9 a ratemaking mechanism under which the commission sets an
 10 electricity supplier's base rates for a three (3) year period that
 11 includes:

12 (1) authorized periodic changes in the electricity supplier's
 13 base rates; and
 14 (2) adjustments to the electricity supplier's base rates based
 15 on the electricity supplier's performance with respect to each
 16 performance incentive mechanism applicable to the
 17 electricity supplier;

18 during the three (3) year period, without requiring the electricity
 19 supplier to file a new base rate case with respect to the changes and
 20 adjustments.

21 Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "performance based
 22 ratemaking" means an alternative ratemaking approach for
 23 electricity suppliers that includes one (1) or more performance
 24 incentive mechanisms in the context of a multi-year rate plan.

25 Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "performance incentive
 26 mechanism", or "PIM", means a ratemaking mechanism that is
 27 approved by the commission and that:

28 (1) links an electricity supplier's earnings to the electricity
 29 supplier's performance in targeted areas that are consistent
 30 with the provision of electric utility service with the
 31 attributes set forth in IC 8-1-2-0.6, including:

32 (A) reliability;
 33 (B) affordability;
 34 (C) resiliency;
 35 (D) stability; and
 36 (E) environmental sustainability;

37 as described in IC 8-1-2-0.6; and

38 (2) is based on specific performance metrics against which
 39 the electricity supplier's performance is measured.

40 Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "rate year" refers to a
 41 particular year in a multi-year rate plan with respect to which:

42 (1) authorized base rates; and



(2) adjustments to base rates, including adjustments based on an electricity supplier's performance in meeting performance metrics serving as the basis of all applicable PIMs;
are in effect.

Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "service interruption" means the loss of electric service to one (1) or more customers connected to the distribution portion of an electricity supplier's system.

Sec. 14. (a) As used in this chapter, "service restoration performance metric", with respect to an electricity supplier, means a metric that:

(1) is determined by the commission under section 24 of this chapter for a particular rate year included in that electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan;

(2) is based on the most recent service restoration performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 19 of this chapter; and

(3) is used by the commission to establish a service restoration PIM that applies to that rate year and provides financial rewards or penalties to the electricity supplier based on the electricity supplier's measured service restoration performance.

(b) The term includes the following:

(1) A normalized service restoration performance metric determined by the commission under section 24(a) of this chapter.

(2) A MED service restoration performance metric determined by the commission under section 24(d) of this chapter.

Sec. 15. (a) As used in this chapter, "sustained service interruption" means a service interruption that is at least five (5) minutes in duration.

(b) The term does not include the following, regardless of duration:

(1) A planned service interruption that is:

(A) initiated by an electricity supplier to perform scheduled activities, such as work related to:

- (i) system or facilities maintenance or upgrades;
- (ii) infrastructure improvements; or
- (iii) new construction; and

(iii) new construction, and

(2) A curtailment or interruption of service to a customer



1 receiving service under an interruptible service tariff to the
 2 extent that the curtailment or interruption of service occurs
 3 in accordance with the customer's service agreement.

4 **Sec. 16.** As used in this chapter, "system average interruption
 5 duration index", or "SAIDI", means an index that:

6 (1) indicates the total duration of sustained service
 7 interruptions for an electricity supplier's average customer
 8 during a specified period; and

9 (2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:

10 (A) the sum of sustained service interruption durations
 11 in minutes for the specified period; divided by

12 (B) the total number of customers;

13 in accordance with IEEE 1336.

14 **Sec. 17.** As used in this chapter, "system average interruption
 15 frequency index", or "SAIFI", means an index that:

16 (1) indicates the number of sustained service interruptions
 17 an electricity supplier's average customer experiences over
 18 a specified period; and

19 (2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:

20 (A) the total number of customers that experienced
 21 sustained service interruptions over the specified period;
 22 divided by

23 (B) the total number of customers;

24 in accordance with IEEE 1336.

25 **Sec. 18.** Beginning in 2027, before February 1 of each year, an
 26 electricity supplier shall file with the commission, on a form
 27 prescribed by the commission, a customer affordability
 28 performance report that includes the following information:

29 (1) The electricity supplier's average monthly residential bill
 30 for each of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar
 31 years, normalized for weather if not otherwise normalized
 32 for weather through a rate adjustment mechanism described
 33 in section 1(b)(3) of this chapter.

34 (2) The average annual percentage change (rounded to the
 35 nearest one-tenth percent (0.1%)) in the electricity supplier's
 36 average monthly residential bill over the course of the most
 37 recently concluded five (5) calendar years, normalized for
 38 weather if not otherwise normalized for weather through a
 39 rate adjustment mechanism described in section 1(b)(3) of
 40 this chapter.

41 (3) For each of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar
 42 years, the annual percentage change in seasonally adjusted



electricity prices for the United States as measured by the Consumer Price Index, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(4) The average annual percentage change (rounded to the nearest one-tenth percent (0.1%)) in seasonally adjusted electricity prices for the United States as measured by the Consumer Price Index, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, over the course of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar years.

Sec. 19. Beginning in 2027, before February 1 of each year, an electricity supplier shall file with the commission, on a form prescribed by the commission, a service restoration performance report that includes the following information for each of the most recently concluded six (6) calendar years:

(1) Each of the following indices, reported to exclude major event days, for the electricity supplier's system in Indiana as a whole:

- (A) SAIDI.
- (B) SAIFI.
- (C) CAIDI.

(2) Each of the following indices, reported to include major event days only, for the electricity supplier's system in Indiana as a whole:

- (A) SAIDI.
- (B) SAIFI.
- (C) CAIDI.

(3) The number of customers used by the utility in calculating each index required under subdivisions (1) and (2).

Sec. 20. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), and subject to the schedule set forth in this section, an electricity supplier must petition the commission for approval of any change in its basic rates and charges through the submission of a multi-year rate plan in accordance with this chapter. An electricity supplier shall file its first petition with the commission for approval of a multi-year rate plan under this chapter according to the following schedule:

(1) After December 31, 2026, and before February 1, 2027, for the electricity supplier with the greatest number of Indiana customers.

(2) After June 30, 2027, and before August 1, 2027, for an electricity supplier with respect to which the commission has



1 issued an order that:

2 (A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity
 3 supplier as part of a base rate case; and
 4 (B) is issued after April 30, 2024, and before February
 5 1, 2025.

6 (3) After December 31, 2027, and before February 1, 2028,
 7 for an electricity supplier with respect to which the
 8 commission has issued an order that:

9 (A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity
 10 supplier as part of a base rate case; and
 11 (B) is issued after February 1, 2025, and before April 1,
 12 2025.

13 (4) After June 30, 2028, and before August 1, 2028, for an
 14 electricity supplier with respect to which the commission has
 15 issued an order that:

16 (A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity
 17 supplier as part of a base rate case; and
 18 (B) is issued after June 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2025.

19 (5) After December 31, 2028, and before February 1, 2029,
 20 for an electricity supplier with respect to which the
 21 commission has issued an order that:

22 (A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity
 23 supplier as part of a base rate case that is not part of a
 24 multi-year rate plan under this chapter; and
 25 (B) is issued after January 1, 2026.

26 (b) An electricity supplier may petition the commission for
 27 relief under IC 8-1-2-113 for changes to the electricity supplier's
 28 basic rates and charges:

29 (1) after March 14, 2026; and
 30 (2) before the beginning of the electricity supplier's
 31 applicable time frame for filing the electricity supplier's first
 32 petition for approval of multi-year rate plan under
 33 subsection (a).

34 However, the filing of a petition for relief under this subsection
 35 does not exempt an electricity supplier from filing its first petition
 36 for a multi-year rate plan under this chapter in accordance with
 37 the schedule set forth in subsection (a).

38 (c) An electricity supplier shall file its second petition and all
 39 subsequent petitions with the commission for approval of a
 40 multi-year rate plan under this chapter:

41 (1) not earlier than sixty (60) days before; and
 42 (2) not later than thirty (30) days before;



1 **the expiration of its then current multi-year rate plan.**

2 **Sec. 21. (a) The following apply to a multi-year rate plan under**
 3 **this chapter:**

4 **(1) An electricity supplier's petition for approval of a**
 5 **multi-year rate plan under this chapter must include the**
 6 **electricity supplier's proposed:**

7 **(A) revenue requirements and base rates, or a method**
 8 **for calculating the electricity supplier's revenue**
 9 **requirements and base rates; and**

10 **(B) test period;**

11 **for each of the rate years in the multi-year rate plan.**

12 **(2) The base rates for the first rate year of an electricity**
 13 **supplier's multi-year rate plan shall be established by the**
 14 **commission in the same manner that base rates would be**
 15 **established in a proceeding for a change in the electricity**
 16 **supplier's basic rates and charges that occurs outside of a**
 17 **multi-year rate plan, based on an appropriate test year used**
 18 **to determine the electricity supplier's actual and pro forma**
 19 **operating revenues, expenses, and operating income under**
 20 **current and proposed rates, adjusted for changes that are**
 21 **fixed, known, and measurable for ratemaking purposes and**
 22 **that occur within a reasonable time after the end of the test**
 23 **year.**

24 **(3) The base rates for the second and third rate years of an**
 25 **electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan shall be established**
 26 **using current or forward looking data that is adjusted to**
 27 **reflect the electricity supplier's actual jurisdictional financial**
 28 **performance results based on the most current available**
 29 **data at the time of the electricity supplier's petition for**
 30 **approval of the multi-year rate plan.**

31 **(4) In establishing an electricity supplier's authorized return**
 32 **for the electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan, the**
 33 **commission shall consider any increased or decreased risk**
 34 **to:**

35 **(A) the electricity supplier; and**

36 **(B) the electricity supplier's ratepayers;**

37 **that may result from the implementation of the multi-year**
 38 **rate plan.**

39 **(5) For each rate year in an electricity supplier's multi-year**
 40 **rate plan, the following apply:**

41 **(A) A customer affordability performance metric that:**

42 **(i) is determined by the commission under section**



23 of this chapter for that rate year;

(ii) is based on the most recent customer affordability performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 18 of this chapter; and

(iii) is used by the commission to establish a customer affordability PIM that applies to that rate year.

(B) A customer affordability PIM that:

- (i) is based on the electricity supplier's performance in meeting the customer affordability performance metric described in clause (A); and
- (ii) provides financial rewards or penalties to the electricity supplier based on that performance in accordance with section 23 of this chapter.

(C) Two (2) service restoration performance metrics, consisting of a normalized service restoration performance metric and a MED service restoration performance metric, that:

- (i) are determined by the commission under section 24 of this chapter for that rate year;
- (ii) are based on the most recent service restoration performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 19 of this chapter; and
- (iii) are each used by the commission to establish two (2) separate service restoration PIMs that apply to that rate year.

(D) Two (2) service restoration PIMs that:

- (i) are based on the electricity supplier's performance in meeting the service restoration performance metrics described in clause (C); and
- (ii) provide financial rewards or penalties to the electricity supplier based on that performance in accordance with section 24 of this chapter.

(b) A multi-year rate plan under this chapter operates independently of, and shall be considered separately by the commission from, all:

(1) rate adjustment mechanisms, including the fuel adjustment charge under IC 8-1-2-42; and

(2) other cost recovery mechanisms:

(2) other cost recovery mechanisms, otherwise allowed by law, unless otherwise incorporated into the

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1 **multi-year rate plan.**

2 **(c) An electricity supplier may elect to:**

- (1) exclude from its proposed multi-year rate plan; and**
- (2) defer for consideration by the commission and for future recovery;**

6 **costs incurred or to be incurred in a regulatory asset, to the extent
7 those specific costs are incremental and are not otherwise already
8 included for recovery in the electricity supplier's rates, as
9 authorized by IC 8-1-2-10.**

10 **Sec. 22. (a) The commission shall approve a multi-year rate
11 plan for an electricity supplier under this chapter if, after notice
12 and hearing, the commission finds the following:**

13 **(1) That the electricity supplier's rates under the multi-year
14 rate plan are just and reasonable.**

15 **(2) That the multi-year rate plan reasonably assures the
16 continuation of safe and reliable electric service for the
17 electricity supplier's customers.**

18 **(3) That the multi-year rate plan will not unreasonably
19 prejudice any class of the electricity supplier's customers and
20 will not result in sudden substantial rate increases to the
21 electricity supplier's customers or any class of customers.**

22 **(4) That the multi-year rate plan:**

23 **(A) will result in just and reasonable rates;**

24 **(B) is in the public interest; and**

25 **(C) is consistent with the requirements set forth in this
26 chapter and in the rules adopted by the commission
27 under section 27 of this chapter.**

28 **(b) At any time before the expiration of an electricity
29 supplier's approved multi-year rate plan under this chapter, the
30 commission may, with good cause and upon its own motion, or at
31 the request of the electricity supplier do any of the following:**

32 **(1) Examine the reasonableness of the electricity supplier's
33 rates under the multi-year rate plan.**

34 **(2) Conduct periodic reviews with opportunities for public
35 hearings and comments from interested parties.**

36 **(3) Initiate a proceeding to adjust the base rates or PIMs
37 under the multi-year rate plan as necessary to ensure that
38 the multi-year rate plan continues to satisfy the criteria set
39 forth in subsection (a).**

40 **Sec. 23. (a) For each rate year in an electricity supplier's
41 multi-year rate plan, the commission shall determine a customer
42 affordability performance metric for that electricity supplier by**



1 calculating the difference between:

 2 (1) the average annual percentage change (rounded to

 3 nearest one-tenth percent (0.1%)) in the electricity supplier's

 4 average monthly residential bill over the course of the most

 5 recently concluded five (5) calendar years (normalized for

 6 weather if not otherwise normalized for weather through a

 7 rate adjustment mechanism described in section 1(b)(3) of

 8 this chapter); minus

 9 (2) the average annual percentage change (rounded to

 10 nearest one-tenth percent (0.1%)) in seasonally adjusted

 11 electricity prices for the United States as measured by the

 12 Consumer Price Index, as published by the United States

 13 Bureau of Labor Statistics, over the course of the most

 14 recently concluded five (5) calendar years;

 15 as reported in the most recent customer affordability performance

 16 report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier

 17 under section 18 of this chapter. The difference calculated under

 18 this subsection is the electricity supplier's customer affordability

 19 performance metric for the rate year.

 20 (b) If the electricity supplier's customer affordability

 21 performance metric under subsection (a) is a positive number that

 22 exceeds two (2) percentage points, the commission shall adjust the

 23 electricity supplier's authorized return for the rate year downward

 24 by not more than one (1) basis point.

 25 (c) If the electricity supplier's customer affordability

 26 performance metric under subsection (a) is a negative number that

 27 when multiplied by negative one (-1) exceeds two (2) percentage

 28 points, the commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's

 29 authorized return for the rate year upward by not more than one

 30 (1) basis point.

 31 Sec. 24. (a) For each rate year included in an electricity

 32 supplier's multi-year rate plan, the commission shall determine,

 33 using the most recent service restoration performance report

 34 submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under

 35 section 19 of this chapter, a normalized service restoration

 36 performance metric for that electricity supplier in the following

 37 manner:

 38 STEP ONE: Calculate the sum of the electricity supplier's

 39 average:

 40 (A) SAIDI;

 41 (B) SAIFI; and

 42 (C) CAIDI;



1 **over the course of the five (5) calendar years immediately
2 preceding the most recently concluded calendar year,
3 excluding major event days, for the electricity supplier's
4 system in Indiana as a whole.**

5 **STEP TWO: Calculate the sum of the electricity supplier's:**

- 6 (A) SAIDI;
- 7 (B) SAIFI; and
- 8 (C) CAIDI;

9 **for the most recently concluded calendar year, excluding
10 major event days, for the electricity supplier's system in
11 Indiana as a whole.**

12 **STEP THREE: Calculate the difference between the STEP
13 ONE result minus the STEP TWO result.**

14 **STEP FOUR: Calculate the quotient of the STEP THREE
15 result divided by the STEP ONE result, rounded to the
16 nearest one-hundredth (0.01).**

17 **STEP FIVE: Calculate the product of one hundred (100)
18 multiplied by the STEP FOUR result. This product is the
19 electricity supplier's normalized service restoration
20 performance metric for the rate year.**

21 (b) If the electricity supplier's normalized service restoration
22 performance metric under subsection (a) is a positive number that
23 exceeds five (5), the commission shall adjust the electricity
24 supplier's authorized return for the rate year upward by not more
25 than one-half (0.50) basis point.

26 (c) If the electricity supplier's normalized service restoration
27 performance metric under subsection (a) is a negative number that
28 when multiplied by negative one (-1) exceeds five (5), the
29 commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's authorized return
30 for the rate year downward by not more than one-half (0.50) basis
31 point.

32 (d) For each rate year included in an electricity supplier's
33 multi-year rate plan, the commission shall determine, using the
34 most recent service restoration performance report submitted to
35 the commission by the electricity supplier under section 19 of this
36 chapter, a MED service restoration performance metric for that
37 electricity supplier in the following manner:

38 **STEP ONE: Calculate the sum of the electricity supplier's
39 average:**

- 40 (A) SAIDI;
- 41 (B) SAIFI; and
- 42 (C) CAIDI;



over the course of the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding the most recently concluded calendar year, including major event days only, for the electricity supplier's system in Indiana as a whole.

STEP TWO: Calculate the sum of the electricity supplier's:

- (A) SAIDI;
- (B) SAIFI; and
- (C) CAIDI;

for the most recently concluded calendar year, including major event days only, for the electricity supplier's system in Indiana as a whole.

STEP THREE: Calculate the difference between the STEP ONE result minus the STEP TWO result.

STEP FOUR: Calculate the quotient of the STEP THREE result divided by the STEP ONE result, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth (0.01).

STEP FIVE: Calculate the product of one hundred (100) multiplied by the STEP FOUR result. This product is the electricity supplier's MED service restoration performance metric for the rate year.

(e) If the electricity supplier's MED service restoration performance metric under subsection (d) is a positive number that exceeds five (5), the commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's authorized return for the rate year upward by not more than one-half (0.50) basis point.

(f) If the electricity supplier's MED service restoration performance metric under subsection (d) is a negative number that when multiplied by negative one (-1) exceeds five (5), the commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's authorized return for the rate year downward by not more than one-half (0.50) basis point.

Sec. 25. (a) Beginning in 2029, the commission shall include in the annual report that the commission is required to submit under IC 8-1-1-14 before October 1 of each year the following information as of the last day of the most recently concluded state fiscal year:

(1) For each electricity supplier that is subject to this chapter, the date of the electricity supplier's most recently filed petition for approval of a multi-year rate plan under this chapter.

(2) For each petition listed under subdivision (1):

(A) the date of the commission's final order approving



the multi-year rate plan; or
(B) if the petition is pending before the commission, the
procedural status of the petition.

(3) For each electricity supplier that is subject to this chapter, the beginning and end dates of the electricity supplier's current multi-year rate plan under this chapter, to the extent applicable in a report submitted under this section before 2030.

(4) For each electricity supplier that is subject to this chapter, the electricity supplier's calculated:

- (A) customer affordability performance metric;
- (B) normalized service restoration performance metric;

and

(C) MED service restoration performance metric;

for the current rate year in the electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan under this chapter, to the extent applicable in a report submitted under this section before 2030.

(5) For each electricity supplier that is subject to this chapter, any available data as to the impact on customer rates of the electricity supplier's applicable:

(A) customer affordability performance metric;

(B) normalized service restoration performance metric; and

(C) MED service restoration performance metric;

during the most recently concluded rate year under a multi-year rate plan of the electricity supplier under this chapter.

(6) Any other quantitative or qualitative information that the commission considers relevant for members of:

- (A) the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications established by IC 2-5-1.3-4(8); and
- (B) the general assembly;

to consider in evaluating multi-year rate plans under this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), an electricity supplier shall provide the commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the commission, any information or related materials required by the commission to fulfill the commission's reporting obligations under subsection (a).

(c) Upon request by an electricity supplier, the commission shall determine whether any information or related materials

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1 **required by the commission under subsection (b):**

2 (1) **are confidential under IC 5-14-3-4;**
 3 (2) **are exempt from public access and disclosure by Indiana**
 4 **law; and**
 5 (3) **must be treated as confidential and protected from public**
 6 **access and disclosure by the commission.**

7 **Sec. 26. After March 14, 2026, any reference in IC 8-1, or in**
 8 **rules adopted by the commission, to:**

9 (1) **a "base rate case";**
 10 (2) **a "general rate case";**
 11 (3) **a proceeding for a change or increase in "basic rates and**
 12 **charges"; or**
 13 (4) **words of similar import;**

14 **with respect to an electricity supplier subject to this chapter is**
 15 **considered a reference to the establishment of the electricity**
 16 **supplier's basic rates and charges for the first year of the**
 17 **electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan under this chapter.**

18 **Sec. 27. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
 19 **implement this chapter.**

20 SECTION 7. IC 8-1-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 21 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
 22 PASSAGE]:

23 **Chapter 47. Low Income Customer Assistance Programs for**
 24 **Electric Utility Service**

25 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "electricity supplier" means a**
 26 **person, however organized, that:**

27 (1) **provides utility service to customers; and**
 28 (2) **is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the**
 29 **approval of rates and charges.**

30 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "eligible program costs"**
 31 **means costs that are associated with an electricity supplier's low**
 32 **income customer assistance program and that:**

33 (1) **have been incurred, or are reasonably estimated to be**
 34 **incurred, by the electricity supplier in administering the low**
 35 **income customer assistance program, including**
 36 **administrative activities involving:**

37 (A) **customer eligibility verification;**
 38 (B) **billing services; and**
 39 (C) **contribution management; and**

40 (2) **have not been and will not be recovered by the electricity**
 41 **supplier through:**

42 (A) **a required allocation under section 6 of this chapter;**



or

(B) contributions of any money, services, or property that have been or will be provided at no cost to the electricity supplier by or through any:

(i) governmental agency or program; or

(ii) other third party, including voluntary charitable contributions from nonprofit organizations or from employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity supplier;

in support of the program.

(b) The term does not include lost revenues associated with an electricity supplier's low income customer assistance program.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "low income customer" refers to a residential customer who is part of a household that:

(1) has agreed to pay for utility service from an electricity supplier; and

(2) is eligible for and has applied for assistance from a home energy assistance program administered under IC 4-4-33.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "utility service" means electric service that is provided at retail to customers.

Sec. 5. (a) Not later than July 1, 2026, an electricity supplier shall offer a low income customer assistance program that provides financial assistance to low income customers for the payment of monthly bills for utility service provided by the electricity supplier.

A program that:

(1) is offered by the electricity supplier before July 1, 2026;
(2) provides financial assistance to low income customers for the payment of monthly bills for utility service provided by the electricity supplier;

(3) remains in effect on July 1, 2026; and

(4) includes eligibility criteria consistent with section 3(2) of this chapter;

qualifies as a low income customer assistance program for purposes of this section.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), an electricity supplier may establish:

(1) per customer funding limits;

(2) enrollment limits; or

(3) other limits, caps, or restrictions;

applicable to the low income customer assistance program based on funds available for the program from governmental agencies or programs or from other third parties, including voluntary



1 **charitable contributions from nonprofit organizations or from**
 2 **employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity supplier.**

3 **(c) If at any time during a calendar year:**

4 **(1) an electricity supplier is no longer able to offer assistance**
 5 **to additional eligible customers under the electricity**
 6 **supplier's low income customer assistance program as a**
 7 **result of any limit, cap, or restriction established under**
 8 **subsection (b); and**
 9 **(2) the full amount allocated or to be allocated to the**
 10 **program under section 6 of this chapter has not been**
 11 **allocated to low income customers enrolled in the program**
 12 **at the time the limit, cap, or restriction is reached;**

13 **the portion of the amount allocated or to be allocated to the**
 14 **program under section 6 of this chapter that has not been allocated**
 15 **to low income customers enrolled in the program at time the limit,**
 16 **cap, or restriction is reached shall be segregated from all other**
 17 **funds of the electricity supplier and held in trust for allocation to**
 18 **low income customers enrolled in the electricity supplier's low**
 19 **income customer assistance program in the following calendar**
 20 **year.**

21 **Sec. 6. (a) Beginning in 2027, not later than March 1 of each**
 22 **year, an electricity supplier shall allocate to the electricity**
 23 **supplier's low income customer assistance program an amount**
 24 **equal to at least fifty percent (50%) of the amount of any lost**
 25 **revenues recovered by the electricity supplier during the most**
 26 **recently concluded calendar year under:**

27 **(1) IC 8-1-8.5-9(l), in the case of an electricity supplier that**
 28 **is not a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a)); or**
 29 **(2) IC 8-1-8.5-10(o)(2), in the case of an electricity supplier**
 30 **that is a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));**

31 **as approved program costs associated with an energy efficiency**
 32 **program offered by the electricity supplier.**

33 **(b) The commission shall prescribe in the rules adopted by the**
 34 **commission under section 12 of this chapter the procedures by**
 35 **which an electricity supplier shall:**

36 **(1) make; and**

37 **(2) report to the commission;**

38 **a transfer required by this section.**

39 **Sec. 7. (a) In each residential customer bill issued by an**
 40 **electricity supplier after June 30, 2026, the electricity supplier**
 41 **must include a notice that:**

42 **(1) informs customers that the electricity supplier offers a**



low income customer assistance program for eligible customers; and

(2) includes:

(A) a toll free telephone number; or

(B) a link to a web page;

that a customer may call or access for information on how to apply for assistance under the program.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2026, the electricity supplier shall post the information described in subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) on the electricity supplier's website. If at any time during a calendar year, the electricity supplier is no longer able to offer assistance to additional eligible customers under the electricity supplier's low income customer assistance program as a result of any:

(1) per customer funding limits;

(2) enrollment limits; or

(3) other limits, caps, or restrictions;

established by the electricity supplier under section 5(b) of this chapter, the electricity supplier shall include on its website a statement notifying customers of that fact. If the electricity supplier is subsequently able to enroll new eligible customers in the program during that calendar year, the electricity supplier shall remove the previously posted statement from its website and post a new statement indicating that the program is again accepting new applications for assistance.

Sec. 8. If a customer:

(1) applies for assistance under an electricity supplier's low income customer assistance program; and

(2) qualifies as a low income customer under section 3(2) of this chapter;

the electricity supplier shall enroll the customer in the program, to the extent the electricity supplier is able to do so under any per customer funding limits, enrollment limits, or other limits, caps, or restrictions established by the electricity supplier under section 5(b) of this chapter and applicable at the time of the customer's application.

Sec. 9. (a) An electricity supplier may, but is not required to, petition the commission for approval to recover eligible program costs. An electricity supplier may file a petition the commission under this section:

(1) as part of a base rate case; or

(2) at any time as part of an independent proceeding in which the electricity supplier petitions the commission to



1 **recover eligible program costs on a timely basis through a**
 2 **periodic rate adjustment mechanism.**

3 **(b) A petition under subsection (a)(2) for approval of a rate**
 4 **schedule that periodically adjusts the electricity supplier's rates**
 5 **and charges to provide for the timely recovery of eligible program**
 6 **costs must include the following for a twelve (12) month period set**
 7 **forth in the electricity supplier's petition:**

8 **(1) A description of any money, services, or property that has**
 9 **been or will be provided at no cost to the electricity supplier**
 10 **by or through any:**

11 **(A) governmental agency or program; or**
 12 **(B) other third party, including voluntary charitable**
 13 **contributions from nonprofit organizations or from**
 14 **employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity**
 15 **supplier;**

16 **in support of the low income customer assistance program,**
 17 **including the actual or estimated amount or value of the**
 18 **money, services, or property described.**

19 **(2) A statement of any amounts that have been or will be**
 20 **allocated to the electricity supplier's low income customer**
 21 **assistance program under section 6 of this chapter.**

22 **(3) A breakdown of eligible program costs that have been or**
 23 **will be incurred by the electricity supplier, including the:**

24 **(A) amounts; and**
 25 **(B) purposes;**

26 **for which they have been or will be incurred.**

27 **A rate schedule proposed by an electricity supplier under this**
 28 **subsection may be based in whole or in part on reasonable cost**
 29 **forecasts over all or any part of the twelve (12) month period on**
 30 **which the electricity supplier's petition is based, subject to the**
 31 **commission's consideration of the electricity supplier's historical**
 32 **forecasting accuracy. If forecasted data is used, the proposed rate**
 33 **schedule must provide for a reconciliation mechanism to correct**
 34 **for any variance between the forecasted eligible program costs and**
 35 **the actual eligible program costs incurred.**

36 **(c) Subject to subsection (d), after reviewing an electricity**
 37 **supplier's petition under subsection (a)(2), the commission**
 38 **determines that:**

39 **(1) the electricity supplier has incurred or will incur eligible**
 40 **program costs that are reasonable in amount;**
 41 **(2) notwithstanding section 10 of this chapter, the effect or**
 42 **the potential effect, in both the long and short term, of the**



proposed rate schedule on the electric rates of nonparticipating customers or other customer classes of the electricity supplier will be minimal; and

(3) approval of the proposed rate schedule is in the public interest;

the commission shall approve the electricity supplier's proposed rate schedule under subsection (b).

(d) The commission may not approve a rate schedule under subsection (b) that would result in an average aggregate increase in an electricity supplier's total retail revenues of more than two percent (2%) with respect to the twelve (12) month period on which the electricity supplier's proposed rate schedule is based. If an electricity supplier incurs eligible program costs in connection with the electricity supplier's low income customer assistance program that exceed the limit set forth in this subsection, the electricity supplier may seek to recover those eligible program costs for recovery in the electricity supplier's next base rate case.

Sec. 10. A low income customer assistance program offered under this chapter that affects rates and charges for service is not discriminatory for purposes of this chapter or any other law regulating rates and charges for service.

Sec. 11. (a) Beginning in 2027, the commission shall include in the annual report that the commission is required to submit under IC 8-1-1-14 before October 1 of each year the following information for each electricity supplier with respect to the most recently concluded state fiscal year:

(1) The number of low income customers enrolled in the electricity supplier's low income customer assistance program at the beginning and end of the state fiscal year.

(2) The total amount of assistance provided to low income customers under the electricity supplier's program.

(3) The median amount of assistance provided to each customer under the electricity supplier's program.

(4) Subject to subsection (c), an identification of the sources and amounts of any money, services, or property contributed to the electricity supplier's program by or through:

(A) governmental agencies or programs; or

(B) other third parties, including voluntary charitable contributions from nonprofit organizations or from employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity supplier.

An identification of the amounts of any:

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(A) per customer funding limits;

(B) enrollment limits; or

(C) other limits, caps, or restrictions;

established by the electricity supplier under section 5(b) of this chapter, along with information as to whether and when any such limits, caps, or restrictions were reached or applied during the state fiscal year.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), an electricity supplier shall provide the commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the commission, any information required under subsection (a) to be included in the commission's annual report.

(c) Upon request by an electricity supplier, the commission shall determine whether any information and related materials described in subsection (a):

(1) are confidential under IC 5-14-3-4;

(2) are exempt from public access and disclosure by Indiana law; and

(3) must be treated as confidential and protected from public access and disclosure by the commission.

In addition, an electricity supplier is not required to name individual third party donors under subsection (a)(4) and may instead report the types of third party organizations and individuals that contributed to the electricity supplier's program and the amounts contributed by each type.

Sec. 12. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the Indiana utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2.

(b) Not later than May 1, 2026, the commission shall amend the following rules of the commission as necessary to conform the rules with IC 8-1-2-121, as amended by this act:

(1) 170 IAC 4.

(2) 170 IAC 5.

(3) Any other rule that:

(A) has been adopted by the commission; and

(B) is inconsistent with IC 8-1-2-121, as amended by this act.

(c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 9. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Before January 1, 2027, the commission shall amend 170 IAC 4-1-23 as necessary to conform 170 IAC 4-1-23 to the requirements of

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1 **IC 8-1-46, as added by this act.**
2 **(b) This SECTION expires January 2, 2027.**
3 **SECTION 10. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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