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## HOUSE BILL No. 1002

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### DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Electricity supplier customer reports. Adds language to require an electricity supplier that: (1) is under the jurisdiction of the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC) for the approval of rates and charges; and (2) provides residential electric service at retail to customers; to report to the IURC on a quarterly basis certain data concerning customer accounts. Provides that the first report submitted to the IURC must include the required information with respect to the third calendar quarter of 2026. Requires the IURC to adopt rules to implement these provisions. Provides that, beginning in 2027, the IURC shall annually compile and summarize the information received from electricity suppliers for the previous calendar year and include the summary in the IURC's annual report.

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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

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**(B) the customer's account is either billed or credited, as 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) offers the customer a mechanism, through one (1) or more methods described in subdivision (4), by which the customer may opt out of a 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); and (4) is delivered to the customer by one (1) or more of the following methods:

(A) United States mail.

**(B) Electronic mail.**

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

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

(h) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to

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1                   **implement this section.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35                   (1) A forward looking test period determined on the basis of  
 36                  projected data for the twelve (12) month period beginning not  
 37                  later than twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the  
 38                  utility petitions the commission for a change in its basic rates  
 39                  and charges.

40                   (2) A historic test period based on a twelve (12) month period  
 41                  that ends not more than two hundred seventy (270) days before  
 42                  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 1(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  
 42 cure the defect and file the corrected temporary rates and charges with



1 the commission within a reasonable period determined by the  
 2 commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 **(1) is issued by a local weather forecast office of the National**  
 34 **Weather Service; and**  
 35 **(2) is in effect in a county or region within an electric utility's**  
 36 **assigned service area under IC 8-1-2.3;**  
 37 **when extremely dangerous heat conditions are expected or**  
 38 **occurring.**

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

42 **(1) An electric or gas utility may not terminate residential**



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

**(A) receive residential electric service from the electric utility at a location for which the extreme heat warning is in effect; and**

**(B)** are eligible for and have applied for assistance under a heating assistance program administered under IC 4-4-33 during the calendar year in which the extreme heat warning is in effect.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) If a condition dangerous or hazardous to life, physical safety, or property exists.
- (2) Upon order by any court, the commission, or other duly authorized public authority.
- (3) If fraudulent or unauthorized use of electricity or gas is detected and the utility has reasonable grounds to believe the affected customer is responsible for such use.
- (4) If the utility's regulating or measuring equipment has been tampered with and the utility has reasonable grounds to believe that the affected customer is responsible for such tampering.

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

## Chapter 6.1. Quarterly Residential Customer Reports by Electricity Suppliers

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

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

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

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

**(A) the amount of utility service actually used by the customer during a specified period is compared with the**

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

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

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

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

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

- 16                   (1) is entered into by an electricity supplier and a customer  
                          of the electricity supplier; and
- 17                   (2) allows the customer to:
  - 18                   (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;
  - 19                   (B) defer the payment of current or past due amounts  
                          for utility service to some future date; or
  - 20                   (C) receive a forbearance with respect to the payment of  
                          certain amounts owed.

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

- 23                   (1) is for utility service that:
  - 24                   (A) is provided to a customer who is vulnerable because  
                          of advanced age, serious illness, or disability; and
  - 25                   (B) is not subject to termination or disconnection for  
                          nonpayment or for which termination or disconnection  
                          for nonpayment is restricted during specified periods; or
- 26                   (2) otherwise qualifies as a protected account under rules  
                          adopted by the commission under section 8 of this chapter.

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

29                   Sec. 7. (a) An electricity supplier shall submit to the  
 30                   commission quarterly reports containing the information set forth  
 31                   in this subsection with respect to the calendar quarter covered by  
 32                   the report. A report under this subsection shall be submitted to the  
 33                   commission in the manner and form prescribed by the commission



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

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



1                   (16) The total number of utility service restorations after  
 2                   disconnection for nonpayment.  
 3                   (17) The average duration of utility service disconnection for  
 4                   customer accounts identified under subdivision (16).  
 5                   (18) The total number of customer accounts written off as  
 6                   uncollectible.  
 7                   (19) The total dollar value of customer accounts identified  
 8                   under subdivision (18).  
 9                   (20) The total dollar value of recovered bad debt with respect  
 10                  to customer accounts.  
 11                  (21) Any other relevant information concerning customer  
 12                  accounts that the commission:  
 13                  (A) considers appropriate in evaluating:  
 14                  (i) the payment history of customers; and  
 15                  (ii) the billing and related practices of electricity  
 16                  suppliers with respect to customers; and  
 17                  (B) requires under rules adopted under section 8 of this  
 18                  chapter.  
 19                  (b) An electricity supplier shall report all information and data  
 20                  required under subsection (a) in the aggregate and in a manner  
 21                  that does not identify individual customers of the electricity  
 22                  supplier.  
 23                  (c) This section does not empower the commission to require  
 24                  electricity suppliers to disclose confidential and proprietary  
 25                  business information without adequate protection of the  
 26                  information. The commission shall exercise all necessary caution  
 27                  to avoid disclosure of any confidential information reported by  
 28                  electricity suppliers under this section.

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

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

36                  1 SECTION ~~44~~[5] IC 8-1-39-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.89-2019,  
 37                  SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38                  UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (d), a public  
 39                  utility that provides electric or gas utility service may file with the  
 40                  commission rate schedules establishing a TDSIC that will allow the  
 41                  periodic automatic adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and  
 42                  charges to provide for timely recovery of eighty percent (80%) of



1       approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs. The petition must:  
 2           (1) use the customer class revenue allocation factor based on  
 3           firm load approved in the public utility's most recent retail base  
 4           rate case order;  
 5           (2) include the public utility's TDSIC plan for eligible  
 6           transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements;  
 7           and  
 8           (3) identify projected effects of the plan described in subdivision  
 9           (2) on retail rates and charges.

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

13      (b) The public utility shall update the public utility's TDSIC plan  
 14     under subsection (a)(2) at least annually. An update may include a  
 15     petition for approval of:  
 16           (1) a targeted economic development project under section 11 of  
 17           this chapter; or  
 18           (2) transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements  
 19           not described in the public utility's TDSIC plan most recently  
 20           approved by the commission under section 10 of this chapter.

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

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

33      (e) **This subsection does not apply to an electricity supplier (as**  
 34     **defined in IC 8-1-46-6) that:**  
 35           **(1) is subject to a multi-year rate plan under IC 8-1-46; or**  
 36           **(2) petitions the commission for approval of a multi-year rate**  
 37           **plan under IC 8-1-46;**  
 38           **during the term of the electricity supplier's approved TDSIC plan.**I  
 39       IA public utility that implements a TDSIC under this chapter shall,  
 40       before the expiration of the public utility's approved TDSIC plan,  
 41       petition the commission for review and approval of the public utility's  
 42       basic rates and charges with respect to the same type of utility service.



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

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

SECTION ~~6~~<sup>6</sup> [6]. IC 8-1-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

## **Chapter 46. Performance Based Ratemaking for Electricity Suppliers**

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

**(b) The term includes the following charges:**

### **(1) Fixed service charges.**

(2) Energy charges based on the amount of electricity provided to or consumed by the customer during the billing cycle.

(3) Additional charges or credits, including any applicable rate adjustment mechanisms approved by the commission.

#### (4) Taxes.

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

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

(1) that is located at a specific location in Indiana; and

**(2) for which an active billing account is established by the electricity supplier.**

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

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

**(1) is determined by the commission under section 23 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 customer affordability



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

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

10                  **(1) indicates the average time required to restore electric**  
 11                  **service to an electricity supplier's customers affected by**  
 12                  **sustained service interruptions; and**  
 13                  **(2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:**

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

18                  **in accordance with IEEE 1336.**

19                  **Sec. 6. (a) As used in this chapter, "electricity supplier" means**  
 20                  **a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a)) that:**

21                  **(1) furnishes retail electric service to customers in Indiana;**  
 22                  **and**  
 23                  **(2) is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the**  
 24                  **approval of rates and charges.**

25                  **(b) The term does not include:**

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

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

32                  **(1) the 2022 edition of IEEE 1336, IEEE Guide for Electric**  
 33                  **Power Distribution Reliability Indices, as adopted by the**  
 34                  **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; or**

35                  **(2) if the commission adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to**  
 36                  **amend:**

37                  **(A) the 2022 edition; or**  
 38                  **(B) any subsequent edition;**

39                  **of IEEE 1336, the version of IEEE 1336 as amended by the**  
 40                  **commission.**

41                  **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "major event day", or "MED",**  
 42                  **means a day with respect to which an electricity supplier's daily**



1 system SAIDI exceeds a statistical threshold value that is:

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

6 as defined in IEEE 1336.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (1) authorized base rates; and  
 42 (2) adjustments to base rates, including adjustments based



1           on an electricity supplier's performance in meeting  
2           performance metrics serving as the basis of all applicable  
3           PIMs;  
4           are in effect.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (b) The term includes the following:

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

34 (1) A planned service interruption that is:

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

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

**(B) communicated to customers in advance.**

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1 extent that the curtailment or interruption of service occurs  
 2 in accordance with the customer's service agreement.

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

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

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

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

11 (B) the total number of customers;

12 in accordance with IEEE 1336.

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

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

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

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

22 (B) the total number of customers;

23 in accordance with IEEE 1336.

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

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

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

40 (3) For each of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar  
 41 years, the annual percentage change in seasonally adjusted  
 42 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 issued an order that:**



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

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

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

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

**(A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity supplier as part of a base rate case; and**

(B) is issued after June 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2025.

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

(A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity supplier as part of a base rate case that is not part of a multi-year rate plan under this chapter; and

**(B) is issued after January 1, 2026.**

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

(1) after March 14, 2026; and

(2) before the beginning of the electricity supplier's applicable time frame for filing the electricity supplier's first petition for approval of multi-year rate plan under subsection (a).

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

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

(1) not earlier than sixty (60) days before; and

(2) not later than thirty (30) days before:

(2) not later than thirty (30) days before, the expiration of its then current multi-year rate plan.



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

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

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

9                   **(B) test period;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41                   **(i) is determined by the commission under section**  
 42                   **23 of this chapter for that rate year;**



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**(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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) will result in just and reasonable rates;

(B) is in the public interest; and

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

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

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

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

hearings and comments from interested parties.

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

Sec. 23. (a) For each rate year in an electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan, the commission shall determine a customer affordability performance metric for that electricity supplier by calculating the difference between:

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

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

as reported in the most recent customer affordability performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 18 of this chapter. The difference calculated under this subsection is the electricity supplier's customer affordability performance metric for the rate year.

(b) If the electricity supplier's customer affordability performance metric under subsection (a) is a positive number that exceeds two (2) percentage points, the commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's authorized return for the rate year downward by not more than one (1) basis point.

(c) If the electricity supplier's customer affordability performance metric under subsection (a) is a negative number that when multiplied by negative one (-1) exceeds two (2) percentage points, the commission shall adjust the electricity supplier's authorized return for the rate year upward by not more than one (1) basis point.

Sec. 24. (a) For each rate year included in an electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan, the commission shall determine, using the most recent service restoration performance report submitted to the commission by the electricity supplier under section 19 of this chapter, a normalized service restoration performance metric for that electricity supplier in the following manner:

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

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

over the course of the five (5) calendar years immediately

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1 preceding the most recently concluded calendar year,  
 2 excluding major event days, for the electricity supplier's  
 3 system in Indiana as a whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 over the course of the five (5) calendar years immediately



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41           (A) the date of the commission's final order approving  
 42           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:

(c) ~~the 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 required by the commission under subsection (b):

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (c) contribution management, and  
39 (2) have not been and will not be recovered by the electricity  
40 supplier through;

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1       employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity supplier.

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

3           (1) an electricity supplier is no longer able to offer assistance  
4           to additional eligible customers under the electricity  
5           supplier's low income customer assistance program as a  
6           result of any limit, cap, or restriction established under  
7           subsection (b); and

8           (2) the full amount allocated or to be allocated to the  
9           program under section 6 of this chapter has not been  
10           allocated to low income customers enrolled in the program  
11           at the time the limit, cap, or restriction is reached;

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

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

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

28           (2) IC 8-1-8.5-10(o)(2), in the case of an electricity supplier  
29           that is a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));

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

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

35           (1) make; and

36           (2) report to the commission;

37       a transfer required by this section.

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

41           (1) informs customers that the electricity supplier offers a  
42           low income customer assistance program for eligible

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1                   **customers; and**

2                   **(2) includes:**

3                   **(A) a toll free telephone number; or**

4                   **(B) a link to a web page;**

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

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

13                   **(1) per customer funding limits;**

14                   **(2) enrollment limits; or**

15                   **(3) other limits, caps, or restrictions;**

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

24                   **Sec. 8. If a customer:**

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

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

29                   **the electricity supplier shall enroll the customer in the program, to**  
 30                   **the extent the electricity supplier is able to do so under any per**  
 31                   **customer funding limits, enrollment limits, or other limits, caps, or**  
 32                   **restrictions established by the electricity supplier under section**  
 33                   **5(b) of this chapter and applicable at the time of the customer's**  
 34                   **application.**

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

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

40                   **(2) at any time as part of an independent proceeding in**  
 41                   **which the electricity supplier petitions the commission to**  
 42                   **recover eligible program costs on a timely basis through a**



### **periodic rate adjustment mechanism.**

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

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

**(A) governmental agency or program; or**

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

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

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

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

(A) amounts; and

(B) purposes;

for which they have been or will be incurred.

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

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

**(1) the electricity supplier has incurred or will incur eligible program costs that are reasonable in amount:**

(2) notwithstanding section 10 of this chapter, the effect or 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.**

**(5) An identification of the amounts of any:**

**(A) per customer funding limits;**

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**(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 ~~7~~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 ~~8~~<sup>9</sup> [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 IC 8-1-46, as added by this act.

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1                   **(b) This SECTION expires January 2, 2027.**  
2                   SECTION ~~⑨~~[10]. An emergency is declared for this act.1  
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