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# HOUSE BILL No. 1002

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Utility payment information in credit reports. Prohibits a consumer reporting agency from using a consumer's payment history for utility service for purposes of a consumer report regarding the consumer.

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

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

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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

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1 to a lay person, the reconciliation mechanism described in  
 2 subsection (a)(3), including an explanation of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (A) United States mail.

28 (B) Electronic mail.

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

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

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

38 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-2-42.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2013,  
 39 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 42.7. (a) This section does not apply to an  
 41 electricity supplier (as defined in IC 8-1-46-6) that has filed a  
 42 petition with the commission to change the electricity supplier's



1       **basic rates and charges through the submission of a multi-year rate**  
 2       **plan under IC 8-1-46.**

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

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

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

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

- 21           (1) A public utility.
- 22           (2) A municipally owned utility.
- 23           (3) A cooperative owned utility.

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

- 29           (1) A forward looking test period determined on the basis of  
                   projected data for the twelve (12) month period beginning not  
                   later than twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the  
                   utility petitions the commission for a change in its basic rates  
                   and charges.
- 34           (2) A historic test period based on a twelve (12) month period  
                   that ends not more than two hundred seventy (270) days before  
                   the date on which the utility petitions the commission for a  
                   change in its basic rates and charges. The commission may  
                   adjust a historic test period for fixed, known, and measurable  
                   changes and appropriate normalizations and annualizations.
- 39           (3) A hybrid test period based on at least twelve (12) consecutive  
                   months of combined historic data and projected data. The  
                   commission may adjust the historic data as set forth in



1 subdivision (2).

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

- 18 (1) implement the temporary increase before the date on which  
 19 the projected data period begins; or
- 20 (2) object during a proceeding before the commission to a  
 21 discovery request for historic data as described in subsection [  
 22 1(d)(2) (e)(2) solely on the basis that the utility has designated a  
 23 forward looking or hybrid test period.

24 (f) (g) The commission shall review the temporary rates and  
 25 charges to determine compliance with this section. The temporary rates  
 26 and charges take effect on the latest of the following dates unless the  
 27 commission determines that the temporary rates and charges are not  
 28 properly designed in compliance with this section:

- 29 (1) The date proposed by the utility.
- 30 (2) Three hundred (300) days after the date on which the utility  
 31 files its case in chief.
- 32 (3) The termination of any extension of the three hundred (300)  
 33 day deadline authorized under subsection (g) (h) or (h). (i).

34 If the commission determines that the temporary rates and charges are  
 35 not properly designed in compliance with this section, the utility may  
 36 cure the defect and file the corrected temporary rates and charges with  
 37 the commission within a reasonable period determined by the  
 38 commission.

39 (g) (h) If the commission grants a utility an extension of the  
 40 procedural schedule, the commission may extend the three hundred  
 41 (300) day deadline set forth in subsection (e) (f) by the length of the  
 42 extension.



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

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

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

25 (c) As used in this section, "extreme heat warning" means an  
26 alert that:

31 when extremely dangerous heat conditions are expected or  
32 occurring.

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

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(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.

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

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

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

(A) subsection (d)(1), in the case of an electric or gas utility; and

(B) subsection (d)(2), in the case of an electric utility; 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 from a heating assistance program administered under IC 4-4-33.

(b) (f) Any electric or gas utility including a municipally owned, privately owned, or cooperatively owned utility, shall provide any residential customer whose account is delinquent an opportunity to enter into a reasonable amortization agreement with such company to pay the delinquent account. Such an amortization agreement must provide the customer with adequate opportunity to apply for and

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1 receive the benefits of any available public assistance program. An  
 2 amortization agreement is subject to amendment on the customer's  
 3 request if there is a change in the customer's financial circumstances.

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

8       (f) (h) The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry  
 9 out the provisions of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

23      SECTION 4. IC 8-1-39-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.89-2019,  
 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (d), a public  
 26 utility that provides electric or gas utility service may file with the  
 27 commission rate schedules establishing a TDSIC that will allow the  
 28 periodic automatic adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and  
 29 charges to provide for timely recovery of eighty percent (80%) of  
 30 approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs. The petition must:

31       (1) use the customer class revenue allocation factor based on  
 32 firm load approved in the public utility's most recent retail base  
 33 rate case order;

34       (2) include the public utility's TDSIC plan for eligible  
 35 transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements;  
 36 and

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

39      The public utility shall provide a copy of the petition to the office of the  
 40 utility consumer counselor when the petition is filed with the  
 41 commission.

42       (b) The public utility shall update the public utility's TDSIC plan



1 under subsection (a)(2) at least annually. An update may include a  
 2 petition for approval of:

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

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

8 (c) A public utility that recovers capital expenditures and TDSIC  
 9 costs under subsection (a) shall defer the remaining twenty percent  
 10 (20%) of approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs, including  
 11 depreciation, allowance for funds used during construction, and post in  
 12 service carrying costs, and shall recover those capital expenditures and  
 13 TDSIC costs as part of the next general rate case that the public utility  
 14 files with the commission.

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

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

22 (1) **is subject to a multi-year rate plan under IC 8-1-46; or**

23 (2) **petitions the commission for approval of a multi-year rate  
 24 plan under IC 8-1-46;**

25 **during the term of the electricity supplier's approved TDSIC plan.** I

26 IA public utility that implements a TDSIC under this chapter shall,  
 27 before the expiration of the public utility's approved TDSIC plan,  
 28 petition the commission for review and approval of the public utility's  
 29 basic rates and charges with respect to the same type of utility service.

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

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

36 **SECTION 5. IC 8-1-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 37 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 38 PASSAGE]:**

39 **Chapter 46. Performance Based Ratemaking for Electricity  
 40 Suppliers**

41 **Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "average monthly  
 42 residential bill", with respect to an electricity supplier, means the**



1       average total monthly charges billed, over the course of a calendar  
 2       year, to all customers receiving retail electric service under the  
 3       electricity supplier's standard residential tariff.

4       (b) The term includes the following charges:

- 5       (1) Fixed service charges.
- 6       (2) Energy charges based on the amount of electricity  
 7       provided to or consumed by the customer during the billing  
 8       cycle.
- 9       (3) Additional charges or credits, including any applicable  
 10      rate adjustment mechanisms approved by the commission.
- 11      (4) Taxes.

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

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

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

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

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

- 26      (1) is determined by the commission under section 23 of this  
 27      chapter for a particular rate year included in that electricity  
 28      supplier's multi-year rate plan;
- 29      (2) is based on the most recent customer affordability  
 30      performance report submitted to the commission by the  
 31      electricity supplier under section 18 of this chapter; and
- 32      (3) is used by the commission to establish a customer  
 33      affordability PIM that applies to that rate year and provides  
 34      financial rewards or penalties to the electricity supplier  
 35      based on the electricity supplier's measured customer  
 36      affordability performance.

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

- 39      (1) indicates the average time required to restore electric  
 40      service to an electricity supplier's customers affected by  
 41      sustained service interruptions; and
- 42      (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;

in accordance with IEEE 1336.

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

- (1) furnishes retail electric service to customers in Indiana; and
- (2) is under the jurisdiction of the commission for the 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.

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;

- (A) the 2022 edition; or
- (B) any subsequent edition;

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

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "major event day", or "MED", means a day with respect to which an electricity supplier's daily system SAIDI exceeds a statistical threshold value that is:

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

as defined in IEEE 1336.

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

(1) authorized periodic changes in the electricity supplier's base rates; and  
(2) adjustments to the electricity supplier's base rates based



1 on the electricity supplier's performance with respect to each  
2 performance incentive mechanism applicable to the  
3 electricity supplier;

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

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

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

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23 as described in IC 8-1-2-0.6; and  
24 (2) is based on specific performance metrics against which  
25 the electricity supplier's performance is measured.

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

28 (1) authorized base rates; and

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

33 are in effect.

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

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

40 (1) is determined by the commission under section 24 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 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**

(B) communicated to customers in advance.

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

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

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

(2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:

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

(B) the total number of customers:

in accordance with IEEE 1336.

## **Sec. 17. As used in this chapter, "system average interruption**

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1       **frequency index", or "SAIFI", means an index that:**

2       **(1) indicates the number of sustained service interruptions**  
 3       **an electricity supplier's average customer experiences over**  
 4       **a specified period; and**

5       **(2) is calculated by determining the quotient of:**

6       **(A) the total number of customers that experienced**  
 7       **sustained service interruptions over the specified period;**  
 8       **divided by**

9       **(B) the total number of customers;**

10      **in accordance with IEEE 1336.**

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

15      **(1) The electricity supplier's average monthly residential bill**  
 16      **for each of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar**  
 17      **years, normalized for weather if not otherwise normalized**  
 18      **for weather through a rate adjustment mechanism described**  
 19      **in section 1(b)(3) of this chapter.**

20      **(2) The average annual percentage change (rounded to the**  
 21      **nearest one-tenth percent (0.1%)) in the electricity supplier's**  
 22      **average monthly residential bill over the course of the most**  
 23      **recently concluded five (5) calendar years, normalized for**  
 24      **weather if not otherwise normalized for weather through a**  
 25      **rate adjustment mechanism described in section 1(b)(3) of**  
 26      **this chapter.**

27      **(3) For each of the most recently concluded five (5) calendar**  
 28      **years, the annual percentage change in seasonally adjusted**  
 29      **electricity prices for the United States as measured by the**  
 30      **Consumer Price Index, as published by the United States**  
 31      **Bureau of Labor Statistics.**

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

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



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

4                   **(A) SAIDI.  
5                   (B) SAIFI.  
6                   (C) CAIDI.**

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

10                   **(A) SAIDI.  
11                   (B) SAIFI.  
12                   (C) CAIDI.**

13                   **(3) The number of customers used by the utility in  
14                   calculating each index required under subdivisions (1) and  
15                   (2).**

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

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

27                   **(2) After June 30, 2027, and before August 1, 2027, for an  
28                   electricity supplier with respect to which the commission has  
29                   issued an order that:**

30                   **(A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity  
31                   supplier as part of a base rate case; and  
32                   (B) is issued after April 30, 2024, and before February  
33                   1, 2025.**

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

37                   **(A) establishes basic rates and charges for the electricity  
38                   supplier as part of a base rate case; and  
39                   (B) is issued after February 1, 2025, and before April 1,  
40                   2025.**

41                   **(4) After June 30, 2028, and before August 1, 2028, for an  
42                   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 June 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2025.

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

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

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

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

15       (1) after March 14, 2026; and

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

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

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

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

28       (2) not later than thirty (30) days before;

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

30       Sec. 21. (a) The following apply to a multi-year rate plan under  
 31       this chapter:

32       (1) An electricity supplier's petition for approval of a  
 33       multi-year rate plan under this chapter must include the  
 34       electricity supplier's proposed:

35       (A) revenue requirements and base rates, or a method  
 36       for calculating the electricity supplier's revenue  
 37       requirements and base rates; and

38       (B) test period;

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

40       (2) The base rates for the first rate year of an electricity  
 41       supplier's multi-year rate plan shall be established by the  
 42       commission in the same manner that base rates would be



1       established in a proceeding for a change in the electricity  
2       supplier's basic rates and charges that occurs outside of a  
3       multi-year rate plan, based on an appropriate test year used  
4       to determine the electricity supplier's actual and pro forma  
5       operating revenues, expenses, and operating income under  
6       current and proposed rates, adjusted for changes that are  
7       fixed, known, and measurable for ratemaking purposes and  
8       that occur within a reasonable time after the end of the test  
9       year.

10 (3) The base rates for the second and third rate years of an  
11 electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan shall be established  
12 using current or forward looking data that is adjusted to  
13 reflect the electricity supplier's actual jurisdictional financial  
14 performance results based on the most current available  
15 data at the time of the electricity supplier's petition for  
16 approval of the multi-year rate plan.

(A) the electricity supplier; and  
(B) the electricity supplier's ratepayers;  
that may result from the implementation of the multi-year  
rate plan.

27 (A) A customer affordability performance metric that:  
28 (i) is determined by the commission under section  
29 23 of this chapter for that rate year;  
30 (ii) is based on the most recent customer  
31 affordability performance report submitted to the  
32 commission by the electricity supplier under section  
33 18 of this chapter; and  
34 (iii) is used by the commission to establish a  
35 customer affordability PIM that applies to that rate  
36 year.

37 (B) A customer affordability PIM that:

38 (i) is based on the electricity supplier's performance

39 in meeting the customer affordability performance

40 metric described in clause (A); and

41 (ii) provides financial rewards or penalties to the

42 electricity supplier based on that performance in

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**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;**

**otherwise allowed by law, unless otherwise incorporated into the multi-year rate plan.**

**(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.



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

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

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

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

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

- 26       (A) SAIDI;
- 27       (B) SAIFI; and
- 28       (C) CAIDI;

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

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

- 34       (A) SAIDI;
- 35       (B) SAIFI; and
- 36       (C) CAIDI;

37       for the most recently concluded calendar year, excluding  
 38 major event days, for the electricity supplier's system in  
 39 Indiana as a whole.

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

42       **STEP FOUR: Calculate the quotient of the STEP THREE**



1 result divided by the STEP ONE result, rounded to the  
 2 nearest one-hundredth (0.01).

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

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

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

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

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

- 26 (A) SAIDI;
- 27 (B) SAIFI; and
- 28 (C) CAIDI;

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

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

- 34 (A) SAIDI;
- 35 (B) SAIFI; and
- 36 (C) CAIDI;

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

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

42 **STEP FOUR:** Calculate the quotient of the STEP THREE



1 result divided by the STEP ONE result, rounded to the  
 2 nearest one-hundredth (0.01).

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (A) the date of the commission's final order approving  
 29 the multi-year rate plan; or

30 (B) if the petition is pending before the commission, the  
 31 procedural status of the petition.

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

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

39 (A) customer affordability performance metric;

40 (B) normalized service restoration performance metric;  
 41 and

42 (C) MED service restoration performance metric;



1 for the current rate year in the electricity supplier's  
 2 multi-year rate plan under this chapter, to the extent  
 3 applicable in a report submitted under this section before  
 4 2030.

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

8           (A) customer affordability performance metric;  
 9           (B) normalized service restoration performance metric;  
 10           and

11           (C) MED service restoration performance metric;  
 12 during the most recently concluded rate year under a  
 13 multi-year rate plan of the electricity supplier under this  
 14 chapter.

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

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

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

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

27 (c) Upon request by an electricity supplier, the commission  
 28 shall determine whether any information or related materials  
 29 required by the commission under subsection (b):

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

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

37           (1) a "base rate case";  
 38           (2) a "general rate case";  
 39           (3) a proceeding for a change or increase in "basic rates and  
 40 charges"; or  
 41           (4) words of similar import;

42 with respect to an electricity supplier subject to this chapter is

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1       considered a reference to the establishment of the electricity  
 2       supplier's basic rates and charges for the first year of the  
 3       electricity supplier's multi-year rate plan under this chapter.

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

6       SECTION 6. IC 8-1-47 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 7       A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 8       PASSAGE]:

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

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

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

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

19       (1) have been incurred, or are reasonably estimated to be  
 20       incurred, by the electricity supplier in administering the low  
 21       income customer assistance program, including  
 22       administrative activities involving:

- 23       (A) customer eligibility verification;
- 24       (B) billing services; and
- 25       (C) contribution management; and

26       (2) have not been and will not be recovered by the electricity  
 27       supplier through:

- 28       (A) a required allocation under section 6 of this chapter;  
 29       or
- 30       (B) contributions of any money, services, or property  
 31       that have been or will be provided at no cost to the  
 32       electricity supplier by or through any:

- 33       (i) governmental agency or program; or
- 34       (ii) other third party, including voluntary  
 35       charitable contributions from nonprofit  
 36       organizations or from employees, customers, or  
 37       shareholders of the electricity supplier;  
 38       in support of the program.

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

41       **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "low income customer" refers  
 42       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 charitable contributions from nonprofit organizations or from employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity supplier.

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

(1) an 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 limit, cap, or restriction established under subsection (b); and

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

the portion of the amount allocated or to be allocated to the program under section 6 of this chapter that has not been allocated

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1 to low income customers enrolled in the program at time the limit,  
 2 cap, or restriction is reached shall be segregated from all other  
 3 funds of the electricity supplier and held in trust for allocation to  
 4 low income customers enrolled in the electricity supplier's low  
 5 income customer assistance program in the following calendar  
 6 year.

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

13 (1) IC 8-1-8.5-9(l), in the case of an electricity supplier that  
 14 is not a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a)); or  
 15 (2) IC 8-1-8.5-10(o)(2), in the case of an electricity supplier  
 16 that is a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a));  
 17 as approved program costs associated with an energy efficiency  
 18 program offered by the electricity supplier.

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

22 (1) make; and  
 23 (2) report to the commission;  
 24 a transfer required by this section.

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

28 (1) informs customers that the electricity supplier offers a  
 29 low income customer assistance program for eligible  
 30 customers; and  
 31 (2) includes:  
 32 (A) a toll free telephone number; or  
 33 (B) a link to a web page;

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

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

42 (1) per customer funding limits;



## 11 Sec. 8. If a customer:

16 the electricity supplier shall enroll the customer in the program, to  
17 the extent the electricity supplier is able to do so under any per  
18 customer funding limits, enrollment limits, or other limits, caps, or  
19 restrictions established by the electricity supplier under section  
20 5(b) of this chapter and applicable at the time of the customer's  
21 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:

26 (1) as part of a base rate case; or  
27 (2) at any time as part of an independent proceeding in  
28 which the electricity supplier petitions the commission to  
29 recover eligible program costs on a timely basis through a  
30 periodic rate adjustment mechanism.

39 (A) governmental agency or program; or  
40 (B) other third party, including voluntary charitable  
41 contributions from nonprofit organizations or from  
42 employees, customers, or shareholders of the electricity

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10 (A) amounts; and

11 (B) purposes;

12 for which they have been or will be incurred.

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

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

33 interest;  
34 the commission shall approve the electricity supplier's proposed  
35 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

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1 program that exceed the limit set forth in this subsection, the  
 2 electricity supplier may seek to recover those eligible program  
 3 costs for recovery in the electricity supplier's next base rate case.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (A) governmental agencies or programs; or

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

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

29 (A) per customer funding limits;

30 (B) enrollment limits; or

31 (C) other limits, caps, or restrictions;

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

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

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



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

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

13 [ SECTION 7. IC 24-5-24.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
14 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 UPON PASSAGE]:

## **Chapter 24.8. Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies**

17                   Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 24-5-24 apply throughout this  
18                   chapter.

19 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "utility service" means retail:  
20 (1) electric;  
21 (2) gas;  
22 (3) water; or  
23 (4) wastewater;

## Service

Sec. 3. A consumer reporting agency may not:

(1) include information regarding a consumer's payment history for utility service in; or

(2) take a consumer's payment history for utility service into account for purposes of;

30 a consumer report regarding the consumer.  
31 ] SECTION ~~8~~<sup>➡</sup>[8]. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used  
32 in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the Indiana utility  
33 regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2.

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

37 (1) 170 IAC 4.

38 (2) 170 IAC 5.

**39 (3) Any other rule that:**

40 (A) has been adopted by the commission; and



1                   (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2027.  
2                   SECTION ~~↔~~[\[9\]](#). [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Before  
3                   January 1, 2027, the commission shall amend 170 IAC 4-1-23 as  
4                   necessary to conform 170 IAC 4-1-23 to the requirements of  
5                   IC 8-1-46, as added by this act.  
6                   (b) This SECTION expires January 2, 2027.  
7                   SECTION ~~↔~~[\[10\]](#). An emergency is declared for this act.  
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