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IURC Chairman Jim Huston Announces Retirement

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC or Commission) Chairman Jim Huston announced today that he will retire from his role, effective this January 2026. Earlier today, Chairman Huston notified Governor Mike Braun of his intent to retire, ensuring time for the IURC Nominating Committee to open applications and fill the vacancy created by his retirement.

“It is with a grateful heart that I announce my intent to retire from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in January 2026,” said Chairman Jim Huston. “The Commissioners and staff at the IURC carry out a complex but necessary mission of regulating monopoly utility service in electric, gas, water/wastewater and largely deregulated telecommunications. Our pipeline safety team is one of the best in our nation. It is a blessing to work alongside our incredibly talented professional staff every day, and I am proud of the work we accomplish on behalf of Hoosier families.”

“I want to thank Chairman Jim Huston for his service with the IURC over the past decade. He is a lifelong public servant and is leaving the agency in much better shape than when he arrived,” said Governor Mike Braun. “I wish Chairman Huston the best in retirement.”

Chairman Huston was first appointed to the Commission by Governor Mike Pence in 2014 before being reappointed and named Chairman by Governor Eric Holcomb in March 2018. During his service on the Commission, he has advocated sharing Indiana’s perspective and successes regionally and at the federal level. He currently serves as co-Chair of the Federal-State Issues Collaborative, an initiative between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He also serves on the Member Representatives Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and on GTI Energy’s Public Interest Advisory Committee. In February 2024, Chairman Huston testified before Congress in the House Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security regarding challenges to affordable and reliable electric service from a state regulator perspective.

Additionally, as Chairman, Huston has focused on improving procedural efficiencies by encouraging stakeholders and staff to prioritize continuous, incremental improvement in the filing and review of docketed case and other processes. He also reinstituted the semi-annual Reliability Forums, which creates a forum for the Commission and other stakeholders to hear from utilities, membership cooperatives, and regional transmission organizations on their preparedness to serve customers during winter and summer peak seasons.

Chairman Huston’s retirement serves as a capstone to a career dedicated to public service. Before his appointment to the Commission, he served as Chief of Staff for the Indiana State Department of Health, executive director of the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, and in roles supporting four members of Congress and, previously, for Governor Robert Orr. He has received two Sagamores of the Wabash from two Governors for his service to the state.

Chairman Huston looks forward to the next chapter of his life which will include spending a little more time with his family, including a growing number of grandchildren.

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About the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Commission) is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the Commission is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. The Commission also serves as a resource to the legislature, executive branch, state agencies, and the public by providing information regarding Indiana's utilities and the regulatory process. In addition, Commission members and staff are actively involved with regional, national, and federal organizations regarding utility issues affecting Indiana. For more information, please visit www.in.gov/iurc.