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## Commissioners Wesley Bennett, Sarah Freeman Announce Departure from IURC

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC or Commission) Commissioners Wesley Bennett and Sarah Freeman announced today that they will resign from the agency, effective in October. Both commissioners notified Governor Mike Braun of their intent to step down, ensuring time for the IURC Nominating Committee to open applications and fill the vacancies by their resignations.

Commissioner Bennett's last day with the IURC is Oct. 17, 2025.

"It has been an honor and a blessing to serve Hoosiers alongside so many talented and hardworking colleagues at the Commission over the last two years," said Commissioner Bennett. "My career in public service has been rewarding. I have been grateful for the opportunities I have been afforded, both at the state level under two governors and locally alongside my neighbors and community leaders."

During his time at the IURC, Commissioner Bennett has been involved in representing the Commission on the regional and national level, including as part of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)'s Washington Action Program Task Force. He has also served as a member of NARUC's Natural Gas Resource Planning Task Force, its Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and Committee on International Relations.

Prior to his role as Commissioner, Bennett spent nearly two decades in public service, including almost six years as Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) and previously as Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Plainfield for 12 years. He has received a Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Holcomb for his service to the state.

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Commissioner Freeman's last day with the IURC is Oct. 10, 2025.

"I am so honored to have spent nine years serving as a commissioner at the IURC," said Commissioner Freeman. "I am especially grateful for the leadership of Chairman Jim Huston, who encouraged us to work in an environment built on collaboration and discussion, and have so much pride in serving alongside the bright servant leaders who make up our staff."

During her time as Commissioner, Freeman represented Indiana on regional and national boards and councils, including serving in leadership roles with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), and the Organization of MISO States. Additionally, she is the

immediate past president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) where she planned and hosted one of the highest-attended conferences in MARC history last June in downtown Indianapolis.

During her 28 years of service to the State of Indiana, Freeman also served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency, a deputy attorney general in the Office of Attorney General, and clerk to the Honorable Frank Sullivan of the Indiana Supreme Court.

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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.