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## Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Takes Steps to Implement Indiana Lifeline Assistance Program

Today in Cause No. 43082, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC, Commission) approved a funding mechanism for the Indiana Lifeline Assistance Program (ILAP). This is the first step in fulfilling statutory obligations to establish a state-wide ILAP program as set out in HEA 1279.

When the program is fully functional customers who receive Lifeline Link-Up assistance will see their bills reduced.

The IURC has been holding collaborative rulemaking workshops with interested parties for the past several months and expects a rule setting program guidelines to be in place by July 2008, with the Indiana Lifeline Assistance Program to be operational by July 2009.