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IURC Initiates Investigation of Recent Federal Tax Legislation’s Impact on Utilities

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INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC or Commission) issued an Order today initiating an investigation of the impact of the newly-signed federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on investor-owned utilities in the state. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law by President Donald Trump on December 22, 2017, contains provisions reducing the corporate tax rate of 35 percent to 21 percent and revising the federal tax structure.

The Order states, “The Commission recognizes that the approved tax reform will create benefits for utility customers because of the reduced federal tax burden on Respondents (investor-owned utilities)....Accordingly, the purpose of this investigation is to review and consider the impacts from the Act and how any resulting benefits should be realized by customers.”

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act went into effect January 1, 2018. Recognizing this, the Order states, “Because customer utility service rates today reflect a now materially altered tax structure, the reform-derived benefits are accruing today and going forward. Accordingly, the Commission finds it is appropriate and in the public interest for Respondents (investor-owned utilities) to immediately begin using regulatory accounting, such as the use of regulatory assets and liabilities, for all calculated differences resulting from the Act and what would have been recorded if the Act did not go into effect.”

The Commission welcomes comments from stakeholders and consumers. The public may provide comments to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), the state agency that represents the public before the Commission. Comments may be submitted online at www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm or by mail, email or fax:

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Written comments should include the ratepayer’s name, mailing address, and a reference to “Cause No. 45032.”

All submitted documents relating to this case, including the Order approved by the IURC today, will be posted on the IURC's Online Services Portal [here](#) by searching for Cause No. 45032. A preliminary hearing and prehearing conference to determine a procedural schedule for this investigation is scheduled for February 6, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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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 utilities issues affecting Indiana. For more information, please visit www.in.gov/iurc.