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## INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC)

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### **IURC to Conduct Investigative Inquiry on Energy Affordability**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC or Commission) is conducting an *Investigative Inquiry on Energy Affordability* concerning the five largest electric investor-owned utilities on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** (ET) in the IURC Courtroom 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington St. in Indianapolis. During the inquiry, representatives with AES Indiana, CenterPoint Energy Indiana, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC, Indiana Michigan Power Company, and Northern Indiana Public Service Company, LLC will be presenting and answering questions from the Commission and the Indiana Office of Consumer Counselor (OUCC) on topics related to energy affordability, including how usage and rates lead to bills, the impact of growth on affordability, and steps that can be taken in the short term to increase bill transparency and address rising energy costs.

The investigative inquiry represents the first phase in a larger strategy led by the Commission to better understand some of the underlying drivers behind energy affordability with the goal of exploring short- and long-term solutions. While the inquiry is open to the public to observe, this meeting is intended for the Commission and OUCC to ask questions and gather information from the utilities. Public comments will not be accepted during the inquiry. The Commission's second phase will focus on hearing from customers directly through a series of community listening sessions on energy affordability that will be held across the state.

With space being limited in Room 222 of the PNC Center, members of the public are encouraged to watch the inquiry via the livestream link on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXEwNQdi3r0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXEwNQdi3r0). Information about the listening sessions will be coming soon and posted on the Commission's website at: [www.in.gov/iurc](http://www.in.gov/iurc).

#### **MEDIA RSVP:**

Media is asked to please RSVP to Ben Gavelek at [bgavelek@urc.in.gov](mailto:bgavelek@urc.in.gov).

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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](http://www.in.gov/iurc).