

IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: September 10, 2025
9:00 A.M., HEARING ROOM, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Commissioners Present: Sarah Martz, Joshua Byrnes, and Erik Helland

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chair Martz

Consent Items:

The August meeting minutes were approved unanimously:

Discussion Items:

1. RTO and Federal/Regional Update – Eric Giddens presented an overview of the IUC's engagement with RTOs and an overview of RTOs, an overview of the IUC's engagement in Federal/Regional business, and MISO Current Issues. Discussion with commissioners - Commissioner Byrnes and Chair Martz had questions.
2. One Call Update – Greg Witzenburg presented an overview of the One Call program, including complaints and an update on education efforts. Commissioner Byrnes commented.
3. Litigation Status Report – Michelle Rabe presented an overview of four litigation cases. No questions from commissioners.
4. Monthly Financials – Phil Davis presented an overview of monthly financials and grants. Commissioner Byrnes commented.
5. Outstanding Invoices – Phil Davis presented an overview of outstanding invoices.

Other Business:

1. Digital Connectivity and Lifeline Awareness Week – Ross Carpenter presented an overview of Lifeline Awareness Week and opportunities for those qualified. No questions from commissioners.
2. Staff Introductions – Chair Martz introduced Nichol Toomire as COO and Ralph Marasco as General Counsel. Announced Sanel Lisinovic as new Bureau Chief. COO Toomire spoke briefly.

3. Safety and Engineering Bureau Update – Sanel Lisinovic gave an overview of dividing the bureau into two groups: Pipeline Safety and Engineering and Electric Safety and Engineering. Commissioner Byrnes commented.
4. Operational Plan – Sheri Howard presented on the FY 26 Operational Plan. No questions from the commissioners.

Public Comments

Closing Remarks

Next meeting: 9 a.m. to noon October 15, 2025.

Recorded by: Sheri Howard
