

IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 19, 2026
9:00 A.M., HEARING ROOM, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE
DES MOINES, IOWA

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

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

2. Consent Items:

The following consent items were approved unanimously:

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3. Discussion Items:

- a. Safety Minute: Ryan Rush discussed slips, trips and falls and the mastering eyes on paths rule and to put phones away when walking. No questions from Commissioners.
- b. RTO and Federal/Regional Update: Eric Giddens gave an update on Federal/Regional engagement issues, various FERC updates, and SPP updates on miscellaneous items. Comment from Chair Martz. No other questions from Commissioners.
- c. Litigation Status Report: Michelle Rabe presented an overview of current litigation. No questions from Commissioners.
- d. Monthly Financials: Marie Jeanblanc gave an update on budget FY26 and FY27. Comment from Commissioner Byrnes. No other questions from Commissioners.

4. Other Business:

- a. State of Iowa GIS Mapping: Ryan Rush gave an update on GIS Mapping launching a new collaborative utility initiative. The goal is a build immediate value to all involved. It enhances safety oversight, aligns all goals together with other state agencies, cuts out duplicative mapping work and has consistent accurate reports, and creates a more actionable product. Comment from Chair Martz. No other questions from Commissioners.
- b. NARUC Update: The Commissioners gave an update on the NARUC Summer Summit in Minneapolis.

- c. September Monthly Meeting Update: Chair Martz gave an update that the next Public Monthly Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. September 9, 2026. Due to schedules, the October meeting will now be on October 8 and no November meeting will be held. Currently working on a December meeting date; TBD for that month.

Public Comments:

Various people from the public made comments.

Closing Remarks:

No comments from Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Recorded by: Jenny Bass

Approved at the September 9, 2026, Iowa Utilities Commission meeting.