IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Commissioners Present: Sarah Martz and Joshua Byrnes

1. Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by Chair Martz; announcement that Commissioner Helland has resigned effective September 4, 2026.

2. Consent Items:

The following consent items were approved unanimously:

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3. Discussion Items:

a. Safety Minute: Ryan Rush discussed online scams/phishing and fake caller ID. Recommendation to setup a secret family safe word for family calls. Comment from Commissioner Byrnes. No questions from commissioners.

b. RTO and Federal/Regional Update: Ryan Lovan gave an update on federal and regional work and FERC issues and an explanation on RTOs. Matt Alvarado gave an update on various SPP issues. No questions from commissioners.

c. Litigation Status Report: Michelle Rabe presented an overview of current litigation. Comment from Commissioner Byrnes. No questions from commissioners.

d. Monthly Financials: Marie Jeanblanc gave an update on budget updates for FY26/FY27. Comment from Commissioner Byrnes. No questions from commissioners.

e. 2026 High-Cost Certification: Ross Carpenter gave an update on high-cost certification. No questions from commissioners.

4. Other Business:

a. Fall Customer Service Utility Meetings: James Boyd gave an update on customer relations requirements and legislative changes and indicated staff will hold two virtual meetings in October to present information to stakeholders. No questions from commissioners.

b. Digital Connectivity and Lifeline Awareness Week: Ross Carpenter gave an update on a State of Iowa Lifeline program lowering monthly costs for telecommunications bills for low-income families. No questions from commissioners.

   Additional business: Chair Martz announced the LIHEAP application filing date begins October 1 for disabled residents and seniors 60 and older. The general application period begins November 1.

c. October Monthly Meeting Update: The next monthly meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. October 8, 2026. There will be no November meeting and the IUC is undecided about a December date and looking at calendar options.

5. Public Comments:

Various people from the public made comments.

6. Closing Remarks:

No comments from the Commissioners.

7. Adjournment:

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. October 8, 2026.

Recorded by: Jenny Bass

Approved at the October 8, 2026, Iowa Utilities Commission meeting.