# **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**



## IURC Legal Framework and Authority and Relationship with Government Officials and Agencies

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### **IURC** Authority





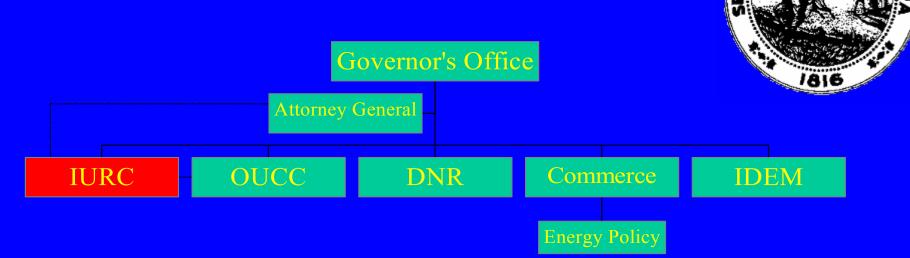
- Information Collection
- Monitoring and Enforcement
- License Issuance
- I. Certificate of Territorial Authority
- II. Certificate of Need
- Full Tariff Authority
- Electricity Market
- Gas Market
- Ability to approve mergers and assess fines



# IURC Relationship with Government Officials and Agencies



#### **Executive Branch**



- Office of Utility Consumer Counselor
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Commerce
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management



#### Judicial Branch







- When Requested, State Administrative Agency Decisions and Orders, Including Those of the IURC, May Be Appealed to the Indiana Court of Appeals
- Court of Appeals Decisions May Be Transferred to the Indiana Supreme Court For Further Review



### Legislative Branch





- Information to Legislators
- Analysis of major issues
- Report to a specific Joint Committee
- Importance of relationship
- Response to constituents of elected officials
  - Requests and complaints

### Reports to Legislators



- Annual Forecasts
- Report each summer on energy issues
- Annual Report of Commission
- Annual cost comparisons for electricity and gas



# **Competing Sources of Information**



- Other agencies
- Interested groups outside government
- Media
- Fellow Legislators
- Constituents