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CAC: CAR SHARE FUNDING PLAN UNFAIRLY BURDENS RATEPAYERS

CAC files official testimony with IURC in BlueIndy case

As a result of the request by IPL to pass along \$16 Million in costs to Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL) ratepayers in order to fund the *BlueIndy* car share program, CAC submitted written testimony to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) today advocating for the rejection of the proposed funding plan.

In this first-of-a-kind case, the IURC is faced with setting a precedent of forcing captive ratepayers to subsidize a program and assume risk for a project that has absolutely nothing to do with IPL's sole obligation to ratepayers to provide affordable and reliable electric service.

"This does not appear to be a project designed to benefit the working class and low income residents of Indianapolis and the struggles they face in getting around town due to Indianapolis' abysmal mass transit," said Kerwin Olson, Executive Director of Citizens Action Coalition (CAC). "IPL ratepayers are subject to monopoly service, meaning that they cannot choose another electric service provider within IPL's service territory. They cannot "opt out" of subsidizing this private investment should the Commission approve this proposal."

Additionally, CAC reiterates the call of the Office of the Consumer Counselor (OUCC) to hold a public field hearing in order to give members of the public an opportunity to learn more about the case and speak publicly about their concerns.

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CAC's complete written testimony is available upon request.

CAC has advocated for four decades on behalf of Hoosiers on issues regarding energy policy, utility reform, health care, pollution prevention, and family farms. In order to achieve the objective to protect consumers in Indiana, CAC's activities include performing research, carrying out public education campaigns, organizing citizens, creating public awareness, lobbying legislators, intervening in utility cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and litigating when necessary.