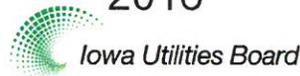




Iowa Utilities Board

Administration & Regulation Budget Subcommittee

2016



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Mission and Vision

Mission: The Iowa Utilities Board regulates utilities to ensure that reasonably priced, reliable, environmentally responsible, and safe utility services are available to all Iowans.

Vision: The Iowa Utilities Board is valued as the regulatory expert and solutions-oriented partner in electric, natural gas, and telecommunications issues.



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Iowa Utilities Board

The IUB is a quasi-judicial body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented. The IUB is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.

Gerri Huser, Chair

Libby Jacobs, Board Member

Nick Wagner, Board Member



IUB Regulation

	Permitting/ Franchising	Siting/Physical Construction	Rates	Inspection	Service	Disconnection
Electric	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interstate Natural Gas	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Intrastate Natural Gas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hazardous Liquid	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Board does not regulate		Board regulates with limited capacity			Board Regulates

Customer Service

- 6,461 customer-initiated contacts in 2015
 - Includes 620 written complaints, whether filed online, by email, or postal mail
- Customer Service can help with
 - Utility billing disputes
 - Slamming and cramming; call completion issues
 - Nonpayment of bills and payment agreements
 - Utility disconnection
 - Winter moratorium and low-income home energy assistance (LIHEAP)

Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- Non-General Fund Dollars/Commerce Revolving Fund
- Direct Assessments - Utilities/parties are assessed for Board & staff time & costs incurred on dockets filed with the Board e.g. – Dakota Access
- Industry Specific Assessments - Industry is assessed for work done specific to electric, natural gas, or telecommunications based upon their Iowa revenues
- Remainder Assessment - All other Board costs are recovered by assessing all utilities based upon Iowa revenues

Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- Iowa Energy Center and Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research
 - Electric and Gas utilities are assessed 1/10th of 1% of Iowa revenues, per Iowa Code 476.10A
 - 85% to IEC/15% to CGRER
- Dual Party Relay Service
 - Wireless telecommunications providers pay 3 cents per Iowa number per month.
 - Remainder assessed to other telecommunications service providers per Iowa Code 477C.7



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FY 16 Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- IUB Discretionary Funds
 - **\$8.56 million** – Legislature authorized, assessed to utilities
 - \$0.99 million – other funding sources (shared accounting team, PHMSA grant, civil penalties, grants for AG)
 - Subtotal of \$9.55 million
- Pass Through
 - \$5.10 million – Energy Center and Iowa Center for Global Environmental Research
 - \$0.69 million – Dual Party Relay Service
 - \$0.58 million – Equipment Distribution Program
 - Subtotal of \$6.37 million
- IUB oversees total of \$15.93 million for FY16



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FY 16 Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- Of the discretionary \$9.55 million
 - Salaries and Benefits \$7,878,339
 - Debt Retirement \$ 709,500
 - DAS Estimate \$ 400,000
 - Pass Through Grants \$ 122,000
- Subtotal \$9,109,839
 - Other Costs \$ 447,567

Budget and Staffing FY 2009 – FY 2017

	Authorization (Millions)	Funded FTEs
FY 2009	\$7.79	71
FY 2010	\$7.79	70
FY 2011	\$8.17	68
FY 2012	\$8.17	68
FY 2013	\$8.17	66
FY 2014	\$8.17	65.5
FY 2015	\$8.33	67
FY 2016	\$8.56	70
FY 2017 Request	\$9.21	70.5

FY 2017 IUB Budget Request Details

- Last year Legislature authorized \$8,560,000
- \$250,000 for Board Room and Customer Service Remodel
- \$400,000 for Electronic Filing System
 - System is portal that all parties use to post filings
 - Since January 1, system down 11 times, 98 hours
 - Working with OCIO to upgrade system
- \$9,210,000 authorization request for next year

FY 2017 IUB Budget Request Details

- Retirements:
 - FY16 - 5 employees will have retired by 2-19-16
 - 7 more are eligible now
 - Nearly 20% of the total staff
 - FY17 - 3 more are eligible
- Rapidly increasing case load; more highly complex projects.

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