



Iowa Utilities Board

Administration & Regulation Budget Subcommittee

2018

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.

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

Nick Wagner, Board Member

Dick Lozier, Board Member

IUB Regulation

	Permitting/ Franchising	Siting/Physical Construction	Rates	Inspection	Service	Disconnection
Electric	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interstate Natural Gas	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Intrastate Natural Gas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hazardous Liquid	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Water, Storm Water, Sanitary Sewer	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Telecommunications	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗



**Board does
not regulate**



**Board regulates
with limited
capacity**



**Board
Regulates**

Customer Service

- 5,136 customer-initiated contacts in 2017
 - Includes 456 written complaints, whether filed online, by email, or postal mail
- Customer Service provides lowans assistance with
 - Utility billing disputes
 - 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
- Industry Specific Assessments - Industry is assessed for work done specific to electric, natural gas, water, or telecommunications based upon their Iowa revenues

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- Iowa Energy Center (IEC) at IEDA and Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research (CGRER)
 - 85% to IEC/15% to CGRER
 - \$4,233,903.17 to IEC and \$747,159.38 to CGRER for FY 18
- 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
 - Legislative proposal for all technology types to pay 3 cents

FY 18 Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- IUB Discretionary Funds
 - **\$9.04 million** – Legislature authorized, assessed to utilities
 - \$1.09 million – other funding sources (shared accounting team, PHMSA grant, civil penalties, grants for AG)
 - Subtotal of \$10.13 million
- Pass Through
 - \$5 million – Energy Center and Iowa Center for Global Environmental Research
 - \$0.66 million – Dual Party Relay Service
 - \$0.48 million – Equipment Distribution Program
 - Subtotal of \$6.14 million
- IUB oversees total of \$16.27 million for FY18

FY 18 Iowa Utilities Board Budget

- Of the \$10.13 million

– Salaries and Benefits	\$ 7,726,186
– Debt Retirement	\$ 712,500
– Transfer to Other	
State Agencies	\$ 908,779
– Pass Through Grants	\$ 122,000
– <u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$ 9,469,465</u>
– Other Costs	\$ 660,535

Budget and Staffing FY 2011 – FY 2019

	Authorization (Millions)	Funded FTEs
FY 2011	\$8.17	68.0
FY 2012	\$8.17	68.0
FY 2013	\$8.17	66.0
FY 2014	\$8.17	65.5
FY 2015	\$8.33	67.0
FY 2016	\$8.56	70.0
FY 2017	\$9.21	70.5
FY 2018	\$9.04	67.5
FY 2019 Request	\$8.56	67.5

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