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# **Iowa Utilities Commission Strategic Plan FY2025-FY2029**

## **Mission Statement**

The Iowa Utilities Commission regulates utilities, as established by law, to ensure that reasonably priced, reliable, environmentally responsible, and safe utility services are available to lowans.

#### **Vision Statement**

The Iowa Utilities Commission is engaged in continuous improvement activities in order to be a regulatory expert and solutions-oriented partner regarding current and emerging utility matters.

#### **Our Guiding Principles**

- Act with integrity
- Seek continuous improvement
- Encourage everyone to learn
- Value innovation
- Embrace ownership
- Practice open-communication and transparency
- Treat everyone with respect

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#### **Assessment**

- Strengths
  - Combination of Long-Term Employees with Expertise & New Employees with Fresh Perspective
  - Public Service Orientation Amongst Staff
  - Established Utility Framework in the State
  - Modern Facility in Which to Work
- Weaknesses
  - o Outdated Strategic Plan
  - Multiple Systems and Sources for Data
  - Balancing Judicial and Administrative Natures of the Agency
  - Potential for Differing Board Priorities
- Opportunities
  - Government Reorganization & Updating Iowa Energy Plan
  - Employee Training & Professional Development
  - o Relationships with Utilities and Connection to Other Public Utility Commissions
  - Promotion of Communication Across Agency
- Threats
  - o Private Sector Competition for Staff
  - o Bureaucratic Processes for Human Resources and Procurement
  - o Federal Involvement in State Decision Making Processes
  - Speed of Information Technology Advancement

## **Strategic Initiatives**

All IUC Strategic Initiatives relate to Governor's Priority #5: Holding Government Accountable

- 1. Deliver Exceptional Customer Experience
- 2. Build Employee Excellence
- 3. Pursue an Efficient and Effective Regulatory Environment

# Strategic Initiative #1: Deliver Exceptional Customer Experience

#### Goal 1 – Resolve inquiries courteously and promptly

Key Performance Indicator 1\* – Resolve complaints within 70 days

#### Goal 2 - Process invoices in a timely manner

- Key Performance Indicator 2\* Pay bills within 60 days of receipt
- Key Performance Indicator 3 Send all invoices within 30 days of end of billing period
- Key Performance Indicator 4 Check on late payments within 10 days of past due date

# Strategic Initiative #2: Build Employee Excellence

#### Goal 3 – Encourage employees to grow in their respective disciplines

Key Performance Indicator 5 - n/a at this time (to be developed as part of action steps)

## Goal 4 – Increase employee satisfaction

Key Performance Indicator 6 – Exceed state employee engagement survey average

# Strategic Initiative #3: Pursue an Efficient and Effective Regulatory Environment

## <u>Goal 5 – Decrease case processing time</u>

Key Performance Indicator 7 - n/a at this time (to be developed as part of action steps)

#### Goal 6 – Implement administrative rules review

Key Performance Indicator 8 – Review 20% administrative rules on annual basis

#### Goal 7 – Complete all scheduled natural gas inspections

Key Performance Indicator 9\* – Complete 100% of scheduled inspections

<sup>\*</sup>denotes reportable KPI to occur on regular basis