

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-2009-0002 (TF-2009-0048, TF-2009-0049, RN-2009-0003)
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE, AND SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL
CONSUMER COMMENT HEARING**

(Issued April 13, 2009)

On March 17, 2009, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed electric tariffs, identified as TF-2009-0048 and TF-2009-0049. In TF-2009-0049, IPL proposed a temporary annual increase in its Iowa retail electric revenue of approximately \$84 million, or 7 percent over current Iowa retail electric revenue. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(10), IPL implemented its proposed temporary rates ten days after its March 17, 2009, filing; the rates are subject to refund. In TF-2009-0048, IPL proposed a permanent annual increase in its Iowa retail electric revenue of approximately \$171 million, or about 16.6 percent over its current revenues.

The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice filed an objection and request for docketing on March 25, 2009. To allow the Board and other parties time to fully consider the proposed increase, the proposed permanent tariff (TF-2009-0048) will be docketed as a formal contested case proceeding,

identified as Docket No. RPU-2009-0002, and a procedural schedule will be established.

Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(16), the Board previously scheduled six consumer comment hearings in Docket No. RN-2009-0003; the hearing dates, times, and locations were included in customers' notice of proposed rate increase. The Board, based on written comments received, will schedule an additional comment hearing on May 14, 2009, in Nevada, Iowa, to provide an opportunity for IPL's customers to express their views regarding the pending rate case, as well as the general quality of service provided by IPL. However, persons with specific service complaints must follow the procedure prescribed in 199 IAC 6.2. Specific service complaints cannot be addressed at the consumer comment hearings. For convenience, the Board will include dates, times, and locations for all of the consumer comment hearings in this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL) proposed permanent electric tariffs filed on March 17, 2009. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-2009-0002, a formal contested case proceeding. Tariff filing TF-2009-0048 is suspended. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to IPL in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.

2. Consumer comment hearings shall be held at the following locations for the purpose of receiving public comments from the general public concerning the proposed rate increase:

- a. Tuesday, April 28, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Clarke High School Auditorium, 800 North Jackson, Osceola, Iowa.
- b. Thursday, April 30, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Kirkwood Training and Outreach Service Center (KTOS), 3375 Armar Drive, Marion, Iowa.
- c. Tuesday, May 12, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish Center, 415 11th Street, Fort Madison, Iowa.
- d. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Ottumwa High School Auditorium, 501 East Second Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- e. Thursday, May 14, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Gates Memorial Hall, South Room, 825 15th Street, Nevada, Iowa.
- f. Wednesday, May 20, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Muse-Norris Conference Center, Room 180D, North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC), 500 College Drive, Mason City, Iowa.
- g. Thursday, May 21, 2009, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Grand River Center, Meeting Rooms 2 and 3, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

3. The following procedural schedule is established:
 - a. The parties shall notify the Board prior to September 4, 2009, if they desire a prehearing conference.
 - b. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before July 17, 2009. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.
 - c. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, they may file rebuttal testimony on or before August 7, 2009.
 - d. IPL shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before August 21, 2009.
 - e. Consumer Advocate and any intervenor shall file rebuttal testimony on any of the issues raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party on or before September 9, 2009.
 - f. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before September 14, 2009.
 - g. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before September 18, 2009.

h. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on October 5, 2009, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board's Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 at least five days in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

i. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before November 6, 2009.

j. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before November 16, 2009.

4. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

5. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination which have not been previously filed shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file one copy of the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

6. In the absence of objection, when the Board has called for further evidence on any issue and the evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record will be reopened and the evidence will become part of the record five days after the evidence is filed with the Board. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than seven days after the close of the hearing in this proceeding.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of April, 2009.