

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

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DISTRIBUTED GENERATION	DOCKET NO. NOI-2014-0001

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF THE IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) order issued December 29, 2014 soliciting specific comments related to Distributed Generation in Docket NOI-2014-0001.

On June 25, 2014 IAMU provided a list of distributed generation facilities interconnected with municipal electric utilities. In its December 29th, 2014 order, the Board requested clarification whether any of the generation facilities included are independent power producers instead of distributed generation facilities as defined for the purposes of this NOI. In its May 12, 2014 order, the Board defined distributed generation as “[g]eneration fueled by renewable or fossil-fuel sources that is built in order to serve load located at or near the generator and capable of delivering power to a utility’s distribution system.” IAMU staff has reviewed the previously submitted list, and has identified ten generators that do not serve a load at or near the generator, and thus should not be considered distributed generation facilities for the purposes of this NOI. A revised list that separately shows the distributed generation facilities and the independent power producers is contained in Appendix A.

In addition, the nameplate capacity of two generators interconnected with the Amana Society Service Company has been revised. These revisions are noted in Appendix A.

IAMU included several terms and abbreviations of terms in the list of distributed generation facilities it supplied to the Iowa Utility Board on June 25, 2014 that may require clarification. Definitions of the terms are provided below:

“AEP” is the abbreviation of Alternate Energy Production facility. An Alternate Energy Production facility is defined by 199 IAC 15.1 to mean any of the following: (1) an electric production facility which derives 75% or more of its energy input from solar energy, wind, waste management, resource recover, refuse-derived fuel, agricultural crops or residues, or wood burning; (2) a hydroelectric facility at a dam; (3) land, systems, buildings, or improvements that are located at the project site and are necessary or convenient to the construction, completion, or operation of the facility; or (4) transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct the energy produced by the facility to the purchasing utility.

“QF” is the abbreviation of “Qualifying Facility”. “Qualifying Facility” means a cogeneration facility or a small power production facility which is a qualifying Facility under 18 CFR Part 292, Subpart B.

“Net-Metered” means that a single meter is used to monitor the net amount of electricity sold to or purchased from a customer with a distributed generation system installed. If, at the end of the billing period, the customer has a net purchase of electricity from the utility, the utility bills the customer for the electricity at the normal retail rate. If, at the end of the billing period, the customer has a net sale of electricity to the utility, the utility provides the customer with a credit for the electricity.

“Tariffed” means a published rate available to all customers of the utility with service meeting certain characteristics.

“Contracted” means a rate that is negotiated between the interconnecting utility and the owner of a DG facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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