

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY | DOCKET NO. EPB-2014-0150 |
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED DECEMBER 19, 2014**

(Issued December 23, 2014)

On December 19, 2014, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for confidentiality of certain information filed in response to the Board's December 3, 2014, order requiring additional information. Specifically, IPL sought confidential treatment of portions of pages 12, 15, 17, and 18 of its response, as well as Attachment A. The information for which confidentiality is sought includes market-sensitive information with respect to IPL's negotiating position and generation budget information relating to specific emissions control technologies and processes and specific information identifying IPL coal-fired generation plants procuring emissions technologies and processes. IPL supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit by a corporate officer. The material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately and marked confidential. IPL cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2013) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

IPL claims the information is a report to a governmental agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to § 22.7(6). IPL states that release of the information could increase the cost of procuring emissions control equipment, technologies, and processes by impacting the bid or procurement process and also harm its position in the competitive generation market, to the detriment of IPL's customers.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based on the affidavit supplied by IPL, release of such information would serve no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for confidentiality filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on December 19, 2014, is granted.

2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of December 2014.