

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EPB-2014-0150
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY  
FILED MARCH 31, 2015**

(Issued April 2, 2015)

On March 31, 2015, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for confidentiality of certain information contained in IPL's "Periodic Report of IPL's Emissions Plan and Budget," which was filed on March 31, 2015. The information for which confidentiality is sought is found on pages 12, 13, and Attachment A, and includes market-sensitive information with respect to IPL's negotiating position and cost 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 Iowa Code § 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 March 31, 2015, 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

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2015.