

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: DISTRIBUTED GENERATION	DOCKET NO. NOI-2014-0001
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ORDER SOLICITING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(Issued October 9, 2015)

On October 6, 2015, the Utilities Board (Board) staff conducted a workshop on one aspect of the distributed generation inquiry, proposed changes to 199 IAC 15 and 45 focusing on distributed generation interconnection requirements. Some of the proposed rule changes are a result of legislative changes in House File 548 related to disconnect switches. A draft of the proposed rule changes was provided to inquiry participants several weeks prior to the workshop. During discussions at the workshop, it was apparent that additional written comments would be required on several of the proposed rule changes and several participants asked for the opportunity to file additional comments.

The Board will solicit additional comments on the proposed rule changes. Comments may be on any of the proposed rule changes. The Board particularly invites comments on subjects discussed at the workshop, including, but not limited to, clarification of what “adjacent to the meter” means and what constitutes a permanent placard; whether disconnection should be a remedy for failure to place a placard (with or without notice); whether the definition of energy storage should be included in the definition of distributed generation and, if so, what are the parameters of the definition; whether interconnection review fees should be increased; the desirability of

including in the rules what specific information the customer will receive in the pre-application report and the optional supplemental review process; whether the no-construction screen should be removed in certain cases; how customer-specific information can be protected with the disclosure of load information; and what happens if a project fails a level (is the project deemed withdrawn, subject to reapplication, or rolled over to a higher level of review). Where possible, participants are asked to propose specific rule language.

Because of the breadth of the topics that are subject to comment, the Board will also provide an opportunity for reply comments. Initial comments are to be filed on or before November 6, 2015, and reply comments on or before December 1, 2015.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Initial written comments in response to topics discussed at the October 6, 2015, interconnection workshop, or comments on any other of the proposed changes to 199 IAC 15 and 45 may be filed on or before November 6, 2015. Reply comments may be filed on or before December 1, 2015.

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Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of October 2015.