

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES DIVISION**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 18, 2016  
9:00 A.M., HEARING ROOM, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Board Members Present: Chair Geri Huser, Libby Jacobs, and Nick Wagner.

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by Chair Huser.

Consent Agenda: The consent items were approved unanimously.

Years of Service: Awards were presented to Chancy Bittner (35 years).

Action Items:

1. E-22116 et al: ITC Midwest LLC. Motion directing staff to draft an order for the Board's consideration moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Moved by Board Member Wagner to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c) and (f). Seconded by Board Member Jacobs. Roll call vote, as required by Iowa Code § 21.5(2): Board Member Wagner voted aye, Board Member Jacobs voted aye, Chair Huser voted aye.
2. RMU-2016-0002: Review of Organizations and Operation Rules [199 Iowa Administrative Code 1]. Motion to issue an order requesting stakeholder comment on potential rule changes moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. RMU-2016-0003: Review of Electric Interconnection of Distributed Generation Facilities Rules [199 IAC 45]. Motion to issue an order requesting additional comments moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. RMU-2016-0009: Review of Iowa Electric Safety Code Rules [199 IAC 25]. The Board Members discussed an order to be drafted. Motion for staff to draft the order commencing rule making for the Board's consideration moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
5. SPU-2015-0039: Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy. Motion directing staff to work with the Board to complete the order providing notice of hearing, establishing a procedural schedule, and requiring additional information moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
6. Polk County No. CVCV052879 (EEP-2008-0003): Black Hills/Iowa Gas utility, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy. Moved by Board Member Wagner to take no action on this item during the meeting and to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c) and (f). Seconded by Board Member Jacobs. Roll call vote, as required by Iowa Code § 21.5(2): Board Member Wagner voted aye, Board Member Jacobs voted aye, Chair Huser voted aye.

Informational Items:

1. Judi Cooper presented the monthly financial report of the Iowa Utilities Board and the Relay Iowa and Equipment Distribution programs.
2. Cecil Wright provided an overview of the ongoing administrative rules review.

3. Amy Christensen presented a transition plan update regarding her December 29, 2016, retirement as the Board's Administrative Law Judge and Dual Party Relay Council representative and Chair.
4. Brenda Biddle and Judi Cooper discussed the Iowa Energy Center transfer of funds. Motion of the Board directing staff to forward the payments when they are received moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
5. Jane Whetstone provided a Customer Service Fall Meetings update.
6. Jane Whetstone and Cecil Wright discussed Alliant/IPL Information System complaints.
7. Jennifer Johnson discussed Docket No. RMU-2015-0002, Amendments to Telecommunications Service Regulations [199 IAC 22]. Chair Huser moved to return to open session following closed session deliberations in this docket. Board Member Wagner voted aye, Board Member Jacobs voted aye, Chair Huser voted aye. Another motion directed staff to prepare an order for Board review, consistent with its closed session deliberations, seconded, and passed unanimously.
8. David Lynch provided an update regarding Docket No. HLP-2014-0001, Dakota Access, LLC, and the associated judicial review proceedings.

No public comments were made and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: November 17, 2016, 9 a.m.

Recorded by Rob Hillesland.

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Approved at the November 17, 2016, Board meeting.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Geri D. Huser  
Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano  
Executive Secretary, Designee