

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WIND AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDITS	DOCKET NO. NOI-2015-0001
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued April 22, 2016)

On August 21, 2015, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an “Order Opening Inquiry and Soliciting Comments” regarding its wind energy and renewable energy tax credit rules located in 199 IAC 15.19, 15.20, and 15.21. After receiving participant comments the Board identified further issues that should be addressed in the notice of inquiry (NOI) and issued an Order Soliciting Additional Comments on November 3, 2015. The Board invited participants to comment on possible milestone requirements that a facility must achieve in order to receive a 12-month extension to its operational deadline, the facility ownership limits of Iowa Code § 476C.3(7), minimum progress requirements for initial eligibility, and other possible rule amendments.

The following parties filed comments in the NOI: Oneota Solar, LLC; Optimum Renewables, LLC; CGC Methane 1, LLC; Golden Renewable Energy, LLC; Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives; Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities; Interstate Power and Light Company; the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice; and the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Iowa

Environmental Council, Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association, and Winneshiek Energy District filed comments jointly.

The Board is conducting a comprehensive review of its administrative rules in accordance with Iowa Code § 17A.7(2). The comprehensive review will include a review of all of 199 IAC chapter 15, including subrules 15.19, 15.20, and 15.21. The comments filed in this NOI will be reviewed as part of the comprehensive review of chapter 15. Those who filed comments in the NOI will receive notice of proposed rule changes that arise from the comprehensive rule review. Because of the comprehensive review of the Board's chapter 15 rules, the Board has determined that this NOI should be closed.

ORDERING CLAUSE

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The notice of inquiry identified as Docket No. NOI-2015-0001 is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of April 2016.