

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. TF-2016-0321 TF-2016-0322
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFFS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION
AND SETTING DATES FOR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

(Issued September 27, 2016)

On July 19, 2016, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. NOI-2014-0001, directing Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) to file pilot net metering tariffs implementing temporary, yet specific, tariff changes that will be effective for a three-year study period. Specifically, the new tariffs were to 1) increase the net metering cap from 500 kW to 1 MW, up to 100 percent of a customer's load, 2) allow all customer classes to net meter to offset energy charges, and 3) provide an annual cash-out of excess credits at the utility's avoided cost rate with the cash-out to be split between the customer and the utilities' programs for customers in need.

On August 31, 2016, IPL filed its compliance tariff, referred to as IPL's Net Billing Pilot tariff and identified as TF-2016-0321. Also on August 31, IPL filed revisions to its Alternative Energy and Small Hydro Production tariff, which is identified as TF-2016-0322 and is related to the Net Billing Pilot tariff.

On September 9, 2016, Luther College filed comments regarding IPL's pilot net metering tariffs. Revised comments were filed by Luther College on September 12, 2016.

On September 20, 2016, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, and the Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC), Iowa Environmental Council (IEC), Sierra Club, Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association (ISETA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Vote Solar (collectively Environmental Commenters) filed comments objecting to IPL's proposed tariffs. OCA and the Environmental Commenters assert in their comments that the proposed tariffs are not consistent with the Board's intent to expand renewable distributed generation in Iowa.

The Board has considered the comments filed by Luther College, OCA, and the Environmental Commenters and finds that IPL's proposed tariffs should be docketed for further investigation. The Board would like to hear from any other interested persons regarding the proposed tariffs on or before October 21, 2016. IPL may file responses to all comments on or before November 18, 2016. Following the Board's review of any additional comments and IPL's responses, the Board will determine whether a procedural schedule should be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proposed Net Billing Pilot tariff, identified as TF-2016-0321, filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on August 31, 2016, is docketed for further investigation.
2. The proposed Alternative Energy and Small Hydro Production tariff, identified as TF-2016-0322, filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on August 31, 2016, is docketed for further investigation.
3. Any interested person may file comments regarding TF-2016-0321 and TF-2016-0322 on or before October 21, 2016.
4. Interstate Power and Light Company may file a response to all comments on or before November 18, 2016.

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 27th day of September 2016.