

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PURPA STANDARDS IN THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007	DOCKET NO. NOI-2008-0003
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ORDER CLOSING INQUIRY

(Issued July 17, 2015)

On December 5, 2008, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order initiating a notice of inquiry in response to the requirements of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Among the many provisions of this federal legislation are four new federal electric ratemaking standards added to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. Smart grid issues predominated the new ratemaking standards and since the inquiry was opened, two workshops have been held and written comments solicited on various smart grid issues.

On June 25, 2012, the Board issued a smart grid report that, among other things, contained an overview of current activity and technological advances on various smart grid projects Iowa utilities were undertaking. The order noted that the Board might solicit additional information in the future and on October 18, 2013, the Board issued an order requesting additional information on current smart grid issues. The Board noted in the order that it believed an update of utilities' activities and other participants' comments on current smart grid issues would be helpful so that all

participants and the Board have a common knowledge base to determine whether additional smart grid initiatives would provide value to utility customers.

MidAmerican Energy Company and Interstate Power and Light Company provided updates. The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities and the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives also provided updates on some of their members' activities.

All comments submitted are available through the Board's electronic filing system (EFS), <https://efs.iowa.gov>. The comments provide an overview of current activities related to smart grid deployment. A summary of the comments prepared by the Board's staff is also available through the EFS.

The Board thanks all participants for their interest, participation, and comments. The Board will continue to monitor future smart grid developments on an informal basis but the reasons for opening the inquiry have been addressed and information on smart grid developments nationally and locally has been provided by the various participants and is available through a central source, the EFS. Therefore, the Board will close the inquiry. If future industry developments point to the need for additional participant comments, the inquiry can be reopened or a new docket can be opened.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. NOI-2008-0003 is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of July 2015.