

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-2005-0015 (RPU-2014-0001, TF-2014-0003)
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

(Issued October 5, 2015)

On September 24, 2015, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an “Application for Confidential Treatment” of the information contained in Attachment A, Table 1, which is part of IPL’s second semi-annual project update report filed on September 24, 2015. The information for which confidential treatment is sought includes forward-looking cost projections related to IPL’s revenue requirement, such as projected capital expenditures and rate base. The request for confidential treatment was supported with an affidavit by a corporate officer and the material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately and marked confidential. IPL cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2015) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

IPL claims the information subject to the application for confidential treatment is a report to a governmental agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to § 22.7(6). IPL states release of the forward-looking cost projections could be used by IPL’s competitors to gain market-sensitive information, which could

harm IPL's position in the competitive generation market to the detriment of IPL's customers.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based upon the information supplied by IPL, release of such information serves no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Application for Confidential Treatment" filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on September 24, 2015, is granted.
2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)(b)(3).

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 5th day of October 2015.