

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-850
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued July 23, 2003)

On October 8, 2002, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline serving Muscatine, Iowa. The petition has been identified as Docket No. P-850. The petition is for an existing pipeline built in 1980 and 1982 for which a permit was never requested or granted. The pipeline consists of approximately 3.1 miles of eight-inch and 0.1 mile of four-inch diameter pipe with a maximum allowable operating pressure of 275 psig.

On February 5, 2003, Board staff filed an inspection report on the pipeline. By letters dated February 13, 2003, and June 2, 2003, Board staff informed IPL of several deficiencies and questions regarding the petition. IPL filed responses to the letters.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2003) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition and exhibits

substantially meet procedural requirements and will assign the petition to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and set a hearing date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-850 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of July, 2003.