

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  REVIEW OF CURRENT RATEMAKING PROCEDURES	DOCKET NO. NOI-03-2
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**ORDER SCHEDULING WORKSHOPS**

(Issued September 26, 2003)

On July 14, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order initiating this inquiry to comply with the requirements of the Acts of the 80<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2003 Session, Senate File 458, Section 150. Senate File 458 requires the Board to “initiate and coordinate a review of current ratemaking procedures to determine whether different procedures would be cost-effective and would result in rates that more accurately reflect a utility’s cost of providing service to its customers in Iowa.” On or before January 5, 2004, the Board must file a report with the General Assembly describing the results of its review.

On September 2, 2003, the Board issued an order establishing the ratemaking procedures to be considered in this inquiry and set dates for filing comments and reply comments. Comments have been filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Interstate Power and Light Company, Qwest Corporation, MidAmerican Energy Company, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, and Ag Processing Inc (Ag Processing). Ag Processing has been joined

in its comments by Alcoa Mill Products, Curries and Graham, Griffin Wheel Company, Hon Industries Inc., North Star Steel, Agri Industrial Plastics, Elkem Carbon, General Mills, IPSCO Steel Inc., Nestle Purina, Penford Products, Progressive Foundry, and Quaker Foods & Beverages. Reply comments are due October 3, 2003.

To ensure the Board has a complete understanding of the comments and positions of the participants concerning the proposed legislative changes to ratemaking procedures in this docket, the Board will schedule workshops to allow the Board staff and participants to discuss the proposed changes. The Board will schedule a general workshop to consider proposed changes to ratemaking procedures that affect all utilities and then separate workshops to discuss proposed changes to ratemaking procedures that affect only telecommunications utilities and the exemption of industry from energy efficiency costs and programs.

The Board has appointed Joan Conrad as Inquiry Manager for this inquiry. The Inquiry Manager will send a copy of an agenda and a summary of the comments and replies to the participants prior to the workshops. The agenda and summary will be available to any interested person upon request by contacting the Inquiry Manager at (515) 281-4874 or by email at [Joan.Conrad@iub.state.ia.us](mailto:Joan.Conrad@iub.state.ia.us).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Workshops are scheduled for November 7, 2003, to begin at 9 a.m. in Conference Rooms 3 and 4 located at the Board's offices at 350 Maple Street,

Des Moines, Iowa. Persons with disabilities who require assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

- a. A workshop for discussion of proposed changes to ratemaking procedures that affect all utilities is scheduled for 9 a.m.
- b. A separate workshop to discuss proposed changes to ratemaking procedures that affect only telecommunications utilities will begin immediately after the general workshop.
- c. A separate workshop to discuss the exemption of industry from energy efficiency programs and costs will begin immediately after the general workshop.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.