

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. RFU-03-6 PGA-03-54 (RPU-02-7)
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ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION TO REFUND PLAN

(Issued January 5, 2004)

On May 15, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a final decision and order in Docket No. RPU-02-7, a gas rate case involving Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL). Since the final rates approved by the Board produced less revenue than the interim rates approved by the Board, IPL was directed to file a plan to refund the difference to customers. The refund plan was identified as Docket No. RFU-03-6. On October 9, 2003, the Board issued an order approving a refund plan.

On December 1, 2003, IPL filed a pleading indicating that \$50,295 related to local option sales and school taxes had been excluded from the refund plan approved on October 9, 2003. The December 1, 2003, filing was identified as Docket No. PGA-03-54. IPL indicated that the \$50,295 was excluded because IPL's Customer Information System (CIS) was unable to readily provide the information to make the refund to individual customers.

IPL indicated that it will have to make significant modifications to the CIS to correct the problem and chose not to delay the refund for the small amount of money

involved. IPL refunded the \$50,295 through the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) factor for December 2003 rather than according to the approved refund plan. IPL stated in the pleading that it was not seeking Board approval of the modification to the refund plan at this time but will seek approval when it files the refund report.

The Board finds that the modification to the refund plan implemented by IPL is reasonable based upon the small amount of the refund and the fact that waiting on modifications to the CIS would unduly delay the majority of the refund. Information provided by IPL indicates that the \$50,295 will be spread among approximately 200 towns, so the result of this modification will be minimal. However, the Board does not consider it appropriate to wait until the refund report to approve the modification. If the Board rejected the modification, the Board would expect IPL to make the correction immediately and not wait until after the refund report. The Board will approve the modification to the refund plan in this order and IPL shall include the \$50,295 in the refund report.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The modification filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on December 1, 2003, to the refund plan in Docket No. RFU-03-6 is approved.

2. Interstate Power and Light Company shall include the refund of \$50,295 in the refund report to be filed in Docket No. RFU-03-6.

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 5th day of January, 2004.