

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RN-05-1
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ORDER APPROVING NON-STANDARD NOTICE

(Issued March 16, 2005)

On February 16, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) for approval of a non-standard notice pursuant to 199 IAC 7.4(1)"d"(1). IPL stated it was preparing to file a rate application under Iowa Code § 476.6 seeking a general increase in Iowa jurisdictional gas rates. Subparagraph 7.4(1)"d"(1) requires a company that proposes to increase rates or charges and that does not propose to use the standard notice found in 199 IAC 7.4(1)"c"(1) to obtain prior approval of the Board for the non-standard notice.

IPL states that it is asking to use a non-standard notice of the general increase in rates in order to address its WorryProof Bill customers and to use average data to determine average customer impacts, rather than median averages as required by paragraph 7.4(1)"c." The WorryProof Bill program gives customers a guaranteed bill amount. These customers will experience no adjustment in their bills in the 2005-2006 period as a result of the proposed general rate increase.

Thus, the standard notice form needs to be modified to provide correct information to these customers. The proposed non-standard notice will also indicate IPL's intent to implement temporary rates ten days after filing the general rate case

pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(10), rather than the longer period contemplated by the standard notice.

Board staff reviewed the non-standard notice and suggested certain revisions to IPL. On March 3, 2005, IPL filed a revised non-standard notice for Board approval. No objection to the notice has been filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice or any other person.

The Board will approve the non-standard notice for IPL with the revisions filed on March 3, 2005. The Board previously approved the use of average data from annual revenue reports rather than median averages in the last IPL general gas rate case, Docket No. RPU-02-7, and it is appropriate to inform WorryProof Bill customers that their rates for 2005-2006 will not be affected by any increase approved in the general rate case filing. Notice should also be given that temporary rates will be put into effect ten days after the filing of the general rate case. A non-standard notice is necessary to provide this information to customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The non-standard notice filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on February 16, 2005, as revised on March 3, 2005, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16th day of March, 2005.