

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. RPU-05-3 WRU-05-33-150 (TF-05-211, EEP-02-38)
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF, CONSOLIDATING DOCKETS, ESTABLISHING  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued July 29, 2005)

On June 30, 2005, Interstate Light and Power Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed electric tariff, identified as TF-05-211. The tariff represents proposed electric rate schedules and tariff changes that would consolidate tariff structures in IPL's four rate zones and take another step toward equalizing rates across those four zones. IPL states the proposed rate changes are designed to be revenue neutral.

In the Board's "Final Decision and Order" issued January 14, 2005, in Docket No. RPU-04-1 (Final Order), the Board directed IPL to make two rate filings on or before June 30, 2005. Ordering clause number 3 of the Final Order directed IPL to "file a proposal consolidating class rate structures and redefining customer classes." This filing has generally been referred to as tariff consolidation. Ordering clause number 4 directed IPL to begin making "annual, revenue-neutral equalization filings." These annual filings have generally been referred to as rate equalization.

On May 16, 2005, the Board issued an order granting IPL's motion to consolidate the tariff consolidation and the 2005 rate equalization step in one filing.

In granting the motion, the Board said that this would allow IPL to focus on its proposed end state that reflects the impacts of tariff consolidation and rate equalization. In addition, the Board said it did not make sense to increase a rate element in one proceeding and then decrease that same element in a separate, tandem proceeding. IPL's June 30, 2005, filing properly consolidates the two filings ordered by the Board in its Final Order.

IPL also separately filed proposed tariff changes on June 30, 2005, to implement a settlement approved by the Board on April 27, 2005, in its energy efficiency docket, Docket No. EEP-02-38. IPL filed corrections on July 13, 2005. The proposed tariff implements the first step of the plan to eliminate disparities in IPL's interruptible credits. Because the tariff changes relate to tariff pages filed in the tariff consolidation and rate equalization filing, the proposed tariff filed in Docket No. EEP-02-38 is also identified as TF-05-211. IPL asks that the tariff changes be approved simultaneously with tariff changes approved in the tariff consolidation and rate equalization docket.

IPL proposes the same effective date for all the proposed tariff changes. Therefore, the Board will, on its own motion, consolidate the Docket No. EEP-02-38 tariff filing with the tariff consolidation and rate equalization filing. By consolidating the filings, there should be no confusion with respect to the interruptible tariffs ultimately approved. If IPL has not done so, it shall provide copies of the rate case filing to all intervenors in Docket No. EEP-02-38.

The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an objection to IPL's rate case filing and a request for docketing on

July 20, 2005. To allow the Board and other parties time to fully consider the proposed increase, the tariffs will be docketed as a formal contested case proceeding, identified as Docket No. RPU-05-3, and a procedural schedule will be established.

IPL requests a waiver of 199 IAC 7.2(12), which provides that electronic files are to be filed in ASCII and Lotus 1-2-3 formats. IPL provides its files in Excel and Word. IPL also requests a waiver of 199 IAC 7.7(9)"e"(2) with respect to certain electronic workpapers filed by witness Vognsen. The subrule requires two hard copies of all workpapers be filed. IPL says Witness Vognsen's workpapers are voluminous and provide little useful information in hard-copy format. No objections to the waiver request were filed.

The Board will grant the waivers. Excel and Word are more widely used for these applications than the formats provided for in the rules. Granting the waiver provides information in a readily-available format to the Board and any intervenors. The Board will also waive the requirement for filing hard copies of Witness Vognsen's workpapers. It appears the workpapers will be of little or no value in hard-copy format. If those workpapers later become necessary in hard copy, the Board will require they be filed at that time. The standards for waivers contained in 199 IAC 1.3 have been satisfied.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of Interstate Power and Light Company's electric rate schedules and tariffs filed on June 30, 2005. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-05-3, a formal

contested case proceeding. Tariff filing TF-05-211 is suspended. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to IPL in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.

2. The tariff filing submitted by IPL on June 30, 2005, and corrected on July 13, 2005, in Docket No. EEP-02-38, is consolidated with the rate case proceeding and suspended.

3. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. The parties shall notify the Board prior to November 1, 2005, if they desire a prehearing conference.

b. Consumer Advocate and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before October 14, 2005. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

c. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, they may file rebuttal testimony on or before November 4, 2005.

d. IPL shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before November 18, 2005.

e. Consumer Advocate and any intervenor shall file rebuttal testimony on any of issues raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party, on or before December 9, 2005.

f. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before December 20, 2005.

g. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before December 20, 2005.

h. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on January 17, 2006, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board's Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring 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.

i. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before February 13, 2006.

j. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before February 27, 2006.

4. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

5. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination which have not been previously filed shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file an original and six copies of the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

6. In the absence of objection, when the Board has called for further evidence on any issue and the evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record will be reopened and the evidence will become part of the record five days after the evidence is filed with the Board. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than seven days after the close of the hearing in this proceeding.

7. The request for waiver of 199 IAC 7.2(12) is granted to the extent discussed in this order.

8. If it has not done so, IPL shall immediately provide copies of the rate case filing to intervenors in Docket No. EEP-02-38.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.