

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR WIND ENERGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDITS	DOCKET NO. RMU-05-8
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**ORDER ASSIGNING BOARD STAFF TO PRESIDE AT ORAL PRESENTATION**

(Issued September 6, 2005)

On June 20, 2005, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in this docket commencing a rule making to implement House File 882 and Senate File 390 (Iowa Code §§ 476B.5 and 476C.3). These statutes assign the Board the duty to determine whether a facility is eligible for state tax credits for wind energy and renewable energy. Concurrently with this rule making, the Board issued in Docket No. RMU-05-7 an order that adopted on an emergency basis the same rules that are being noticed in Docket No. RMU-05-8 for public comment.

The proposed rules and emergency rules have generated comment both at the Board and in other forums. An oral presentation on the noticed rules is scheduled for September 21, 2005, at 10 a.m. The Board will assign members of its staff to preside at the oral presentation. The Board believes that assigning staff to preside will encourage a full discussion of the legal and technical issues involved and allow Board staff to question the commenters based on their written or oral comments. In this more informal setting, Board staff may also explore with the

commenters alternatives not raised in the written comments. A thorough give-and-take discussion will assist the Board as it considers all the issues raised in the comments.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Utilities Board staff is assigned to preside at the oral presentation scheduled for September 21, 2005, at 10 a.m., in Docket No. RMU-05-8.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.