

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS LLC,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NOS. AEP-05-2 AEP-05-3 AEP-05-4</p>
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ORDER SETTING COMMENT TIME ON CONSOLIDATION

(Issued October 10, 2005)

On September 21, 2005, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order that, among other things, set a time for filing answers or responses in Docket Nos. AEP-05-2, AEP-05-3, and AEP-05-4. These dockets involve three petitions filed by Midwest Renewable Energy Projects LLC. Each petition asks the Board to determine rates to be paid by Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) to a different qualified facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

IPL filed answers to each of the petitions on September 30, 2005. In reviewing the petitions and the answers, it appears that common questions of fact and law may predominate and the Board will consider consolidating the three dockets, at least for purposes of the procedural schedule and hearing. However, before determining whether and to what extent consolidation is appropriate, the Board invites the parties

to submit comments or statements concerning consolidation. After reviewing the initial and reply filings, the Board will determine if, and to what extent, to consolidate the dockets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Parties may submit initial comments or statements regarding consolidation of Docket Nos. AEP-05-2, AEP-05-3, and AEP-05-4, on or before October 21, 2005.

2. Parties who submitted initial comments may file reply comments or statements on or before October 28, 2005.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of October, 2005.