

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-864
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued February 14, 2006)

On January 5, 2006, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow IPL to construct, maintain, and operate a natural gas pipeline in Story County, Iowa. The proposed pipeline consists of .3617 miles of 6-inch diameter steel pipeline and would provide natural gas service to the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa. The proposed pipeline is to operate at 720 psig (pounds per square in gauge).

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified IPL of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information in a letter dated January 11, 2006. On January 13, 2006, IPL filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. On February 1, 2006, Board staff filed a report addressing the petition and proposed route.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2005) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition, as revised, sufficiently meets the Board's filing requirements and the Board will assign Docket

No. P-864 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-864 is assigned to Amy Christensen as the presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.3.

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 14th day of February, 2006.