

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, n/k/a INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-517
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued March 28, 2006)

On October 17, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for an amendment to Permit No. 531 to allow IPL to construct, maintain, and operate an extension to the pipeline currently covered by the permit. The amendment has been identified as Docket No. P-517. The Board issued Permit No. 531 in 1962 for 27.1 miles of 6-inch and 2-inch diameter pipe to transport natural gas from a tap located on a Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America interstate pipeline to Conesville, Nichols, Lone Tree, Downey, and West Branch, Iowa.

On July 27, 1988, the Board issued Pipeline Renewal Permit No. R1061 in this docket, with an expiration date of September 6, 2012. The extension has already been constructed and consists of 0.29 miles of 2-inch diameter steel pipeline that provides natural gas to a regulator station on the south side of West Branch. IPL constructed the extension in 2004 and the extension has a maximum allowable operating pressure of 720 psig (pounds per square inch gauge).

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified IPL of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information in letters dated November 8, 2005, and February 2 and February 13, 2006. On January 9, February 7, and March 9, 2006, IPL filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. On March 14, 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, substantially meets the Board's filing requirements and the Board will assign Docket No. P-517 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-517 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

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of March, 2006.