

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS LLC,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. AEP-05-1</p>
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**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued June 29, 2006)

On June 12, 2006, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Order on Rehearing" in Docket No. AEP-05-1. In the order, the Board granted rehearing for the sole purpose of taking new evidence on Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL) Electric Generation Expansion Analysis System (EGEAS) analysis; IPL was directed to update its 80 MW EGEAS avoided cost analysis based on the same data inputs and assumptions used to generate its 2006 avoided cost report pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. The Board said it would allow other parties time for the limited purpose of reviewing the data inputs and assumptions of IPL's updated analysis.

The rehearing order also directed the three parties, IPL, Midwest Renewable Energy Projects LLC (Midwest Renewable), and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), to file a joint report on or before

June 27, 2006. The report was to indicate the approximate time frames necessary for IPL to complete the EGEAS analysis and Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate to complete their reviews of the updated analysis.

The parties filed the required report on June 27, 2006. The report indicates that IPL expects to file the required EGEAS analysis, including data inputs and assumptions, on July 11, 2006, but does not propose to file any written testimony at that time. Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate state their review of the updated analysis, including preparation of prefiled testimony addressing the analysis, should be completed by September 1, 2006. The parties ask that a schedule be set that would allow the proceeding to be concluded no later than December 15, 2006.

The Board will set a procedural schedule using the parties' joint report as a guide. Generally, the Board would expect IPL to file testimony with its EGEAS analysis. However, because it is an update only, the Board will set the schedule without requiring IPL to file accompanying prefiled testimony (IPL will have the option of filing such testimony). If prefiled testimony were required with the updated EGEAS analysis, the procedural schedule would be extended and it would not be possible to issue a decision by the date suggested in the report. While the Board will try to accommodate the parties' desired completion date, intervening events in this docket or other dockets with statutory deadlines may mean that the suggested completion date will be extended.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. IPL shall file its updated EGEAS analysis pursuant to the Board's June 12, 2006, order on rehearing, with all data inputs and assumptions, on or before July 11, 2006. IPL may also file prefiled testimony.

b. Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate shall file their initial direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 1, 2006. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

c. IPL shall file rebuttal testimony on or before September 22, 2006.

d. Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate shall file surrebuttal testimony on or before October 3, 2006.

e. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before October 12, 2006.

f. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before October 16, 2006.

g. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on October 31, 2006, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the 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.

h. The parties may file simultaneous briefs on or before

November 15, 2006.

2. 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.

3. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination that 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.

4. 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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.