

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INQUIRY INTO ADVANCED METERING AND TIME-BASED RATES	DOCKET NO. NOI-06-3
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

(Issued August 17, 2006)

On June 30, 2006, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Order Initiating Inquiry" to gather information regarding one of the standards found in Section 1252 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which added five new federal standards to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. The standard that is the subject of this inquiry is entitled "Time-Based Metering and Communications." The Board ordered two utility participants, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), to respond to a series of questions on or before September 15, 2006. The Board offered other inquiry participants the option of responding to some or all of the questions.

On August 14, 2006, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a motion to modify the response schedule. Consumer Advocate said it anticipates that its responses to some or all of the questions may be materially impacted by information supplied in the utilities' responses. Consumer Advocate asked that it and participants other than MidAmerican and IPL be given an additional two weeks to respond to the inquiry questions.

The Board will grant the extension. The Board wants inquiry participants to provide as much information as they can to assist the Board in its consideration of whether to adopt the federal advanced metering and time-based rates standard. In addition to granting the additional time to Consumer Advocate and inquiry participants other than IPL and MidAmerican, the Board will allow IPL and MidAmerican to file supplemental comments on or before September 29, 2006, if either utility believes there is a need to respond to comments filed by the other.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Consumer Advocate and inquiry participants other than Interstate Power and Light Company and MidAmerican Energy Company may file responses to some or all of the questions identified in the Board's June 30, 2006, "Order Initiating Inquiry," on or before September 29, 2006.
2. Interstate Power and Light Company and MidAmerican Energy Company may file supplemental comments on or before September 29, 2006, if either utility believes there is a need to respond to the initial comments filed by the other.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.