

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INQUIRY INTO PURPA INTERCONNECTION STANDARD	DOCKET NO. NOI-06-4
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

(Issued August 17, 2006)

On July 3, 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 (PURPA). The standard that is the subject of this inquiry pertains to interconnection of distributed generation facilities. Inquiry participants were given the opportunity to respond to a series of questions on or before September 29, 2006.

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 by utility participants. Consumer Advocate asked that it and other non-utility participants 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 PURPA interconnection standard. In addition to granting the additional time to Consumer Advocate and non-utility participants, the Board will allow utility participants to file supplemental comments on or before October 13, 2006, if one or more utilities believe there is a need to respond to comments filed by other utilities.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Consumer Advocate and non-utility inquiry participants may file responses to some or all of the questions identified in the Board's July 3, 2006, "Order Initiating Inquiry," on or before October 13, 2006.

2. Utility participants may file supplemental comments on or before October 13, 2006, if one or more utilities believe there is a need to respond to comments filed by other utilities on or before September 29, 2006.

**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.