

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="padding-left: 80px;">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 October 2, 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.

As directed in the rehearing order, the parties to the proceeding, IPL, Midwest Renewable Energy Projects LLC (Midwest Renewable), and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), filed a joint report on June 27, 2006, indicating the time frames necessary for IPL to complete the EGEAS analysis and Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate to complete their reviews of the updated analysis.

Based on the report, the Board issued a procedural schedule on June 29, 2006. After IPL filed its additional evidence pursuant to the procedural schedule on July 11, 2006, Midwest Renewable filed a motion to require submission of a more current EGEAS analysis than the one provided by IPL. The Board granted the motion, in part, and denied the motion, in part, in an order issued August 25, 2006.

On August 30, 2006, IPL, Midwest Renewable, and Consumer Advocate filed a joint motion to cancel the procedural schedule to allow the parties additional time to complete another EGEAS analysis as addressed in the Board's August 25, 2006, order. The parties said they would file a joint report on September 7, 2006, indicating the approximate time frame necessary to complete the analysis; the parties contemplated that the Board would set a new procedural schedule after reviewing the report.

On September 5, 2006, the Board issued an order canceling the procedural schedule. Reports were filed on September 7 and 18, 2006, indicating that the parties did not yet know the time frame necessary to complete the analysis because

of issues related to the data to be used. On September 27, 2006, the parties filed a report indicating that the EGEAS run based on Midwest Renewable's data could be completed by September 29, 2006. The parties requested that a new procedural schedule be set.

The Board will set a new procedural schedule based on the report, which contemplates that IPL will submit the EGEAS run to the other parties by September 29, 2006. Because IPL has already filed its updated EGEAS analysis, the new procedural schedule will begin with Midwest Renewable's and Consumer Advocate's direct testimony.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:
  - a. Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate shall file their initial direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before October 16, 2006. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.
  - b. IPL shall file rebuttal testimony on or before November 6, 2006.
  - c. Midwest Renewable and Consumer Advocate shall file surrebuttal testimony on or before November 16, 2006.
  - d. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before November 20, 2006.

e. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before November 20, 2006.

f. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on December 18, 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.

g. The parties may file simultaneous briefs on or before January 10, 2007.

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

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ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2006.