

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 style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. AEP-05-1</p>
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**ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
AND ADDRESSING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

(Issued December 7, 2006)

A hearing in Docket No. AEP-05-1 is scheduled for December 18, 2006. In preparation for hearing, the Utilities Board (Board) has a question that it believes cannot be answered unless it is asked before the hearing, because it requires another Electric Generation Expansion Analysis System (EGEAS) run to be performed by Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL). Rather than requiring that the EGEAS run be submitted on a late-filed basis, the Board will order the information filed now so that other parties may have an opportunity to review the new EGEAS run prior to the hearing. As soon as possible (but not later than December 13, 2006), IPL is to file an EGEAS run, based on the same inputs as its EGEAS run that resulted in IPL's avoided cost recommendation for Midwest Renewable Energy Projects LLC's

30 MW wind facility, except that the 150 MW wind placeholder representing the Endeavor contract is to be removed from the analysis. (Friedman Rebuttal, pp. 2-3). If this information cannot be filed on or before December 13, 2006, IPL shall notify the Board why the filing cannot be made by that date and when the information will be available.

Some information regarding costs and contract prices has been held confidential throughout this docket. The Board understands why various price and other inputs are confidential (as reflected in the various orders granting confidentiality) but does not understand why the results generated by the inputs (the dollar per MWh avoided cost results or recommendations provided by the parties) should be confidential. These numbers reflect the end results of various EGEAS or other analyses and, by themselves, do not seem to be the type of information typically held confidential. The Board notes that the avoided energy cost estimates in IPL's Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) report are public information.

Unless an objection is filed on or before December 13, 2006, the Board intends to treat the dollar per MWh avoided cost end result recommendations presented by the parties as public information. The underlying cost and other numbers that go into the analysis (as well as any confidential workpapers or exhibits) that have been previously held confidential will remain confidential; the only numbers that will be made public are the resulting dollar per MWh avoided cost recommendations or end results based on various EGEAS or other analysis.

In the event of an objection, any responses thereto are due on or before December 18, 2006. The Board wants to resolve this issue prior to the time for filing post-hearing briefs.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file the information identified in this order on or before December 13, 2006. If the information cannot be filed by that date, IPL is to file a report stating why the information cannot be filed and when it will be completed.

2. The information identified in the body of this order shall become public information, unless objection is filed on or before December 13, 2006. If any objection is filed, responses may be filed on or before December 18, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.