

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IN IOWA</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. NOI-07-2</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

(Issued July 11, 2007)

On June 19, 2007, the Utilities Board (Board), in accordance with statutory guidelines enacted in House File 918, issued an "Order Initiating Inquiry" to gather information regarding the status of energy efficiency programs in Iowa. Inquiry participants were required to respond to a set of information requests on or before July 27, 2007.

On July 3, 2007, the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) filed a motion to extend its time to reply to the Board's order. The IAMU stated that it submitted comments to the Board on the draft information requests and outlined a plan for jointly responding to the requests on behalf of the 136 municipal electric utilities and the 49 municipal gas utilities. The IAMU also stated that when the Board's information requests were issued, it notified Board staff about its concern that the July 27, 2007, deadline for submission of information was too short a time for the IAMU to gather information and conduct the required analysis for the municipal electric utilities and gas utilities.

In its motion, the IAMU requests a three-week extension of the filing deadline to August 17, 2007. IAMU also states that it would attempt to submit the information prior to that date.

The Board will grant the extension. The Board wants inquiry participants to answer all the information requests made by the Board in the inquiry. Granting this extension will assist the IAMU in its efforts to gather information for the municipal electric and gas utilities. Furthermore there are potential advantages to a joint filing over separate filings, including, but not limited to, personnel expertise of the IAMU, the submission of the information in a uniform format by the municipal electric and gas utilities through the IAMU, and the use of standard analytical methodologies in order to provide comparable responses among the municipal electric and gas utilities.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities may file responses to the information requests identified in the Board's June 19, 2007, "Order Initiating Inquiry" on or before August 17, 2007, on behalf of the 136 municipal electric and 49 municipal gas utilities.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.