

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-07-3 (TF-07-153)
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ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued September 25, 2007)

On August 30, 2007, Iowa-American Water Company (Iowa-American) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposal to increase its annual revenue requirement by approximately \$6.124 million, or 26.73 percent, over current water rates. Iowa-American also filed a proposed tariff, identified as TF-07-153, which would increase the annual revenue produced by water rates on a temporary basis by \$4,095,033, or 17.6 percent over current water rates. Iowa-American has two operating districts, the Clinton district and the Quad Cities district. To allow the Board time to fully consider the reasonableness of the rates that would result from the proposed increase, the proposed increase and tariff will be docketed as a formal proceeding, identified as Docket No. RPU-07-3, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476.

The Board will schedule consumer comment hearings by subsequent order. Pursuant to 199 IAC 26.9, the Board intends to schedule two consumer comment hearings, one in Davenport and one in Clinton.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. An investigation is instituted pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476 to determine the reasonableness of Iowa-American Water Company's proposed temporary and permanent rate increases. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-07-3, a formal contested case proceeding. Tariff filing TF-07-153 and any proposed permanent rate increase are suspended. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to Iowa-American in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.

2. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. The parties shall notify the Board prior to December 21, 2007, if they desire a prehearing conference.

b. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before January 18, 2008. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

c. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, they may file rebuttal testimony on or before February 1, 2008.

d. Iowa-American shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before February 29, 2008.

e. Consumer Advocate and any intervenor shall file rebuttal testimony on any of the issues raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party on or before March 14, 2008.

f. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before March 19, 2008.

g. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before March 21, 2008.

h. A hearing shall be held beginning at 10 a.m. on April 7, 2008, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities 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.

i. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before April 25, 2008.

j. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before May 5, 2008.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of September, 2007.