

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. GCU-07-1
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued October 1, 2007)

On September 21, 2007, Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Farmers Union, Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Iowa Renewable Energy Association (the Coalition) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) to intervene in Docket No. GCU-07-1. This docket involves Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL) application for a generating facility certificate filed pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 476A, which would authorize the construction and operation of a 630 MW¹ coal-fired electric generating unit to be called the Sutherland Generating Station Unit Number 4 in Marshalltown, Iowa. No objections to the petition have been filed.

In support of its petition to intervene, the Coalition stated it is a coalition of energy, environment, and public health advocacy organizations that have an interest in the energy portfolio held by Iowa's investor-owned utilities. Specifically, the Coalition stated that it is concerned with the environmental and public health impacts

¹ The alleged capacity is questioned by Petitioners.

of the proposal and is able to bring unique expertise to bear in its testimony and briefs. Furthermore, the Coalition stated that it seeks intervention to preserve the right to participate as a full party to this proceeding in compliance with 199 IAC 7.13, and although Consumer Advocate is charged with representing the public generally in this proceeding, the Coalition's interests are separate and distinct from the broad interests represented by Consumer Advocate. The Coalition further stated that intervention is the only means by which the Coalition's unique interest can be protected and that it intends to submit prepared testimony and exhibits, and participate in hearings before the Board, including the cross-examination of expert witnesses. The Coalition also listed seven issues that its testimony will address.

The Board will grant the petition to intervene. The Board understands that the various entities intend to participate as a single Coalition. On that basis, the Coalition of Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Farmers Union, Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Iowa Renewable Energy Association has alleged a unique interest in this proceeding that is not currently represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by the Coalition of: Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Farmers Union, Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Iowa Renewable Energy Association on September 21, 2007, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 1st day of October, 2007.