

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RN-08-4 (RPU-05-3, RPU-06-1, RPU-07-4)
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**ORDER APPROVING CUSTOMER NOTICE**

(Issued June 24, 2008)

On May 27, 2008, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for approval of a proposed rate notification pursuant to 199 IAC 26.5(1)"d"(1), which requires that nonstandard notices be approved by the Board if they do not contain substantially the same information as the standard notice. The rate notice relates to the fourth-step revenue-neutral rate equalization and tariff consolidation filing IPL will make on or about September 8, 2008. No objections to IPL's proposed rate notification were filed.

In its order on rehearing in Docket No. RPU-05-3, IPL's tariff consolidation and first-step equalization case, the Board indicated it would require a customer notice be given of the other rate equalization steps as a matter of public policy, but said the notice may not need to be the same for all customer classes or all pricing zones. The Board said that IPL could ask the Board to consider alternatives to the standard notice for some customers or customer classes. Interstate Power and Light Company, Docket No. RPU-05-3 (TF-05-211, EEP-02-38), "Order on Rehearing" (6/7/2006), pp. 5-7.

While the proposed notice differs somewhat from the standard notice in the Board's rules, it is consistent with the notices used in the first, second, and third steps

of the rate equalization process (Docket Nos. RPU-05-3, RPU-06-1, and RPU-07-4). Also, because not all customers will experience a rate increase, IPL proposes to use "Notice of Proposed Rate Changes" rather than the standard "Notice of Proposed Rate Increase" on the outside envelope. Because the rates for the large general service and lighting classes are now equalized, IPL proposes to exclude those classes from receiving a notice. IPL states that customers will receive the notice via bill insert during the August 2008 billing cycle.

The changes to the standard notice proposed by IPL provide a more accurate representation of the impending filing and the projected impacts on customers and will be approved. The Board will also approve the method of delivering the notice. A bill insert is appropriate for customers because in prior dockets they received by mail notice of the target rate design for their respective classes. Using a bill insert will reduce the cost of the notice.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The proposed rate case notice form filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on May 27, 2008, is approved, including the manner and timing of delivering notice.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.