

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-770
---	------------------

ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued August 5, 2008)

On December 19, 2007, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for amendment of Pipeline Permit No. 1070 related to the Northrup King Lateral in Muscatine and Johnson Counties, Iowa. In the petition, IPL requests the Board authorize an increase in the maximum operating pressure of the Northrup King Lateral from 235 psig (pounds per square inch gauge) to 275 psig. IPL states that an increase in operating pressure is necessary to have sufficient capacity to serve the increase in load requested by IPL's customer, Syngenta Property (Syngenta). Syngenta is a large producer of agricultural products and is proposing to expand its Lone Tree facility to allow for additional corn drying capacity.

Board staff reviewed the petition and by letters dated April 16, 2008, and May 29, 2008, notified IPL of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information. On May 15, 2008, and June 6, 2008, IPL filed revisions to the petition exhibits and provided additional information. On May 29, 2008, Board staff filed a safety inspection report and, on July 14, 2008, Board staff filed a route inspection

report and a report concerning the petition. In the report concerning the petition, Board staff requests that IPL respond to certain questions or provide additional information on several issues in prefiled testimony.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2007) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition, as revised, substantially meets the filing requirements for the Board to proceed to a hearing of this matter. The Board will assign the petition in Docket No. P-770 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing that addresses the issues raised in Board staff's July 14, 2008, report, as well as other statutory and factual issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-770 is assigned to Amy Christensen as the presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.3.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5th day of August, 2008.