

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY (f/k/a AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS)</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. RPU-08-3</p>
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION OUT OF TIME

(Issued August 21, 2008)

On June 2, 2008, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, n/k/a Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Energy), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed gas tariff pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476 (2007) designed to increase Iowa gas rates to produce a permanent annual revenue increase of approximately \$13,560,000, or an overall annual revenue increase of 7.63 percent. On June 30, 2008, the Board issued an order docketing the proposed tariff and establishing a procedural schedule and a hearing date in Docket No. RPU-08-3 to consider the proposed general rate increase.

On August 8, 2008, Intestate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed an application to intervene out of time in this proceeding. IPL states that it is a regulated natural gas utility and it has an interest in the regulatory policies that may be considered in this docket, such as the Black Hills Energy proposals to use hinge-fit weather normals, a capital additions tracker, and other issues. IPL states that the

Board's decision on these issues in the Black Hills Energy rate case could be considered precedent for other utilities and IPL is requesting intervention to participate in the development of regulatory policy regarding these proposals.

The Board will grant IPL's application to intervene out of time. The intervention will not prejudice any party since the Board, by order issued August 12, 2008, extended the procedural schedule by three months. In addition, no objections have been filed to the application and IPL has met the requirements of the Board's rules related to intervention in 199 IAC 7.13.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The application to intervene filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on August 8, 2008, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of August, 2008.