

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. WRU-08-24-150
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued August 21, 2008)

On June 25, 2008, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of 199 IAC 20.3(1) to the extent necessary to implement IPL's Standby and Supplementary Service (Rider SSPS) tariff. IPL filed a corrected page 3 on June 27, 2008, to change an incorrect rule reference in the original filing. On August 6, 2008, IPL filed supplemental information in support of the waiver. No objections to the request for waiver were filed.

If granted, the waiver would allow customer-owned metering on customer-owned generation on the customer's side of the point-of-delivery, provided there is also an IPL-owned meter at the point of delivery. Rule 199 IAC 20.3(1) provides:

Disposition of Electricity. The meter and associated instrument transformers shall be owned by the utility. The wiring between the instrument transformers and the meter shall be owned or controlled by the utility. The utility shall place a visible seal on all meters in customer use, such that the seal must be broken to gain entry.

Rider SSPS, which was approved on September 27, 2007, in TF-06-336, provides, in part, that the customer may own the metering equipment on the

customer's side of the point of delivery. In support of the waiver request, IPL states that allowing customers to own the metering on their generation eliminates possible issues that may arise in the event IPL's metering on customer-owned generation could somehow trip the customer's generator off line and cause economic harm to the customer. IPL points out that it will continue to own the metering at the point of delivery where the customer's equipment interconnects to the IPL system, meaning that metering owned by IPL will continue to measure all power flows into the customer's facilities. IPL states that metering of customer-owned generation is necessary to measure generator performance. For example, IPL notes that power flowing through IPL metering will be for the total facility, but IPL cannot ascertain whether the power is for supplementary service or standby service without simultaneously measuring the output of the customer-owned generation. IPL states that customer-owned metering will be consistent with IPL's specifications and meet the applicable metering standards of 199 IAC 20.6(1) through (7). IPL finally states it will be able to query the customer-owned meter via a dedicated phone line and its personnel will have access to the customer-owned metering equipment.

The Board will grant the waiver. The waiver request is applicable to IPL's customers who generate their own electricity but supplement that generation with purchases from IPL. These customers also have standby service under Rider SSPS when their own generation is not being used. IPL's rate for standby service is different than that for supplemental service; the waiver will allow IPL's system to

obtain signals from customer-owned metering to identify the type of service the customer is receiving at any particular time.

Requiring IPL to own the metering for customer-owned generation could pose an undue hardship on IPL's other customers in the event IPL-owned meters trip a customer's generation off line. The provisions of the Board's rule on customer-owned metering are not specifically mandated by statute. The waiver does not prejudice the rights of any person and the public health, safety, and welfare are not impacted. The waiver requirements of 199 IAC 1.3 are satisfied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for waiver filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on June 25, 2008, as corrected on June 27, 2008, and supplemented on August 6, 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.