

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY | DOCKET NO. RPU-08-1 |
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION, MODIFYING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE, AND SHORTENING RESPONSE TIMES**

(Issued September 3, 2008)

On September 2, 2008, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for extension of time to respond to the Board's request for additional information issued August 26, 2008. IPL requested an extension until September 12, 2008. IPL said it recognized that the request might mean the hearing currently scheduled for September 15, 2008, would be rescheduled, but asked that the hearing be held as expeditiously as possible.

The Board's staff initiated a telephone conference call regarding the motion on September 2, 2008. IPL, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), the Iowa Consumers Coalition, and Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Environmental Council, Iowa Farmers Union, Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Iowa Renewable Energy Association (Coalition), participated. The Board did not participate in the call.

All parties acknowledged that the hearing would need to be continued to accommodate IPL's request for additional time, although there was disagreement on

the length of continuance required. In a prior order, the parties were advised to save the week beginning October 6 as an alternative hearing date in the event significant new issues were raised in rebuttal. That hearing week is still available. The Coalition asked that the week of October 6 be kept available but that no hearing date be set until IPL filed the information on September 12; the Coalition thought it likely that the Coalition would require more time to review and respond to the information such that the October 6 hearing date would be unworkable. While it is difficult to determine now whether an October 6 hearing date provides sufficient time to review and respond to the new information (since it is unknown at this time whether the new information will significantly impact any of the issues in the case), this case should be brought to conclusion as quickly as possible and will therefore reschedule the hearing to commence October 6, 2008. The Board notes that an October 6 hearing date gives the parties more time to review the information prior to hearing than they would have had if IPL had been able to file the information on September 2, which is only 13 days before the previously scheduled September 15, 2008, hearing date.

The briefing schedule will be adjusted to reflect the new hearing date.

If after IPL's filing on September 12 one or more parties believe the October 6 hearing date should be changed, the Board will consider and rule on any motions for continuance as expeditiously as possible. The Board will shorten the response time to any motions for continuance to three days from the date the motion is filed. 199 IAC 7.12.

In order to facilitate having the case ready for an October 6 hearing date, the Board will shorten the time to respond to discovery requests from seven calendar days to four calendar days, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.15(2). Because IPL has asked that the hearing be held as quickly as possible, the Board expects IPL to respond to most requests in less than four calendar days. The Board will also allow parties an opportunity to file testimony or information in response to IPL's filing and understands that if the hearing takes place on October 6, there might be some additional oral direct testimony from the parties, limited to issues raised by the September 12 filing. However, the Board expects any such testimony to be limited. The parties will be required to file their responsive testimony or information on or before the September 29, 2008, deadline set in this order so that other parties, and the Board, will have an opportunity to review it prior to hearing.

After the week of October 6, the next available full week on the Board's hearing calendar at this time is the week of January 12, 2009. While this could change if there are settlements or continuances in some of the pending dockets, the Board does not anticipate that a full week would be available for this proceeding under any circumstances until December. To maintain the October 6 date, IPL will be expected to file full and complete responses to the Board's order, along with supporting information and documentation, so that the parties do not have to engage in extensive discovery and the Board does not have to issue follow-up requests for information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Request for Extension to File Additional Information" filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on September 2, 2008, is granted. The additional information shall be filed on or before September 12, 2008.

2. The procedural schedule established by Board order issued May 2, 2008, is modified as follows:

a. Consumer Advocate and any intervenors shall file prepared testimony or other information in response to IPL's September 12, 2008, filing, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 29, 2008. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

b. A hearing shall be held beginning on October 6, 2008, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319-0069. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

c. All parties may file initial briefs on or before October 28, 2008.

d. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before November 7, 2008.

3. All other aspects of the procedural schedule issued on May 2, 2008, remain unchanged.

4. The time for response to discovery requests is reduced to four calendar days pursuant to 199 IAC 7.15(2).

5. The time for response to any motions for continuance is reduced to three days pursuant to 199 IAC 7.12.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of September, 2008.