

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: ELECTRONIC FILING | DOCKET NO. RMU-08-2 (NOI-05-1) |
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**ORDER SPECIFYING JANUARY 2, 2009, AS THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENT**

(Issued December 30, 2008)

The Utilities Board (Board) adopted an electronic filing requirement in Docket No. RMU-08-2. Board rule 14.2 provides that the Board will announce on its Web site the effective date of the requirement. As of the effective date, all documents filed with the Board must be filed electronically through the Board's electronic filing system (EFS), unless an exception applies. Rule 14.4 identifies six exceptions, including filings made in proceedings initiated before the effective date of the electronic filing requirement. **Thus, this requirement will apply to new dockets only.**

The history of the Board's electronic filing initiative is documented on the Board's Web site at the Docket No. NOI-05-1 page. Based on the results of testing of the EFS, the Board has determined that the electronic filing requirement shall go into effect on January 2, 2009. As of that date, all documents filed with the Board must be electronically filed, unless an exception in rule 14.4 applies, or unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Based on questions from stakeholders, the Board offers the following clarification about the application of the electronic filing requirement to two specific types of documents. First, documents associated with the Board's assessment

process (including dual party relay assessment reports from wireless communications service providers submitted pursuant to Iowa Code § 477C.7) are to be submitted on paper until the Board orders otherwise. These types of documents, which are sent directly to the Board's accounting staff, will not be filed and stored electronically at this time.

Second, applications for certification of eligibility for wind or renewable energy tax credits under Iowa Code chapters 476B or 476C (rule 15.18 or 15.19) should be filed electronically. However, annual applications for tax credit certificates under chapters 476B or 476C (rule 15.20 or 15.21) should be submitted on paper.

Because the Board forwards the applications for tax credit certificates to the Iowa Department of Revenue, these filings will not be stored in the Board's EFS, and so should not be submitted electronically. The Board will identify these and other filings which should continue to be made on paper in a list posted on the Board's Web site.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Pursuant to 199 IAC 14.2, the effective date of the electronic filing requirement is January 2, 2009.

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 30th day of December, 2008.