IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD

A meeting was held on February 18, 2016, commencing at 9:03 a.m. in the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) Hearing Room, 1375 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Board Members attending were Chair Geri Huser and Libby Jacobs.

The Board recognized retiring Board staff members Parveen Baig, Lorraine Crecelius, and Jeff O'Neal. Board Chair Huser asked if there was any discussion on the consent items, including the previous month's meeting minutes, and being none, the Board unanimously approved the January 19, 2016, meeting minutes as well as all other consent items.

Deputy Executive Secretary Judi Cooper provided the monthly financial report. Board Administrative Law Judge Amy Christensen presented information to the Board about the United States Supreme Court stay of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan rules regulating carbon dioxide from existing power plants as well as the death of Justice Scalia and she discussed the related Iowa 111(d) Stakeholder Process going forward. Brenda Biddle and Jennifer Johnson presented information on municipal (EEP-2009-0001) and cooperative (EEP-2009-0002) utilities' 2010 through 2014 energy efficiency plan results. Biddle also updated the Board on the distributed generation notice of inquiry (NOI-2014-0001). Chair Geri Huser and Board Member Libby Jacobs both stated they would like this NOI docket to progress to completion quickly.

Safety and Engineering Section Manager Don Stursma updated the Board on the Annual Progress Report to the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Kim Colberg provided a presentation about the Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Colberg announced he would be retiring from Linn County REC on March 4, 2016. Colberg introduced Terry Sullivan who will be the new Linn County General Manager and Chief Operating Officer (CEO).

MidAmerican Energy Company CEO Bill Fehrman and Director of Regulatory Strategic Analysis Chuck Rea presented information to the Board on the utility's alternative method rate design analysis for its customer distributed generation. Consumer Advocate Mark Schuling stated to the Board that the Office of Consumer Advocate would like there to be collaboration between the parties in the Board's distributed generation notice of inquiry docket (NOI-2014-0001) prior to any particular utility rate design proposals being submitted to the Board.

Jerald Schnoor and Greg Carmichael of the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research made a presentation to the Board about its operations and programs and how funds from Iowa utility ratepayers are used. Chair Huser and Board Member Jacobs each asked and there was discussion about how Iowa's utility ratepayers benefitted from $770,000 they contributed to the center last year.

Dr. Mark Petri and Sarah Nusser discussed Iowa Energy Center programs, funding, and activities in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, bioenergy, and education as well as its use of funds from Iowa utility ratepayers. Consumer Advocate Mark Schuling stated that the center's use of utility customer funds for its grants and programs should always be open and transparent and decided in a public venue. He stated the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Board, and the Iowa Energy Center should be able to work collaboratively to address this concern.

In public comments, Brad Duggan, owner and Renewable Energy Project Manager of Van Meter Inc., and a representative of the Iowa Solar Trade Association, stated that the integration of customer generated renewable energy is an important issue and, due to such small penetration numbers in

Iowa to date, the Board should not make any quick decisions regarding utility rate design related to distributed generation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. Recorded by Rob Hillesland.

Approved at the March 15, 2016, Board meeting.

UTILITIES BOARD

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary, Designee