

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
9:00 A.M., HEARING ROOM, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Board Members Present: Chair Geri Huser, Libby Jacobs, and Nick Wagner.

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by Chair Huser.

Consent Agenda: The consent items were approved unanimously.

Years of Service: Awards were presented to Jennifer Johnson (15 years), Mack Thompson (5 years), and Cynthia Funcheon (5 years) by Chief Operating Officer Cecil Wright.

Action Items:

1. RFP-2016-0001, Dual Party Relay Council. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Dual Party Relay Council to contract with Hamilton Relay, Inc., for Iowa Telecommunications Relay and Captioned Telephone Relay Services moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. P-0891, Interstate Power and Light Company. Motion to issue an order granting an extension of construction period moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. FCU-2015-0008 and WRU-2015-0035-0272, Office of Consumer Advocate v. CenturyLink Communications, LLC. The Board Members discussed the proposed draft orders prepared by staff and requested changes relating to the response to be required from CenturyLink and the need to reflect substantive rulings in the ordering clauses. Motion to direct staff to prepare a revised draft order for the Board's consideration with changes that are consistent with the Board's discussions moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. SPU-2015-0028, Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy. The Board Members discussed a proposed draft order and requested changes to eliminate the discussion of the Board's jurisdiction over the proposal. Motion to direct staff to prepare a revised draft order for the Board's consideration with changes that are consistent with the Board's discussions moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
5. AEP-2016-0052, Perry Wind 1 LLC. Motion to issue an order granting a request for confidential treatment moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
6. AEP-2016-0053, Perry Wind 2 LLC. Motion to issue an order granting a request for confidential treatment moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
7. AEP-2016-0054, Perry Wind 3 LLC. Motion to issue an order granting a request for confidential treatment moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
8. E-22215, Central Iowa Power Cooperative. Motion to issue an order granting an extension of Electric Franchise No. F-18119 moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
9. HLP-2014-0001, Dakota Access, LLC. Motion to issue an order denying the request for appointment of a public liaison officer moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Informational Items:

1. Cecil Wright provided a review of the Board's ongoing review of all of its administrative rules.

2. Mary Whitman provided a review of a revised software maintenance and technical support agreement for the electronic filing system.
3. Cecil Wright provided a review of the new procedure for assigning Board representatives to informational meetings for electric transmission line franchise and pipeline permit proceedings.
4. Cynthia Munyon provided a review of a memorandum of agreement involving Common Ground Iowa.
5. David Lynch provided an update regarding Docket No. HLP-2014-0001, Dakota Access, LLC, and the associated judicial review proceedings.

Presentations: Tracy Peterson, Vice President of Iowa Natural Gas Operations for Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, gave a presentation about Docket No. SPU-2016-0039, regarding farm taps. Mark Schuling, Consumer Advocate, provided additional comments.

Deliberations: RMU-2015-0002, Amendments to Telecommunications Service Regulations [199 IAC 22]. Moved by Board Member Wagner to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c) and (f). Seconded by Board Member Jacobs. Roll call vote, as required by Iowa Code § 21.5(2):

Board Member Wagner voted aye.
Board Member Jacobs voted aye.
Chair Huser voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Next meeting: October 18, 2016, 9 a.m.

Recorded by David Lynch.

Approved at the October 18, 2016, Board meeting.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser
Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee