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Iowa Utilities Board denies request for stay in Dakota Access pipeline

(Des Moines) – The Iowa Utilities Board held a proceeding today regarding a motion for emergency stay of the Board’s March 10, 2016, “[Final Decision and Order](#)” that was filed with the Board on August 22, 2016, by petitioners concerning the Dakota Access pipeline, Docket HLP-2014-0001.

After hearing from the parties, the Board voted to deny the motion for stay pursuant to Board rule 7.28, which requires the Board to consider and balance four factors:

- The petitioners’ likelihood of success on the merits of their appeal;
- The degree to which the petitioners may suffer irreparable harm to the petitioners if the stay is denied;
- The degree to which the other parties may suffer substantial harm if the stay is granted; and
- The public interest

The Board voted in favor of an order allowing the temporary remedy, issued August 23, 2016, to continue in effect until 9 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 2016.

The Board directed general counsel to draft an order regarding today’s Board decision. The order is not final until it’s filed in the Board’s [Electronic Filing System](#).

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