

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 17, 2019
9 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2, 1375 EAST COURT AVENUE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Board Members Present: Geri Huser, Nick Wager, and Richard Lozier.

Call to Order: 8:30 a.m. by Chair Huser.

Status Conference

1. The Board held a status conference for Docket No. C-2018-0114. Mark Schuling from the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, was present, Bret Dublinski and Brant Leonard were present to represent Dakota Access, LLC, and John Murry and Wallace Taylor were present to represent Laverne Johnson.
2. Pursuant to the advice of General Counsel, Board Member Wagner moved to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c)(2016), seconded, and required roll call vote, Chair Huser and Board Member Wagner voted aye and passed with two votes. Board Member Lozier is recused and did not vote.

Consent Agenda: The consent items were approved unanimously.

Action Items:

1. C-2018-0436: Reed v. Interstate Power and Light Company. Board Member Wagner moved to approve Docket No. C-2018-0436, "Order Denying Request for Formal Proceeding," seconded, and approved unanimously.
2. E-22313: MidAmerican Energy Company. Board Member Lozier moved to approve Docket No. E-22313, "Order Setting Scheduling Conference," seconded, and passed with two votes. Board Chair Huser is recused.
3. E-22350: ITC Midwest LLC. Board Member Wagner moved to approve Docket No. E-22350, "Order Setting Scheduling Conference," seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. ETA-2018-0009: Independent Networks, L.C. d/b/a RingTel Communications. Board Member Wagner moved to approve Docket No. ETA-2018-0009, "Order Approving Amendment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Granting Waiver," seconded, and approved unanimously.
5. FCU-2018-0005: Erwin v. Clarke Electric Cooperative. Board Member Wagner moved to approve Docket No. FCU-2018-0005, "Order Denying Request for Formal Proceeding," seconded, and approved unanimously.

Informational Items:

1. Mack Thompson provided an update on personnel changes at the Board.
2. Matt Oetker gave an update of the administrative rules review.
3. Mack Thompson presented an overview of the monthly financials.

4. Cecil Wright gave an overview on the process to request a formal proceeding.
5. Cecil Wright described the process for the numbering system of new and extending franchises.
6. Louis Vander Streek provided an update on the telecommunications electronic mapping contract.
7. Cecil Wright gave an update on an open litigation with the Board.

Deliberations

1. GCU-2018-0001: Crystal Lake Wind, LLC. Pursuant to the advice of General Counsel, Board Chair Huser moved to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c)(2016), seconded, and required roll call vote, Chair Huser and Board Member Wagner voted aye and passed with two votes. Board Member Lozier is recused and did not vote.
2. GCU-2018-0002: Story Wind Energy, LLC. Pursuant to the advice of General Counsel, Board Member Wagner moved to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c)(2016), seconded, and required roll call vote, all Board Members voted aye, and passed unanimously.
3. GCU-2018-0003: FPL Energy Hancock County Wind, LLC. Pursuant to the advice of General Counsel, Board Member Wagner moved to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 21.5(1)(c)(2016), seconded, and required roll call vote, all Board Members voted aye, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Next meeting: February 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Recorded by: Bradley Nielsen.

Approved at the February 19, 2019, Iowa Utilities Board meeting.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Bradley Nielsen