

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Chair
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In the Matter of a Petition by Interstate Power
and Light Company for Authority to Increase
Electric Rates in Minnesota

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ORDER ACCEPTING COMPLIANCE
FILING, ACCEPTING AMENDED REFUND
PLAN, AND REQUIRING FURTHER
FILINGS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 2, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company made a compliance filing in this rate case, including revised rate schedules, revised terms and conditions of service, and a proposed plan for refunding the difference between amounts collected in interim rates and amounts authorized to be collected in final rates.

On August 12, 2004, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the Department) filed comments that recommended accepting the filing, with two additional reporting requirements, and approving the proposed interim rates refund plan. On August 16, the Company filed reply comments concurring in the Department's recommendations and agreeing to make the additional filings the Department recommended.

On August 20, 2004, the Company filed an amended refund plan, which reallocated the refund between customer classes in compliance with the statutory requirement that interim rates reflect the rate design in effect on the date the case was filed.¹

On September 9, 2004, the compliance filing and the amended refund plan came before the Commission.

¹ Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3 (b).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Company's compliance filing, with the two additional reporting requirements recommended by the Department, accurately reflects the terms of the Orders issued in this case and will effectively implement them. The Commission also finds that the Company's proposed interim rates refund plan, as amended, complies with statutory requirements.

The Commission will therefore accept the compliance filing, require the two additional filings recommended by the Department, and authorize the Company to implement its proposed interim rates refund plan, as amended.

The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. The Commission finds that the Company's August 2, 2004 compliance filing is in compliance with the Orders issued in this case and authorizes the Company to implement the proposals set forth in that filing.
2. The Commission accepts the Company's amended interim rates refund proposal and authorizes the Company to implement that proposal.
3. Within 30 days of completing the interim rates refund, the Company shall file an updated Conservation Improvement Program tracker, showing actual amounts booked for the months of July, August, and September 2004.
4. Within 30 days of completing the interim rates refund, the Company shall file an updated interim rates refund report, showing actual sales for all months during which interim rates were in effect, showing the Company's calculation of the amounts to be refunded, and showing the actual amounts refunded by customer class.
5. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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