

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Interstate)
Power and Light Company, f/k/a IES Utilities,)
Inc., and ITC Midwest LLC for Approval to)
Transfer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
and Transmission Line Facilities in Clark County,)
Missouri and Motion for Expedited Treatment.)

Case No. EO-2007-0485

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT
IN RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and, for its status report in response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing*, states:

1. In its June 19, 2007, *Order Directing Filing* the Commission stated the following:¹

On June 15, 2007, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), f/k/a IES Utilities, Inc., and ITC Midwest LLC (ITC) asked the Commission to transfer a certificate of convenience and necessity from IPL to ITC. The applicants ask that the Commission approve this application no later than September 1, 2007.²

The Commission will order its Staff to file either a Recommendation or a Status Report regarding when it believes it can file a Recommendation.

2. The Staff is currently reviewing and investigating matters related to the application in this case and anticipates filing a Staff recommendation regarding the application in this case on or before August 9, 2007. If events unfold where the Staff expects it will not be in a

¹ The Commission also issued notice of the joint application and set an intervention date. Because the joint application also seeks authority to transfer that part of a high-voltage transmission line IPL owns that is located in Missouri and interconnects with AmerenUE, but no notice was specifically directed to AmerenUE, on June 27, 2007, the undersigned attorney for Staff contacted in-house counsel for AmerenUE to assure that AmerenUE was aware of the pending application. Subsequently, AmerenUE filed to intervene in this case.

² The execution copy of the sales agreement that underlies the joint application is dated January 18, 2007; the joint applicants filed for approval by the Iowa Utilities Board on March 30, 2007; but the joint application in this case was not filed until June 15, 2007. The Iowa Utilities Board is required to make its decision by September 27, 2007.

position to file its recommendation by August 9, 2007, it will file an updated status report advising the Commission of a new by which it anticipates filing its recommendation.

3. Because Interstate Power and Light Company and ITC Midwest LLC have requested not only authority to transfer about 9.5 miles of high-voltage transmission line assets located in Clark County, Missouri from Interstate Power and Light Company to ITC Midwest LLC but also Interstate Power and Light Company's associated certificate of convenience and necessity, the Staff is reviewing not only the proposed transfer of assets but also ITC Midwest LLC qualifications as a new applicant for a certificate of convenience and necessity for operation and maintenance of the transmission line assets.

4. The Staff anticipates a Staff recommendation by August 9, 2007, will provide sufficient time for the Commission to issue an order on the merits of the application by September 1, 2007. Further, the Staff has learned the joint applicants filed for approval of the same underlying transaction by the Iowa Utilities Board on March 30, 2007, that case is contested, the Iowa Utilities Board is required to make its decision by September 27, 2007, and under the current procedural schedule and posture of that case, it is unlikely the Iowa Utilities Board will issue its decision much, if any, in advance of September 27, 2007.

WHEREFORE the Staff advises the Commission the Staff anticipates filing a Staff recommendation regarding the application in this case on or before August 9, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nathan Williams

Nathan Williams
Deputy General Counsel
Missouri Bar No. 35512

Attorney for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-8702 (Telephone)
(573) 751-9285 (Fax)
nathan.williams@psc.mo.gov

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 19th day of July, 2007.

/s/ Nathan Williams