

**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 SECOND STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO ORDER
DIRECTING FILING AND MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM FILING
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ON AUGUST 13, 2007**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and, for its second status report in response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* and its motion for relief from the obligation to file a procedural schedule on August 13, 2007, states:

1. In its July 19, 2007 Status Report made in response to the Commission's June 19, 2007, *Order Directing Filing* the Staff stated it would file an updated status report advising the Commission of a new date by which the Staff anticipates filing its recommendation if events unfolded where the Staff expects it will not be in a position to file its recommendation by August 9, 2007.

2. Such is now the case. The Staff received substantial additional information from the applicants on August 8, 2007. The Staff is currently reviewing that information. By the end of the week of August 13, 2007, the acquiring entity is providing the Staff with more information regarding the technical, managerial and financial capabilities of ITC Midwest LLC, the entity which is to acquire the length of transmission line in question and obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Commission. When it receives that information the Staff

will promptly review it. While it has not yet seen that information, given the information the Staff has seen regarding the parent of ITC Midwest LLC, the Staff anticipates the information it is to receive will not raise any issues that will cause this case to be contested.

3. The Staff will file its recommendation promptly after completing its review of the information it receives and the Staff anticipates that filing date will be sufficiently early for the Commission to issue an order on the merits of the application by September 1, 2007. Further, as it stated in its initial status report, 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.

4. During the prehearing conference held August 6, 2007, the parties discussed this case and none raised any issue it expects to be contested; therefore, the Staff requests the Commission relieve the parties from the obligation of filing a procedural schedule by August 13, 2007, the Commission imposed in its July 26, 2007, *Order Setting Prehearing Conference*.

WHEREFORE the Staff advises the Commission the Staff and other parties do not anticipate any contested issues in this case and that the Staff anticipates filing a Staff recommendation regarding the application in this case as early as August 17, 2007. The Staff requests the Commission relieve the parties from the obligation of filing a procedural schedule by August 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 9th day of August, 2007.

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