Minnesota Chamber of Commerce **Information Request**

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Date of Request: November 14, 2014

Docket Number:

E-001, E-115, E-140, E-105, E-139, E-124, E-126, E-145, E-132, E-114, E-6521, E-142, E-135/PA-14-322

Response Due: November 28, 2014

In the Matter of a Request for Approval of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Interstate Power and Light Company and Southern Minnesota Energy Cooperative

Requested From: Interstate Power &

Light and SMEC members

Analyst Requesting Information: Kavita Maini

If you feel your responses are trade secret or privileged, please indicate this on your response.

Request No. 14.

Please provide current unbundled rate \$/MW or MWh comparison for C&I customers for IPL and each member cooperative. E.g.:

For COOP cur	rent Rates	IPL	Benco	Brown	etc.
Base Rates*	Distribution				
Industrial	Generation and other			19-2-50	
Base Rates*	Distribution				
Commercial	Generation and other				
Base Rates*	Distribution				
TOD	Generation and other				
Fuel/purchas	ed power				
Environment	al Rider				

* please include for each rate class and tariff - We recognize that there are more columns and rows listed and each COOP will not have the same classes or rate tariffs - please indicate which classes will be eliminated and what the IPL customers will be moved to if there is no corresponding rate. Also expand the chart to include all IPL rate classes and Tariffs.

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Please provide **post-closing** unbundled rate \$/MW or MWh comparison for C&I customers for IPL and each member cooperative. E.g.:

For IPL customers post-close		IPL	Benco	Brown	etc.
Base Rates*	Distribution				
Industrial	Generation and other				
Base Rates*	Distribution				
Commercial	Generation and other		E.	No 4910	
Base Rates*	Distribution				
TOD	Generation and other				
Fuel/purchas	ed power				
Environment	al Rider				

Request No. 16.

Regarding response to MCC-8, please explain with quantitative analysis and relevant workpapers, how IPL rates for first three years, will be modified for IPL wholesale rate increases.

Request No. 17.

Please provide Burns & McDonald valuation and any other appraisal on equipment and real estate obtained by SMEC.

Request No. 18.

How is the purchase price and how are assets allocated to member cooperatives?

^{*} please include for each rate class and tariff - We recognize that there are more columns and rows listed and each COOP will not have the same classes or rate tariffs - please indicate which classes will be eliminated and what the IPL customers will be moved to if there is no corresponding rate. Also expand the chart to include all IPL rate classes and Tariffs.

Request No. 19.

Has SMEC obtained Wholesale power supply quotes from any other providers in the current market? If so please provide. If not, please provide analysis of comparable current wholesale power market prices.

Request No. 20.

For each member cooperative please verify ratepayers will have two rate books; one for IPL members and one for current member rates. Please identify the differences.

Request No. 21.

Regarding response to MCC-4, Please identify if IPL has additional wholesale customers that are not on RES-5 formula rate but rather on negotiated rates. If so, please provide the relevant contracts and detail on the pricing. Please also confirm that this is the rate SMEC will be on.

Request No. 22.

Please explain how the wholesale power supply rate costs will be classified and allocated to retail customers? Please use current wholesale rate to demonstrate this by customer class and cooperative. Will each cooperative pass through these charges with or without mark up? Please explain. Please also explain any differences in the method over time (eg. first three years and after).

Request No. 23.

Please more fully detail SMEC and SMEC member's commitment with respect to rate oversight and Commission authority over CCOSS and commitment not to merge rate classes if 5% apart. Please more fully explain the statements and provide examples in operation. Please explain 5% commitment in the event the new Coop does not have a class that IPL maintains (e.g.: some Coops do not have an Industrial class).

Request No. 24.

Please identify the number of commercial and number of industrial customers each Coop is being assigned.

Request No. 25.

Please identify tracking and SMEC utilization of PTC plan. Will SMEC PTC's be sold and how will benefits be allocated?

Request No. 26.

Please explain and track IPL's PUC limited costs, expenses or credits, including but not limited to Transmission, Duane Arnold, WWE, ATA, and others, as well as explain if treatment will change as a result of the transaction.

Request No. 27.

Please provide coop patronage distributions for past 5 years and projected for future five years for each SMEC member. Please provide patronage credits earned for the past 5 years for each member coop.

Request No. 28.

Please identify FEMA funds received by each member coop for past 10 years.

Request No. 29.

Do Coop laws permit board appointments by rate class? Please explain for each SMEC member.

Request No. 30.

Please explain any premium over book value, as part of the purchase price.

Request No. 31.

Please identify SMEC audit process for closing and post-closing balances. Identify audit company engaged by SMEC, if any.

Request No. 32.

Please provide Grant Dollars and other benefits that SMEC member cooperatives have delivered to their individual commercial and industrial ratepayers for past 5 years.

Request No. 33.

Please provide the rate structure of the current wholesale rate and the related unit energy and demand charges for IPL. Please also provide a five year history of these unit charges. Please also provide the relevant workpapers that show what costs are being recovered?

Request No. 34.

Please provide the IPL \$/KW-month transmission charges applicable to wholesale customers for the last five years and also provide the \$/KW-month transmission charges to retail customers in IA and MN for the same time period.

Request No. 35.

Please explain if IPL will be managing the ARRs/FTRs on behalf of the cooperatives or if each cooperative will be managing these costs?

Request No. 36.

Please provide a comparison of the current IPL \$/MWh unit cost for firm customers in IA vs MN?

Request No. 37.

Please provide IPL \$/MWh annual fuel costs being recovered in MN vs IA of the last three years?

Request No. 38.

Did IPL have base rate case proceedings in IA in the last three years? If so, please provide the requested and approved rate increases along with docket numbers.

Request No. 39.

Please provide a history of the TCR rider charges in IA and MN? Please also explain any and all offsetting credits being provided. Please also explain if and how the transmission rate charged to coops will be different with respect to charges and offsetting credits as compared to the retail customers in IA and MN.

Request No. 40.

Has IPL protested any ITC related charges at FERC in the last five years? Please briefly explain the protest and outcome at FERC and provide relevant docket numbers. Also explain, how these decisions impacted TCR is Iowa and Minnesota.

Request No. 41.

Please provide the average demand and maximum demand for each cooperative on an annual basis for the last three years. Please provide this same information for IPL by total system and jurisdiction.

Request No. 42.

Has IPL had any proceedings in IA regarding the sale? If so, please provide the application and related order



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Our File No. 2021-14

Dear Messrs. Madsen and Krambeer:

Enclosed please find the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Information Request Nos. 14 - 42. Please provide answers to myself at the above address as well as copies to the following individuals:

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/e/ Richard J. Savelkoul Richard J. Savelkoul

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Larry Schedin (via email) Kavita Maini (via email)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Wendy S. Latuff, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce INFORMATION REQUEST NOS. 14 - 42

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2014

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