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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Interstate Power and Light Company

Docket No. E001/M-15-200

**Reply Comments** 

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for e-Filing with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, please find Interstate Power and Light Company's Reply Comments in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of this filing have been served on the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General - Residential and Small Business Utilities Division and the attached service list.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

# BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING TARIFF

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# **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

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Kathleen C. Balvanz, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

That on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015, copies of the foregoing Affidavit of Service, together with Interstate Power and Light Company's Reply Comments, were served upon the parties on the attached service list, by e-filing, overnight delivery, electronic mail, and/or first-class mail, proper postage prepaid from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015

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# INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S REPLY COMMENTS

COMES NOW, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), respectfully submits Reply Comments to the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources (Department) April 13, 2015 Comments submitted in the above-referenced docket.

## I. INTRODUCTION

On May 16, 2014, Governor Mark Dayton signed into law Minn. Stat. §216B.1614, a requirement that each public utility selling electricity at retail in the state of Minnesota, file with the Commission a tariff that allows a customer to purchase electricity solely for the purpose of recharging an electric vehicle. IPL requested approval of a new service offering, Optional Residential Electric Vehicle Recharging Rider ("EV Rider" "EV"), as required by Minn. Stat. § 216B.1614. IPL filed the tariff on March 2, 2015. IPL's new service offering is designed for the charging of electric vehicles on a time-of-use rate.

### II. COMMENTS

The Department filed comments to IPL's proposed EV tariff on April 13, 2015. As noted by the Department in its Comments, IPL indicated in response to one of the Department's prior Information Requests that those customers choosing to have submetering within this proposed service option would be billed a separate monthly excess facilities charge. In its Comments, the Department contends that a separate charge for sub-metering appears to violate Minn Stat. §216B.1614, Subd. 2(c)(4) which requires the cost of metering or sub-metering to be incorporated within the rate charged to the customer. The Department acknowledged that serving an EV customer would include additional metering and possible billing costs, but remains unclear about the extent to which an EV customer would incur additional primary and secondary distribution costs that would not already be recovered through the customer charge for standard residential service. The Department contends that customers with standard residential service who add service under the EV tariff would be paying two customer charges and possibly an additional excess facilities charge for sub-metering. The Department recommended that IPL provide additional information in reply comments on the incremental customer cost of serving an EV customer. IPL's response to the Department's recommendation follows.

As described below, IPL's proposal to charge both a customer charge for the EV tariff (\$11.85 per month) and the standard residential tariff (\$8.50 per month) is still consistent with the cost basis of customer-related expenses of a residential customer, as in Docket No. E001/GR-10-276 IPL's class cost of service study supported a residential customer charge of \$19.47 per month. This amount would not reflect the cost of a second meter installation. In addition, the Commission has approved and IPL

has charged a customer charge specific to each tariff when a customer receives service under multiple tariffs, such as a residential customer receiving service under both the standard residential rate (Rate Schedule 160) and the controlled water-heating rate (Rate Schedule 350).

The provision in the tariff under contention is:

"A customer can elect to separately sub-meter the recharging facilities under the same residential service connection in which case kWh purchases for electric vehicle recharging would be deducted from the customer's regular electric service kWh billings. All metering installations shall be in compliance with IPL's Electric Service Rules."

The scenario in question pertains to the meter charge in the event the customer is served under IPL's standard residential time-of-use service rate (rate code 167-8) and then elects to sub-meter the electric vehicle under the EV tariff. The customer would be subject to both the customer charge under rate code 167-8 of approximately \$11.85 per month and the excess facilities charge of \$2.75 per month (assuming the installed cost of the meter is \$175 which includes materials and labor). An existing time-of-use customer would not be subject to an additional customer charge for the EV sub-metering but just the incremental cost of the second meter through an excess facilities charge.

The other scenario would be if the customer is served under the standard residential rate 160 (non-time-of-day) and also wants service under the EV Rider tariff.

Under this scenario the application of both the EV customer charge and the regular residential customer charge would be applicable and there would be no excess facilities

charge. There is no scenario in which a customer would pay an excess facilities charge in addition to both a standard customer charge and an EV customer charge.

## III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, IPL respectfully requests the Commission give IPL's Comments due consideration.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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