

# City of Blakesburg

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Date: June 11, 2019

To: Alliant Energy

CC: Iowa Utilities Board

RE: Rate Increase

The City Council of the city of Blakesburg IA is opposed to the rate increases that have been proposed. The City Council passed the enclosed resolution at the June 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. We ask that you take in to consideration our opposition to your proposed increase.

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on June 20, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Resolution # 19.6.10.7

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blakesburg, Iowa:

By unanimous vote, the City of Blakesburg has resolved we are opposed to your proposed rate increase of 25%. This would have a bad impact on the residents of Blakesburg with the increase in their rate, and the increase in city costs.

Passed and approved this 10th day of June 2019

By:

  
Jason Leffler, Mayor

Attested by:

  
Ina Hartman, City Clerk

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on June 20, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 10, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Keith Frana**  
Mayor

**Michele Elsbernd**  
City Clerk  
**Sheila Bullerman**  
Deputy City Clerk

**Council Members**

**Brian Ondrashek**  
**Dennis Kleve**  
**T.J. Schissel**  
**Jeanie Kirkeberg**  
**Linus Sabelka**



**CITY OF CALMAR**  
101 S. Washington St.  
P.O. Box 268  
Calmar, IA 52132  
calmarcc@calmaria.com  
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March 29, 2019

Docket RPU-2019-0001

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 East Court Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

ATTN: IOWA UTILITY BOARD

The City of Calmar on behalf of the city and our residents would like to state our objections to the proposed Alliant Electric Rate increase.

The City of Calmar is a city in Northeast Iowa of just under 1,000 residents. Of these residents over 40% are low to moderate income.

These residents' social security checks are not rising over 25% and the working people are not receiving a 25% pay increase. Most are not even getting a cost of living increase yet have to come up with over 25% more to pay for their electricity. There are some that will have to choose to pay their electric bill or buy groceries.

The City budgets each year for expenses, the notice of rate increase came after our budgets for 2019-2020 were certified to the State of Iowa. Our rate increases vary from 10.01 percent to 25.29 percent. The city has no way to raise our revenue to compensate for these large increases. We are currently paying Alliant between seven and twelve thousand dollars monthly already. Adding over 25% to these figures makes it very difficult for a small city to function and provide services to our residents.

We feel the electric rates were high before this increase. Maybe Alliant should cut back on their stockholders rate of return rather than raise the electric rates.

We are asking the Iowa Utility Board to deny Alliant's proposed rate increase.

Respectfully,  
City of Calmar  
Keith Frana, Mayor  
Council Members: Dennis Kleve, T.J. Schissel, Jeanie Kirkeberg  
Brian Ondrashek & Linus Sabelka

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 10, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Resolution No. 2953**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE CASE AND JOINING AS AN INTERVENER  
BY SUBMITTING TESTIMONY TO THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD (Docket RPU-2019-0001)**

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers, and

WHEREAS, customers within the City of Decorah currently pay about \$10.6 million per year in electricity costs (according to data presented by Alliant Energy to the City in February, 2018), and an overall 20% increase would drain an additional \$2.1 million every year from local household budgets and the balance sheets of businesses and institutions, including roughly \$85,000 in increased electricity costs for the City of Decorah, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy presented information to the City of Decorah during the 2018 municipalization debate claiming rates would rise no more than 3% every 3 years for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's last rate increase in 2017 raised rates by 7.8%, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has testified before the Iowa Utilities Board that a biennial rate case cycle should be considered, which may suggest another increase request in 2021, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rates are already 35-45% higher (depending on rate class) than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa (MidAmerican Energy), and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate-income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Decorah, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are also creating a serious hindrance for economic development in the City of Decorah, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy posted \$457 million in profits in 2017 and has provided an 18.2% annualized return to its shareholders over the last five years.



Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 10, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DECORAH CITY COUNCIL, The City of Decorah's City Council:

1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Decorah, and Decorah customers.
3. Is committed to intervening and submitting testimony to the Iowa Utilities Board in Docket RPU-2019-0001, either alone or in partnership with a coalition of local entities.
4. Shall have Lorraine Borowski, Mayor, or a Decorah City Official present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board during the May 2, 2019 public hearing to be held in Decorah.
5. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns at the Iowa Utilities Board's Customer Comment Meeting scheduled for 6 pm, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Hotel Winneshiek in Decorah. Comments may also be submitted online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

Lorraine Borowski  
Lorraine Borowski, Mayor

ATTEST: Wanda Hemesath  
Wanda Hemesath, MMC, City Clerk, Tr.

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MAR 29 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-125

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES AND NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASES BY ALLIANT ENERGY**

**WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy has indicated it intends to request that the Iowa Utilities Board allow it to increase electric rates within the City of Clinton; and,

**WHEREAS**, said rate increases include an electric base rate increase of 24.45% for residential customers, 10.01% increase for municipal lighting, 18.36% increase for non-residential general service, and 25.29% increase for large general service customers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy has indicated it intends to request that the Iowa Utilities Board allow it to increase natural gas rates within the City of Clinton; and,

**WHEREAS**, said rate increases include a natural gas base rate increase of 25% for residential customers, and a 14% increase for non-residential general service; and,

**WHEREAS**, an electric rate increase of the magnitude proposed would impose an undue hardship upon the residents of the City of Clinton, unfairly impact local businesses and industries and damage the local economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, a natural gas rate increase of the magnitude proposed would impose an undue hardship upon the residents of the City of Clinton, unfairly impact local businesses and industries and damage the local economy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA** that the Clinton City Council hereby strongly opposes the "interim" electric rate increase proposed by Alliant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA** that the Clinton City Council hereby strongly opposes the electric rate increases proposed by Alliant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA** that the Clinton City Council hereby strongly opposes the natural gas rate increases proposed by Alliant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON IOWA** that the Clinton City Council hereby requests the Iowa Utilities Board reject the request of Alliant to raise electric rates in the City of Clinton, Iowa.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON IOWA** that the Clinton City Council hereby requests the Iowa Utilities Board reject the request of Alliant to raise natural gas rates in the City of Clinton, Iowa.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON IOWA** that Alliant is holding a public meeting on the proposed electric rate increases and the proposed natural gas rate increases on May 22, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Clinton Community College Tech Center and citizens are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns.

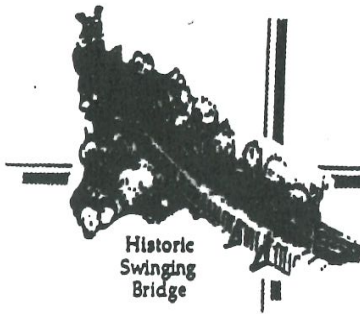
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON IOWA** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board, the Office of Consumer Advocate a division in the Attorney General's Office, and Alliant.

ATTEST:

Lisa M. Teden  
CITY CLERK

Martin Schramm MAYOR

ADOPTED: March 26, 2019



## City of Columbus Junction

Columbus Junction, IA 52738-0209  
(319) 728-7971

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

April 11, 2019

Iowa Utility Board  
1375 E Court Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069


Dear Iowa Utility Board

The City of Columbus Junction would like the Utility Board to seriously consider the hardship the proposed increase that Alliant is asking for will cause to not only the Citizens of Columbus Junction, but the City itself.

The increases will cause the Utility Bills to increase for the City; therefore this increase will most likely require the City to pass this increase on to its patrons who will also feel the increase on their own personal bills.

If the Board could consider a more moderate increase the City of Columbus Junction would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

  
T. Mark Huston, Mayor

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on April 19, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001



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WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has testified before the Iowa Utilities Board that a biennial rate case cycle should be considered, which may suggest another increase request in 2021, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rates are already 35-45% higher (depending on rate class) than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa (MidAmerican Energy), and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate-income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Decorah, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are also creating a serious hindrance for economic development in the City of Decorah, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy posted \$457 million in profits in 2017 and has provided an 18.2% annualized return to its shareholders over the last five years.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DECORAH CITY COUNCIL, The City of Decorah's City Council:

1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Decorah, and Decorah customers.
3. Is committed to intervening and submitting testimony to the Iowa Utilities Board in Docket RPU-2019-0001, either alone or in partnership with a coalition of local entities.
4. Shall have Lorraine Borowski, Mayor, or a Decorah City Official present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board during the May 2, 2019 public hearing to be held in Decorah.
5. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns at the Iowa Utilities Board's Customer Comment Meeting scheduled for 6 pm, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Hotel Winneshiek in Decorah. Comments may also be submitted online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Lorraine Borowski, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Wanda Hemesath, MMC, City Clerk, Tr.

# City of Everly

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

202 N. Main  
P.O. Box 197  
Everly, IA 51338

(712) 834-2691 Phone  
(712) 834-2600 Gas  
Emergency  
(712) 834-2184 Fax

March 29, 2019

Iowa Utility Board  
1375 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Dear Board,

In March the City of Everly and its residents received notification of Alliant energy's proposed Electric rate increase. This has created quite a storm of gossip, frustration and annoyance to be displayed in our small city of 603, with moderate to low income.

Our elderly patrons who are striving to stay in their homes find a 24.45% possible increase very stressful. Even being told the Iowa Utility Board would need to approve the increase, has not relieved the thoughts of trying to find *"a place where they can cut back elsewhere."* Life is already difficult for many and an almost 25% increase in electricity when cost of living increases are at a 2% to 3% level does not make sense.

It is very hard for the cities of Iowa to get new businesses interested in a small communities. With a possible increase to Large General Service of 25.29% on the horizon the sentiment is to give up trying. Even with our great community, it is hard to compete with self-owned electric utilities to the east and west of us.

Within the last year Alliant Energy build over 100 wind turbines in Clay County with the promise bills would go down and here we are not even a year later they are requesting giant increases.

We are asking the Iowa Utility Board deny the proposed increases and alleviate the minds of our residents.

Sincerely,



Bradly J Behrens, Mayor  
City of Everly  
202 N Main  
PO Box 197  
Everly, IA 51338



CITY OF FERGUSON  
P.O. BOX 78  
FERGUSON, IOWA 50078

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APR - 4 2019  
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

April 1, 2019

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 East Court Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Re: Alliant Energy Electric Rate Increase

The Ferguson City Council objects to the rate increases proposed by Alliant Energy.

First, concerning the residential rate increase of 24.45%, the Council objects because Ferguson has a high number of low-income and retired residents and this increase is unreasonable, unwarranted and places a heavy burden on Alliant customers to pay their monthly bills.

Second, concerning the municipal lighting increase of 10.01%, the Council objects because this places an additional burden on our budget. Ferguson is a small town (population 126) and our annual budget for all city operations is \$55,000. Street lighting is paid from Road Use Tax receipts and other expenses paid from this category (street construction, maintenance, snow removal, etc.) have increased. The proposed increase for street lighting is unreasonable and not warranted.

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

  
Dale L. Thompson, Mayor

  
Michael D. Good, Council

Glenda Thompson  
Glenda Thompson, Council

Ellen McKay  
Ellen McKay, Council

Rick Burchard  
Rick Burchard, Council

Doug McKay  
Doug McKay, Council



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MAY 23 2019

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

**CITY OF LELAND**

P. O. Box 127

Leland, IA 50453

Phone (641) 567-3330

May 21, 2019


Iowa Utilities Board  
Customer Service  
1375 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 13, 2019 the City of Leland held its monthly Council meeting. At that time, City Council voted on Resolution 18-19-08: A Resolution Opposing an Alliant Energy Rate Increase.

On behalf on the City of Leland and Leland City Council I have enclosed a copy of this Resolution and encourage the Iowa Utilities Board to take into consideration our standing on the current issues with Alliant Energy's rate increase and the effect it will have on Leland residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

  
Dawn Anspaugh  
City Clerk, City of Leland

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 24, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

## RESOLUTION NO. 18-19-08

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rates are already higher than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa, and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate- income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Leland, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rapidly rising rates are creating a hindrance for economic development in North Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LELAND, IOWA:

Section 1: That the Leland City Council hereby approves the following:

1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Leland, and Leland customers.
3. Shall direct the City Clerk to present this Resolution the Iowa Utilities Board on behalf of the City Council of the City of Leland.
4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Boards' "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ambrosion, Casler, Johnson, Krein & Steil

Nays: None

Absent: None



Russell Leitz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dawn Arispe, City Clerk

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 24, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

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City of Leland  
PO Box 127  
Leland, IA 50453

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MAY 23 2019

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

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Iowa Utilities Board  
Customer Service  
1375 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 11

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ALLIANT ENERGY  
RATE INCREASE CASE**

**WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers, and

**WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy's rates are already higher than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa, and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes, and

**WHEREAS**, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate- income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Manly, and

**WHEREAS**, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are creating a hindrance for economic development in North Iowa, and

**WHEREAS**, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MANLY, IOWA:**


**Section 1:** That the Manly City Council hereby approves the following:

1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Manly, and Manly customers.
3. Shall direct the Mayor to present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board on behalf of the City Council of the City of Manly.
4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2019

  
Regan Banks, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Dee Dunbar, City Clerk

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on June 20, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on August 1, 2019, RPU-2019-0001



Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 6, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Subject:** Electric Rate Increase by Alliant  
**From:** Todd Steigerwaldt <TSteigerwaldt@cityofmarion.org>  
**To:** "customer@iub.iowa.gov" <customer@iub.iowa.gov>  
**Date Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 12:58:30 PM GMT-06:00  
**Date Received:** Friday, March 8, 2019 12:58:37 PM GMT-06:00

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Dear IUB Board Members-

Alliant's proposed rate increase for 2020 is not acceptable. Their interim rate increase of 5.5% going into effect April 1, 2019 is very concerning as well. We are in the middle of our fiscal year. We don't budget for mid-year rate increases. I run the Marion Water department and receive electric bills from both Alliant and Linn County REC. I wish I could have all of my wells on REC power.

In FY17-18 I spent over \$319,000 for Alliant electricity to run the well pump motors to supply a community of 38,000 people with potable drinking water. We are a non-profit utility. We have no shareholders to share our profits with. Any profit we make on the sale of water is re-invested back into our aging infrastructure and normal operation and maintenance. Any increase in electricity costs are passed through to our water customers. If you allow this large electric rate increase go through, our customers will be hit twice. Once by the electric rate increase and from my water department raising water rates to pay for Alliant's high electricity rate increase.

For FY18-19 the monthly Alliant bills are trending 5.7% higher. July-February bills total \$253,720. I cannot conceive the 25.29% increase for the large general service accounts. How can MidAm and Linn REC supply electricity at more reasonable and competitive rates? What are they doing right and why is Alliant not as efficient?

I suggest the following items for you to consider:

1. Allow non-profit entities like the Marion Water Department that serve Alliant customers to have a lower rate increase so the customer is not getting hit with high rate increases from both Alliant and Marion Water Department.
2. Review Alliant's Large General Service tariff. They have a ratchet which is 75% of the highest billing demand determined during the previous 3 months. This causes a large financial burden on my utility because I will take a plant down for maintenance for 3-4 months. During this outage we are still billed at the 75% of the highest billing demand rate for the last three months. I'm still paying over \$4,000 per month for just having some lights on. I understand a base charge but Linn REC only charges roughly \$700 per month when I have a plant down for maintenance.
3. I would suggest/recommend to Alliant to consider hiring freezes and pay increase freezes/cuts to show their customers that they are trying to do everything possible to reduce this high rate increase.
4. Has Alliant had a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluate their processes and staffing levels? Can they be leaner? Is there waste that can be cut? Have they done a compensation study recently to determine if they are overpaid/underpaid/overstaffed etc?

I understand inflation and cost of goods and services continue to increase. My two biggest expensive for the water utility is staffing and electricity. I can manage my staffing levels and expenses. I can't control my electricity costs.

I thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

**Todd Steigerwaldt, PE**  
*General Manager* | Marion Water Department  
1225 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 150 | Marion, Iowa 52302  
p 319-743-6311 | c 319-389-1556  
tsteigerwaldt@cityofmarion.org

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 29, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Subject:** Docket RPU-2019-001  
**From:** City of Marquette <marqcity@alpinecom.net>  
**To:** customer@iub.iowa.gov  
**Date Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:23:44 AM GMT-05:00  
**Date Received:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:24:34 AM GMT-05:00  
**Attachments:** Marquette\_20190529\_100335.pdf

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Please see the attached resolution passed by our City Council that opposes Alliant Energy Rate Increase.

Thank you.

**Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk**  
**City of Marquette**  
**PO Box 7**  
**102 North Street**  
**Marquette, IA 52158**  
**Phone: 563-873-3735**  
**Fax: 563-873-2122**

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 29, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-10**

### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE CASE AND JOINING AS AN INTERVENER BY SUBMITTING TESTIMONY TO THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD (Docket RPU-2019-0001)**

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**WHEREAS**, customers within the City of Marquette currently pay about \$115,000 per year in electricity costs (according to data presented by Alliant Energy to the City in February, 2018), and an overall 20% increase would drain an additional \$23,000 every year from local household budgets and the balance sheets of businesses and institutions, including roughly \$15,000 in increased electricity costs for the City of Marquette, and

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The City of Marquette's City Council:

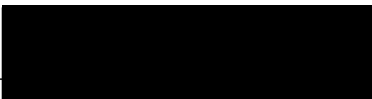
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2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Marquette, and Marquette customers.
3. Is committed to intervening and submitting testimony to the Iowa Utilities Board in Docket RPU-2019- 0001, either alone or in partnership with a coalition of local entities.
4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

**CITY OF MARQUETTE, IOWA**

  
By: Stephen Weipert, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bonnie Basemann, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2019

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE

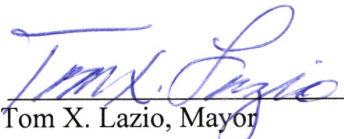
- WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers; and,
- WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rates are already higher than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa, and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes; and,
- WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate-income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Ottumwa; and,
- WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are creating a hindrance for economic development in the City of Ottumwa; and,
- WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA:


1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Ottumwa, and Ottumwa customers.
3. Shall direct the City Administrator to present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board on behalf of the City Council of the City of Ottumwa.
4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, City Clerk





Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 6, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Subject:** electric rate increase  
**From:** mht@netins.net  
**To:** customer@iub.iowa.gov  
**Date Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:08:13 PM GMT-05:00  
**Date Received:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:08:15 PM GMT-05:00

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Gentlemen; I do object to the, in my mind, huge rate increase(s) that the electric company is proposing, both on my personal behalf and also as mayor of the small town of Oxford Junction with a population of 500. Our town is a predominantly low to moderate income town with a rather small tax base. We already, as part of the city budget, spend \$20,000 a year on electricity: street lights, city offices, etc. The large increase in rates that is being proposed will raise havoc with our city budget, as it is at the break-even point right now. I can understand a small yearly increase in rates, but not 8 or 10 or even 20 percent that is being proposed. I (we) wish that you would reconsider these increases and opt for much less.

Sincerely,

Merle Tank, mayor

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on July 8, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Subject:** City of Thompson IA Resolution 61019  
**From:** City of Thompson <ttown@wctatel.net>  
**To:** customer@iub.iowa.gov  
**Date Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 11:10:09 AM GMT-05:00  
**Date Received:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 11:10:13 AM GMT-05:00  
**Attachments:** image2019-07-02-095843.pdf

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Jill D. Krull  
City Clerk  
City of Thompson  
167 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W  
PO Box 25  
Thompson, Iowa 50478  
Population 502  
641-584-2785  
ttown@wctatel.net

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** ttown@wctatel.net  
**Subject:**

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on July 8, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

RESOLUTION NO. 61019

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE  
CASE

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rates are already higher than the other investor-owned utility serving Iowa, and also higher than the state averages for municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives in all customer classes, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low- and moderate-income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the City of Thompson, and

WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are creating a hindrance for economic development in North Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON, IOWA:

Section 1: That the Thompson City Council hereby approves the following:

1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.
2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the City of Thompson, and Thompson customers.
3. Shall direct the City Clerk to present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board on behalf of the City Council of the City of Thompson.
4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019

[REDACTED]  
Dan Swearingen, Mayor

ATTEST:

[REDACTED]  
Jill Krull, City Clerk

City of Thornburg  
PO Box 43  
Thornburg Iowa, 50255  
March 20, 2019

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

To Iowa Utilities Board:

The City of Thornburg is a very small Iowa rural city, who receives very little money to support our budget. The proposed electric rate increase will create another downfall of a small town in Iowa. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE ALLIANT ENERGY ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE.

Sincerely,  
The City of Thornburg

CITY OF THORNBURG  
PO BOX 43  
THORNBURG, IOWA 50255

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Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, Ia. 50319-0069

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**RESOLUTION NO. June 10-2019**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ALLIANT ENERGY RATE INCREASE**

**WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve a 2019 rate increase that will raise base rates 24.45% for residential customers, 18.36% for general service customers, and 25.29% for large general service customers; and,**

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**WHEREAS, Alliant's rapidly rising rates are causing serious hardship for low and moderate income households, fixed income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, and the County of Jefferson; and,**

**WHEREAS, Alliant Energy's rapidly rising rates are creating a hindrance for economic development in the County of Jefferson, and its Communities ; and,**

**WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has aggressively pursued legislation and regulation limiting the ability of customers and communities to save money and keep energy dollars local, including slashing the energy efficiency programs, working to overturn net metering, and creating and proposing separate classes and fees for distributed generation customers.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FAIRFIELD, JEFFERSON COUNTY IOWA:**

- 1. Stands in opposition to the proposed rate increase.**
- 2. Believes the current rate increase represents a significant breach of trust and accountability between Alliant Energy, the County of Jefferson, and Jefferson County customers.**

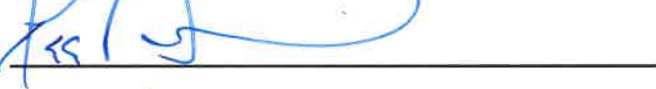
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3. Shall direct the County Auditor to present this Resolution to the Iowa Utilities Board on behalf of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, Jefferson County, Iowa.

4. Encourages all citizens and ratepayers to voice their perspectives and concerns online through the Iowa Utilities Board's "Open Docket Comment Form", or by emailing [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2019.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, IOWA



Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Scott Reneker, Jefferson County, Auditor

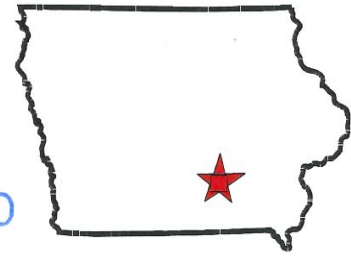
## Wapello County Board of Supervisors

215 N. Court Street  
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501  
Phone (641) 683-4630  
Fax (641) 683-6390

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IOWA UTILITIES BOARD



May 23, 2019

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

RE: ALLIANT ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

To Whom it May Concern:

I want to call to your attention the objections to the Alliant electric rate increase by the Wapello County Board of Supervisors.

The proposed increase could increase the electric bill of Wapello County by nearly \$50,000 a year. The City of Ottumwa's electric bill could increase about \$200,000. Indian Hills Community College which is in Wapello County could see an increase in their electric bill of nearly \$80,000.

The citizens of Wapello County through their property taxes will have to help pay these increases. On top of these increases the citizens of Wapello County are facing a 25% increase in their own residential bills.

Alliant has put more citizens of Wapello County in a situation of deciding on medication or their electric bill; or food or their electric bills. This rate increase of 25% is so unbelievable that one may think that Alliant doesn't really expect a 25% increase. However, by setting the request that high cutting it in half still leaves an unacceptable increase.

Wapello County is already at a distinct development disadvantage. If the John Deere plant in Ottumwa could be picked up and physically moved 26 miles to Oskaloosa, which has electric provided by MidAmerican, the electric bill would decrease by several hundred thousand dollars annually. The John Deere plant can't be picked up and set in Oskaloosa; however, other development opportunities looking at utility costs could save thousands of dollars by locating just 26 miles away.

In other years the Iowa Utility Board has made a reduction in the Alliant request. This time the request is so great that even a reduction is not acceptable. We strongly request the Iowa Utilities Board deny the Alliant electric rate increase request in all categories.

Respectfully submitted,

Wapello County Board of Supervisors

R. Brian Morgan

Wayne Huit

Jerry L. Parker

Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on May 31, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

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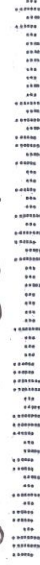
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## Ecumenical Community Center Foundation

Making Today Better & Tomorrow Brighter For Linn County Neighbors in Need

601 Second Avenue SE #1, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Phone: 319-366-2651 or 319-362-4284

[www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net)

[admin@ecc-cr.net](mailto:admin@ecc-cr.net)

May 29, 2019

Geri D. Huser, Chair  
Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Dear Ms. Huser:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation in Cedar Rapids to protest in the strongest possible terms the rate increase being proposed by Alliant Energy for electric service to our community. We ask that the Iowa Utilities Board NOT approve this request.

Alliant's proposed increase of 24.45% will impose an undue burden on both our clients and our operation. We supply as many as we can with assistance with their utility bills and rent, as well as addressing other critical needs. In addition to the rate increase, clients will also see increases in amounts expended for sales tax and the City of Cedar Rapids' franchise fee. Costs for operating our facility will also be accelerated. Since we are a non-profit, we have no rates to raise, but only cuts to make absent dramatic increases in contributions.

Under conditions of Alliant's proposed increase, we will have to reduce our services to the poor, adding to their burden. This is unjust for those whose financial existence is already precarious and who have the greatest needs and the least likelihood of having them met.

We see that Alliant Energy continues to be a very profitable enterprise. We wonder why the costs Alliant seeks to underwrite with an increase to rate-payers is not being borne by investors, who stand to profit from such expenditures as Alliant's management forecasts.

Since Alliant is a monopoly, albeit regulated by you, the proposed increase operates like a tax. You are our representation. We trust you will stand up for the people of Iowa, and especially for the least among us.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, call our COO, Robin Brunner, (319) 362-4284.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Riley, President  
Board of Directors  
Ecumenical Community Center Foundation



Together we can make a difference in the lives of neighbors in need.

## Helping Hands Ministry (HHM)

helps low income Linn County families & individuals with financial assistance for:

- ♦ Rent
- ♦ Utilities
- ♦ Iowa ID's
- ♦ Single ride city bus tickets
- ♦ 31 Day city bus passes for work
- ♦ Auto Gas vouchers for work & medical appointments

As well as personal care items and referrals to avoid evictions & shutoffs

Any homeless or low income Linn County individual or family in need of emergency help is eligible to apply. There is no charge. HHM does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, ancestry or veterans status.



"Without help from HHM, people will be unable get to work, and become self sufficient. In the colder months walking to and from work for me would be impossible with my disabilities, I would be in so much pain. Thank you Helping Hands." DR



"I recently became unemployed due to lay-off and budget cuts. I am a single mother, I was able to pay all my expenses on time but I was not able to set aside money for savings. I quickly began to acquire debt and soon began the notifications for past due bills. After two attempts to get assistance, HHM was able to help me with utility bills. I was recently involved in an auto accident with an uninsured driver and returned in need of bus fare. I know that this is temporary. I will give back to HHM. " AM

Join Us!  
Make a Difference

- \$4.50 gives 6 single bus tickets
- \$10.00 helps with Auto Gas
- \$10.00 pays for an Iowa ID
- \$10.00 helps with Auto Gas
- \$20.00 gets someone to work for a month with a 31-Day Bus Pass
- \$150.00 helps a family with rent or utilities
- \$225 boosts our bus ticket allotment for one month so we don't turn people away



## Neighbors also need:

- Soap & Shampoo
- Hand sanitizer
- Female products
- Band Aids
- Diapers & wipes
- Washcloths
- Granola bars
- Mittens for adults
- Can openers
- Laundry soap
- Socks & Gloves
- Toilet paper & Tissues
- Flashlights
- Gift cards



Ecumenical Community  
Center Foundation (ECCF)

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY - HHM



### Your Gifts Provide

Assistance and support for basic needs to persons in Linn County through collaboration with the faith community, individuals, businesses, and local agencies.

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Tomorrow Brighter for  
Neighbors in Need**

### Volunteer

We seek caring and compassionate volunteers to assist with office tasks and marketing.

### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

601 Second Avenue SE # 2  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Phone: 319-366-2651

Email: [helpinghands@ecc-cr.net](mailto:helpinghands@ecc-cr.net)

Open Monday through Friday  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
For help with rent and utilities  
please schedule an appointment  
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1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

### Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF)

601 Second Ave SE Suite #1, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

[admin@ecc-cr.net](mailto:admin@ecc-cr.net) & [helpinghands@ecc-cr.net](mailto:helpinghands@ecc-cr.net) OR 319-362-4284 & 319-366-2651 OR find us on



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*\*PLEASE: Checks payable to Ecumenical Community Center Foundation*

\_\_\_ ECCF Endowment Fund - For Endow Iowa tax credit, make check payable to Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation

\_\_\_ I cannot give today, but would like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ once; or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, or volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT. We DO NOT sell or exchange donor information.

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# Sharing Ministries of Humanitarian Care and Service

## OUR HISTORY

The Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF), created in 1995, has a vision of meeting community needs. Services are supported mainly by gifts from people like **you**. Cutbacks in government programs have greatly increased the demand at ECCF. Please join us as we minister to those most in need. Show them that they are not alone – someone cares. **You** can make today better and tomorrow brighter for a neighbor right now!

## OUR MINISTRIES

### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

HHM receives about 1000 calls and walk-in requests for help each month. Your gifts provide problem solving, referral, local bus tickets, & financial assistance to people who are unable to pay for basic needs. Gifts prevent eviction and utility shut-off. HHM regularly receives referrals from churches, agencies, and government offices. Contact HHM Mon. thru Fri. from 10 AM - 4 PM at 366-2651, or visit [www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net).

### COMPUPLACE

This ministry is a specialized computer-based learning center for people with disabilities. We use computers along with the internet and specialized software, equipment, and methods. Individual learners enjoy opportunities to develop a variety of social, academic, and computer skills, to communicate, increase independence, and to continue lifelong learning with dignity and respect. Join CompuPlace with a gift, call 362-4284, or visit [www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net).

### AGENCY HOUSING

ECCF provides low-cost office space to other non-profit agencies. The reduced rent offered by ECCF allows these agencies to focus more of their precious dollars on direct service to their beneficiaries. To learn more about available space and current costs, call 366-2651 or visit [www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net).

### MARGARET BOCK HOUSING

This associated program operates through its own 501(c)(3) status and Board of Directors. MBH provides low-cost housing to individuals who desire to become self-sufficient.

*You Can Help ! Give Hope !*

## GET INVOLVED

- Volunteer
- Financial Gift / Monthly Pledge
- Support Our Endowment Fund
- Donate Wish List Items
- Assist with Special Events
- And More

Contact the ECCF 's

HHM: 319-366-2651,

CompuPlace: 319-362-4284

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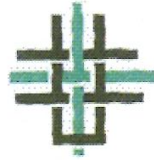
Gifts to ECCF help Linn County Iowa neighbors in need through Helping Hands Ministry (HHM) and the CompuPlace ministry.

Your gifts to ECCF also help provide low-cost office & storage space to other non-profit agencies:

- AARP's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Access 2 Independence (A2I)
- Catherine McAuley Center
- Cedar Rapids Aquatics Booster Club
- Green Square Meals (GSM) & GSM Food Pantry
- HarvestLife Christian Fellowship
- NAACP
- Narcotics Anonymous—Several Groups
- SERRV Store
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Willis Dady Homeless Prevention Services

We work closely with Margaret Bock Housing (MBH).

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Filed with the Iowa Utilities Board on June 20, 2019, RPU-2019-0001

**Subject:** Fareway Stores, Inc. Written Objection  
**From:** Garrett Piklapp <gpiklapp@farewaystores.com>  
**To:** customer@iub.iowa.gov  
**Date Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 3:27:42 PM GMT-05:00  
**Date Received:** Friday, June 7, 2019 3:27:52 PM GMT-05:00  
**Attachments:** Iowa Utilities Board.Fareway Stores, Inc. Complaint.2019.pdf

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Honorable Board Members:

Attached please find Fareway's written objection to the notice of proposed electric rate increase by Alliant Energy. I would appreciate confirmation of your receipt of the attachment. I would be happy to answer any questions or comments.

Thank you all for your service on this important board.



**Garrett S. Piklapp**  
Senior Vice President/Secretary/General Counsel  
Fareway Stores, Inc.  
p: 515-432-2623 ext. 436  
f: 515-432-3304  
e: [gpiklapp@farewaystores.com](mailto:gpiklapp@farewaystores.com)  
a: 715 8<sup>th</sup> Street Boone, IA 50036-0070

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**FAREWAY STORES, Inc**  
Corporate Office  
715 8th Street, Boone, IA 50036-0070  
515.432.2623 | Fax 515.433.4416

June 7, 2019

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

**SENT VIA EMAIL TO:** [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov)

**RE: Docket Nos. RPU-2019-0001 and RPU-2019-0002 Alliant Energy-IPL – Proposed Electric and Natural Gas Rate Increases**

Honorable Board Members:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up my comments previously made on behalf of Fareway Stores, Inc. ("Fareway") at the May 23, 2019, Customer Comment Meeting in Cedar Rapids. By way of this letter, Fareway wishes to file a written objection to the proposed increase.

Alliant Energy ("Alliant") is a strong partner to Fareway. Without Alliant providing electricity, we would be unable to power our corporate campus facility in Boone, Iowa, or 38 other retail locations throughout the State of Iowa. Accordingly, when we received notice of Alliant's request for a base rate increase of 25.29% to Large General Service customers (such as Fareway), we started digging into the data without predetermined conclusions. Based on our review, we've found as follows:

1. This proposed rate increase will cost Fareway (and other similar sized companies) hundreds of thousands of dollars per year without any additional benefit or change in service.
2. We compared two Fareway stores (located 35 miles apart) of similar age and size, with similar utility usage, and found that the store serviced by Alliant already costs approximately 25% more than the store serviced by MidAmerican, even prior to the interim rate increase by Alliant effective April 1, 2019.
3. The rebate/credit Fareway receives as a result of Alliant's investments in renewable energy is reducing our monthly invoices by approximately 5%. However, based on our discussions with Alliant, it appears other rebates/credits (e.g. Interrupt Credits) will likely be reduced in the future. This will also increase our monthly bills. Stated differently, we are not confident the renewable energy rebate will even closely offset the rate increase. But even if it does, as other credits are removed, the rate increase is much higher than the total rebates/credits offered.

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4. Ultimately, we were unable to understand the specific rationale for the 25.29% proposed increase.

Fareway's concern with the proposed increase is twofold. First, the proposed rate increase will have a trickle-down effect. If utility costs collectively rise by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, it will affect the cost of goods for our customers and/or the wages paid to our employees as this kind of increase simply cannot be absorbed. Second, the proposed increase is not substantiated by the data; as the data shows Alliant rates are already higher than their local competitor and any credit Fareway is receiving from Alliant for funding their renewable energy investments is only a small fraction of the proposed increase (a 25.29% increase in base rates for a potential 5% return is a losing proposition to customers).

The Iowa Utilities Board Mission Statement states in part that the Iowa Utility Board "regulates utilities to ensure that reasonably priced...utility services are available to all Iowans." We feel this excessive increase fails in this mission.

Therefore, we respectfully request the Board reject the proposed 25.29% increase and instead adopt an increase in line with the interim increase in rates of 5.5%. This will continue to assist Alliant in their investment into renewable resources and other initiatives but without unreasonably increasing their already comparatively high rates.

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

Sincerely, 

  
Garrett S. Piklapp  
Senior Vice President/Secretary/General Counsel



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March 28, 2019

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Re: Alliant Energy rate increase

Dear Iowa Utilities Board:

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As of late the State had decided NOT to ensure numerous providers are reimbursed their costs, but instead reimburse providers substantially less than cost. The Montrose Health Center is a long-term care provider in Southeast Iowa. We provide resident health care to about 40 people daily. We annually file cost reports to the State, which are used to establish reimbursement rates for future services we provide Iowans covered by Medicaid. Starting in 2014 the State decided to reimburse us less than the costs of providing care through establishing a negative inflation rate adjustment against our costs of service. The inflation rate adjustment was established in our reimbursement formula to increase what the State would pay for services as the cost reports used to establish the reimbursement rates were up to two years old.

In 2017 the State issued a negative 9.807% inflation rate adjustment, thus paying us nearly 10% less than our costs of care from a report now two years old. In Montrose Health Center's case the State calculated our cost of care from our 9/30/2016 cost report to be \$154.56, yet the State established our base reimbursement level to be \$137.00. I've enclosed the State's report showing their calculations. The Add-on amount of \$10 is earmarked funds that need to be spent in a very specific way, and the Pass-through of \$1.36 is a reimbursed bed tax we pay that is not included in



our cost report. It is essentially a return of a non-deductible tax we pay to the State.

I strongly suggest that Alliant Energy is sufficiently paid by customers at a financial level which supports the very activities Alliant Energy is asserting it needs a rate increase to cover. Any rate increase would add insult to injury to my business, the Iowans we provide care, and our 55 employees as the State will not reimburse us the rate increase Alliant Energy is seeking. I equally encourage the Iowa Utilities Board to have a public hearing regarding Alliant Energy's rate increase request.

I look forward to the customer comment meetings, and the upcoming public hearing. Feel free to contact me with any requested follow-up information.

Regards,



Wayne Marple  
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure: cost report

May 28, 2019

Seton Catholic School  
117 E. Fourth St.  
Ottumwa, IA 52501

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Dear Iowa Utilities Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of Seton Catholic School in Ottumwa, IA, asking you to consider the hardships the proposed rate increase from Alliant Energy will cause on our small school, and so many other organizations like ours. Being a small, private organization, on an extremely limited budget, this rate increase will potentially create burdens on us, as well as the families that choose to send their children to us for a high-quality education.

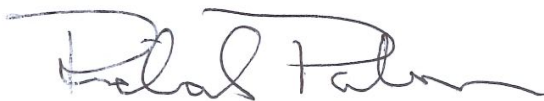
Ottumwa is in one of the most repressed economies in the state. Wapello County is ranked 75<sup>th</sup> of 99 counties as far as wealth and Ottumwa is ranked #75 out of the top 100 cities of size for wealth with a medium income of only \$39,139.00. This means disposable income is not in abundance here and a rate increase will lessen that even more. As I'm sure you're aware, we already pay a considerably higher per kilowatt rate than our neighbors to the north in Oskaloosa, who are on Mid-American Energy.

This makes it difficult for families to make ends meet, let alone try to meet needs of their children who need, and thrive, with private education. Not only will our school need to raise tuition rates to meet the rising utility costs, it gives families even less disposable income as they need to pay for their raised rates. This is a lose-lose situation for everyone.

I beg you to consider the financial impact this will have on, not only us, but the Ottumwa Community as a whole. Alliant energy has already received millions of dollars in the form of grants from the Federal Government, which is already provided to them through our tax dollars. They don't need this rate increase that will ultimately hurt the families in our community.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and your thoughtfulness for our community, our families and our school as you make your decision.

Warm Regards,



Richard Palen  
Seton Catholic School, Board of Education, President.

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**From:** Gretchen Brown <gbrown@stonehilldbq.com>  
**To:** "'customer@iub.iowa.gov'" <customer@iub.iowa.gov>  
**Date Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2019 7:34:05 AM GMT-05:00  
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Stonehill Franciscan Services is a current Alliant customer. We serve over 300 seniors daily. 43% of our skilled nursing residents are Medicaid qualified where the reimbursement does not cover the cost of services. The proposed rate increase by Alliant increases our utility expenses by \$90,000.00 each year. We already pay approximately \$360,000.00 annually. We have no additional revenue to offset these increased costs. With the current profitability of Alliant it would appear that there are many other avenues they can take to fund their future infrastructure needs without putting this additional burden on the backs of their customers. Stonehill requests that board members vote against this rate increase request. Why threaten the sustainability of nonprofit organizations so Alliant can increase their overall profitability which is already abundant. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



SWEA CITY SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER  
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SWEA CITY, IOWA 50590

March 8, 2019

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Swea City Senior Citizen Center is a customer of Alliant Energy and we are writing to let you know that the proposed increase of 24.45% is a ludicrous percentage proposal. We wish to voice our displeasure. T

he 2019 cost of living adjustment is called the largest in 7 years and is at 2.8%. The U.S. salary budgets are projected to increase an average of 3.2% according to the Society for Human Management which is up 3.1% from 2018. Even though this 3.2% consumer price index increased for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, it does not say that it will actually increase.

Our citizens age 65 and older struggle to make ends meet especially with the probability of higher medical costs and housing costs. According to the 2010 US Census, 34.6 percent of the households in our city of Swea City, Iowa have individuals who are 65 years and over.

We believe that the interim rate increase of 5.5% set to be in effect April 1, 2019 is too high. As you can see by the data above. We believe that any increase by Alliant Energy should not be higher that the cost of living percentage of 2.8%.

Thank you for your time. I hope you will not allow Alliant Energy's exorbitant request.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Johnson*  
*Karen Hawkins*  
*Mitchell Hawkins*  
*Joe Johnson*  
*Beverly Eggerth*

*Wendy W* Mayor  
*Connie Ruy - Nachtigal*  
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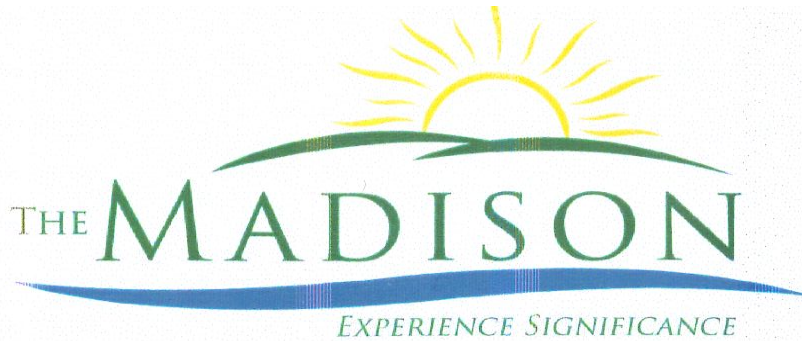
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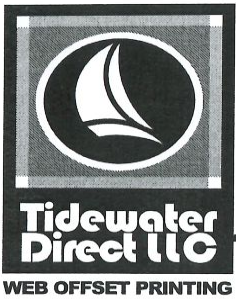
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Marple". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Marple  
Chief Financial Officer





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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned by the unilateral rate increase proposed by Alliant Energy. Affecting our West Branch Iowa printing facility, this increase could have a catastrophic impact on our operation and employees.

We fully support expansion of wind and solar energy generation, but we support it where it makes economical sense. **A 25.29% electricity rate increase would cost this operation \$44,364.47 per year.** To our small company, this could be the difference between a profit and a loss. As a company that pays for health care of our 19 employees, proud to have just provided a 3% cost of living increase and other wage increases, this completely flies in the face of those efforts. We operate in an extremely competitive manufacturing market, shipping much of our product to states outside of Iowa. Furthermore, we are competing directly with companies in deregulated states like Illinois where this will have no impact and will severely damage our competitive advantage.

I denounce this proposal in the strongest of terms, and hope that energy improvements will be made to reduce our costs; not drastically increase them.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Eisenberg  
President

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