

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REGULATORY ACCOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS	DOCKET NO. SPU-2020-0003
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

In response to the March 9, 2020 statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order on March 13, 2020, in Docket No. SPU-2020-0003 that extended the winter moratorium for eligible electric and natural gas customers from April 1, 2020, to May 1, 2020. This extension prevented disconnection of eligible customers until after May 1, 2020. On March 27, 2020, the Board issued a second order extending the requirement that all electric and natural gas utilities refrain from the disconnection of customers until the public health emergency was lifted by written statement of the Governor. In addition, the order strongly encouraged and requested that all water utilities also refrain from disconnecting customers during this time period.

On May 1, 2020, the Board issued an order opening the dockets for each rate-regulated utility to establish regulatory asset accounts to track costs and financial transactions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The following dockets were opened by the Board:

1. Docket No. ARU-2020-0123 – Iowa-American Water Company
2. Docket No. ARU-2020-0150 – Interstate Power and Light Company
3. Docket No. ARU-2020-0156 – MidAmerican Energy Company
4. Docket No. ARU-2020-0222 – Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.
d/b/a Liberty Utilities
5. Docket No. ARU-2020-0225 – Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC
d/b/a Black Hills Energy

The Board has addressed plans for recovery of amounts included in the COVID-19 regulatory asset accounts in each of the listed dockets and has directed that recovery of COVID-19-related costs are required to be considered in a contested case proceeding. The Board will close Docket Nos. ARU-2020-0150, ARU-2020-0222, and ARU-2020-0225 because the COVID-19-related costs have been addressed in separate contested case proceedings or no regulatory asset account was established by the utility. Review of recovery of COVID-19-related costs in Docket Nos. ARU-2020-0123 and ARU-2020-0156 has not been completed. The Board will close those dockets when recovery of COVID-19 costs in those dockets is completed.

Because COVID-19 costs have been considered in contested case proceedings, or are being considered in contested case proceedings, the Board finds that no additional activity is necessary in this docket and will close Docket No. SPU-2020-0003.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Utilities Board customer service staff is directed to close Docket No.

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SPU-2020-0003. Any necessary future filings regarding recovery of COVID-19 costs should be made in the applicable proceeding.

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of February, 2022.