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- 1. Is your utility ready to reliably serve peak load for winter 2022-2023?
  - Corning Municipal Utilities is not a Generation and Transmission entity. CIPCO is our peaking supplier and has fulfilled the requirements with MISO and NERC for our energy needs plus required reserves.
- 2. Does your utility have a comprehensive plan for initiating and managing a systemwide load shed to protect the bulk electric system in the event of an imbalance of electricity supply and demand?
  - Yes, we have submitted our curtailment plans with CIPCO as required by NERC.
    - a. What are the plans? -Trip 20% of our load by feeder breaker
    - **b.** How often are the plans for firm load shed reviewed and updated, and what is the review process? **yearly**

c. Are these plans coordinated with other utilities in Iowa and/or RTOs? – CIPCO has taken on that responsibility. They have the NERC requirements.

3. Does your utility participate in Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., and Southwest Power Pool, Inc., emergency drills, including the firm load shed drills? What lessons have been learned from this participation?

- No
- 3. Are Iowa utilities prepared for a prolonged period of severe cold similar to February 2021 winter storm Uri? What changes have been made in the planning and preparation from the lessons learned in winter 2021?
  - 2021 was caused by multiple Issues in Texas. I have read they have not done enough.
- 4. If your utility serves as a Local Balancing Authority, how do you communicate firm load shed plans to load serving entities within your balancing areas?
  - We are not.
- 5. How has your utility prepared and updated its communication plan to provide timely information to customers, regulators, and other stakeholders?
  - It will depend on the type of notice we get. We have published about the possibility in the local paper. We feel it will be short outages no different than normal storm damage.
- 6. What are your expectations on winter 2022-2023 energy prices compared to prior years?
  - 15% higher

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- 7. Do you have short-term and/or long-term policy suggestions that the Utilities Board could implement to ensure lowa customers experience minimal impact from possible capacity shortages in the future? If so, what are the policy suggestions?
  - Make decisions based on electric industry facts and not special interest. Transition to clean energy is going to take decades, not years.
- 8. To what extent do you plan to rely on emergency and/or economic demand response programs to avoid blackouts?
  - CMU does not have the industrial base to offer interruptible programs that could make a difference.
- 9. Do you have any coal or coal transportation (rail) issues that are hindering the winter preparedness for the thermal generation fleet of the utilities? What steps have been taken to address the issue?
  - We have no coal generation.
- 10. Have you faced any component availability, shipping delays, or labor shortage issues in spring/summer 2022 and did your company forego any outage or planned maintenance?
  - Yes. Most planned maintenance was completed.
- 11. What are the weather assumptions for 2022-2023 winter operations and resource availability? What are the weather characteristics of the reasonable worst-case scenario?
  - We are assuming a cold winter. We assume spring and fall maintenance was performed at generation facilities to allow them to operate well this winter. Very cold with little wind.
- 12. Iowa utilities that have registered generator assets are requested to provide outage and maintenance schedules for the next six months.
  - NA

14. Iowa utilities with behind the meter generation are requested to provide the type, fuel, and capacity of those generation assets.

• RICE, Diesel. We leased 6.0 MW to CIPCO for the 2022-2023 winter for capacity. Total capacity is 6.85 by nameplate.