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October 31, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935
File No. 70-10052

REPORT PERIOD

April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003

In the Matter of

ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION, ET AL

ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION ("AEC") hereby certifies on behalf of itself , Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Interstate Power and Light Company ("IPL"), and Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. "Services") that during the period from April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 (the "Reporting Period"):

1(a). Alliant Energy Corporation issued commercial paper as follows:

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	April	May	June	Quarter
Begin Balance	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 190,000,000	\$ 77,000,000	\$ 35,000,000
CP Issued	\$ 3,468,000,000	\$ 3,272,000,000	\$ 1,772,000,000	\$ 8,512,000,000
CP Matured	\$ 3,313,000,000	\$ 3,385,000,000	\$ 1,763,000,000	\$ 8,461,000,000
Ending Balance	\$ 190,000,000	\$ 77,000,000	\$ 86,000,000	\$ 86,000,000

1(b). The weighted average interest rate for the period for all commercial paper was as follows:

April	2.000%
May	2.000%
June	1.944%
Quarter	1.991%

1(c). Alliant Energy Corporation borrowed from Banks as follows:

	April	May	June	Quarter
Begin Balance	\$ 235,000,000	\$ 83,000,000	\$ -	\$ 235,000,000
CP Issued	\$ 1,434,000,000	\$ 617,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,051,000,000
CP Matured	\$ (1,586,000,000)	\$ (700,000,000)	\$ -	\$ (2,286,000,000)
Ending Balance	\$ 83,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

1(d). The weighted average interest rate for the period for the bank borrowings was as follows:

April	4.019%
May	4.192%
June	N/A
Quarter	4.040%

2(a). Interstate Power and Light Company issued commercial paper as follows:

	April	May	March	Quarter
Begin Balance	\$ 75,500,000	\$ 109,000,000	\$ 120,000,000	\$ 75,500,000
CP Issued	\$ 346,500,000	\$ 315,000,000	\$ 373,500,000	\$ 1,035,000,000
CP Matured	\$ 313,000,000	\$ 304,000,000	\$ 337,600,000	\$ 954,600,000
Ending Balance	\$ 109,000,000	\$ 120,000,000	\$ 155,900,000	\$ 155,900,000

2(b). Weighted Average for the interest rate for the period for commercial paper was as follows:

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April	1.434%
May	1.427%
June	1.370%
Quarter	1.410%

3(a). Interstate Power and Light Company borrowed from Bank as follows:

	April	May	March	Quarter
Begin Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000	\$ -
CP Issued	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 41,000,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000,000
CP Matured	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Ending Balance	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000	\$ -	\$ -

3(b). The weighted average interest rate for the period for the bank borrowings was as follows:

April	4.192%
May	4.192%
June	4.192%
Quarter	4.211%

4(a). For each of the companies participating in the Utility Money Pool during the Reporting Period, the maximum principal amount of short-term borrowings outstanding from the Utility Money Pool, sources other than the Utility Money Pool, and the maximum total short-term borrowings outstanding during the Reporting Period, and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") borrowing limit for each participant as of the end of the Reporting Period were as follows:

Company	Maximum Money Pool Borrowings	Maximum Other Short-Term Borrowings	Maximum Total Borrowings	SEC Limit
IPL (*)	0	155,900,000	155,900,000	250,000,000
WP&L (**)	0	84,500,000	84,500,000	NA
SERVICES (***)	112,479,745	0	112,479,745	NA

(*) IPL ceased borrowing from the Money Pool as of October 11, 2002.

(**) All borrowings by WP&L from the Money Pool are exempt under Rule 52(a) and are shown here for information purposes only. WPL ceased borrowings from the Money Pool as of July 25, 2002.

(***) Borrowings by Services are exempt under Rule 52(b) and are shown here for information purposes only.

5. During the Reporting Period, the weighted average interest rate for borrowings through the Money Pool was 2.341%.

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6. The maximum amount of AEC's short-term borrowings on behalf of itself and the above named participants in the Utility Money Pool during the Reporting Period, and its SEC limit as of the end of the Reporting Period, were as follows:

	Maximum Loans to Money Pool	Maximum Corporate Borrowings	Maximum Short-Term Borrowings	SEC Limit
AEC	\$112,479,745	\$180,520,255	\$ 293,000,000	\$1,000,000,000

Said transactions have been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of, and for the purpose represented in, the Form U-1 Application-Declaration, as amended, of AEC, et al, in File 70-10052, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SEC's order dated June 21, 2002, permitting said Application-Declaration to become effective.

DATED: August 4, 2003

ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION
INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATE SERVICES INC.

BY: ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION

BY: /s/ Thomas L. Hanson

Thomas L. Hanson
Vice President and Treasurer

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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SERVICE DATE: AUG - 7 2003
DOCKET NO. E,G-001/S-03-187

In the Matter of a Request by Interstate Power and Light Company for Approval of an Amendment to its Capital Structure for Calendar Year 2003, Ending March 31, 2004

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

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The Commission's March 28, 2003 Order is revised as follows:

Approved Interstate's requested March 31, 2004 capital structure;

Approved a-/+ 10 percent range around Interstate's Post-Equity Infusion Average common equity, preferred equity and long-term debt; and

Approved Interstate's total capitalization contingency, not to exceed 5 percent ver its revised projected March 31, 2004 total capitalization, including \$250 million of short-term debt (i.e. \$2,446.3 million).

This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. State. 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

/s/ Burl W Haar

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Docket No. E,G001/S-03-187

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the comments of the Energy Division of the Department of Commerce in the following matter:

A petition of the Interstate Power and Light Company for approval of an amendment to its capital structure for calendar year 2003, ending March 31, 2004.

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The petition was filed on July 22, 2003 by:

Steven F. Price
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The Department recommends approval as modified and is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dale V Lusti

DALE V. LUSTI
Financial Analyst

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Attachment

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Before The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Comments Of The

Minnesota Department Of Commerce

Docket No. E,G001/S-03-187

I. BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2003, Interstate Power and Light Company (Interstate, IPL or the Company) petitioned the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for approval of its March 31, 2004 proposed capital structure. More specifically, IPL sought approval of:

- o Interstate's requested March 31, 2004 capital structure with:
 - Common equity of 45.3 percent,
 - Preferred equity of 7.5 percent, and
 - Long-term Debt of 39.0 percent;
- o A contingency range of +/-25 percent range around Interstate's March 31, 2004 estimated common equity, preferred equity and long term debt;
- o Interstate's proposed total capitalization contingency, not to exceed 5 percent over its projected March 31, 2004 total capitalization, including \$250 million of short-term debt (i.e., \$2,451.8 million); and
- o Interstate's proposed short-term debt, not to exceed \$250 million at any time during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

The Department's March 14, 2003 recommendation was as follows:

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- o Approve Interstate's requested March 31, 2004 capital structure;
- o Approve a-/ + 10 percent range around Interstate's Pre-Equity Infusion Average common equity, preferred equity and long-term debt;

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- o Approve a-/ + 10 percent range around Interstate's Post-Equity Infusion Average common equity, preferred equity and long-term debt;
- o Approve Interstate's total capitalization contingency, not to exceed 5 percent over its projected March 31, 2004 total capitalization, including \$250 million of short-term debt (i.e., \$2,451.8 million);
- o Approve Interstate's short-term debt, not to exceed \$250 million at any time during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004; and
- o Allow the Company not to seek Commission approval before issuing securities as long as issuing these securities will not result in a capital structure that is out of compliance with this Order.

On March 28, 2003, the Commission approved the Department's recommendation as stated above.

II. SUMMARY OF INTERSTATE'S PROPOSAL

On July 22, 2003, Interstate petitioned the Commission for approval of an amendment to its March 31, 2004 proposed capital structure, effective beginning in August 2003. Due to current market conditions, IPL deems it advisable to move up its planned \$35 million issuance of preferred stock from December 2003 to August 2003. If the issuance is moved up to August 2003, the preferred equity ratio in that month would likely fall outside the allowed range. As a result, IPL is seeking approval of the following new ranges for common equity, preferred stock and long-term debt:

Component	Proposed Range	Post-Equity Infusion
		Revised Average August 2003 Through March 2004 Capital Structure
Common Equity	42.0%- 51.4%	46.7%
Preferred Equity	7.6 - 9.3	8.5
Long-term Debt	36.8 - 45.0	40.9

IPL requests that the maximum total capitalization and the maximum short-term

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debt limits remain as previously ordered.

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III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department believes that IPL has requested the revision to allow for the \$35 million issuance of preferred stock during August 2003 rather than in December 2003 for the following two reasons:

- o First, IPL's parent (Alliant) infused only \$119 million of common equity into IPL during July 2003 versus the anticipated \$150 million identified in the initial petition which was the basis for the Commission's March 28, 2003 Order; and
- o Second, although IPL has not specifically identified the amount of savings, it expects that the interest rates will have increased by December 2003, thus making the issuance more costly.

After discussion with the utility, the Department has determined that IPL's liquidity would not be detrimentally affected if the Commission determines not to approve IPL's requested revision. ---

The Department agrees with Interstate that, absent a revision to the Commission approved capital structure, the Company would be outside its approved range for preferred equity beginning in August 2003. However, it should be noted that neither the common equity nor the long-term debt ratios would be outside the approved ranges.

Similar to the Department's discussion in its March 14, 2003 Comments, the Department notes that the timing of a single equity issuance can have a large impact on the debt and equity ratios, resulting in a utility being out of compliance with its contingency ranges. Therefore, the Department agrees with Interstate that it is reasonable to modify the capital structure to reflect both the change in the timing of the preferred stock issuance as well as the most recent actual information and currently projected data.

From a regulatory point of view, the use of a tightened contingency range as recommended by the Department and approved by the Commission in its March 28, 2003 Order creates the occasional need for revisions such as this. This allows the Department and the Commission the opportunity to be fully aware of changes as they occur, and how they may affect ratepayers.

As a result, the Department recommends that the Commission approve Interstate's proposed post-equity capital structure for the months August 2003 through March 2004. It should be noted that the month of August 2003, as compared to the month of July 2003 (as identified in the Commission's March 28, 2003 Order), should be the first month of the revised capital structure in that the preferred stock issuance will occur during the month of August 2003.

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One minor modification that the Department recommends is that Interstate be allowed a maximum capitalization contingency of \$2,446.3 million (5 percent above its revised March 31, 2004 total capitalization of \$2,329.8 million, including \$250 million of short-term debt). The Department's calculation is based on the revised capitalization proposed in the filing rather than the one previously approved in the March 28, 2003 Order.

IV. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department summarizes its recommendations to revise the Commission's March 28, 2003 Order as follows:

- o Approve Interstate's requested March 31, 2004 capital structure;
- o Approve a-/+10 percent range around Interstate's Post-Equity Infusion Average common equity, preferred equity and long-term debt; and
- o Approve Interstate's total capitalization contingency, not to exceed 5 percent over its revised projected March 31, 2004 total capitalization, including \$250 million of short-term debt (i.e., \$2,446.3 million).

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RE: Interstate Power and Light Company's Request to Modify Capital Structure Order Issued on March 28, 2003 in Docket No. E,G001/S-03-187

Dear Dr. Haar:

Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) agrees with the recommendations filed by the Department of Commerce (DOC) in this matter. IPL will not file any further reply and respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Petition in the manner recommended by the DOC.

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IPL appreciates the efforts and consideration of the DOC and Commission regarding this docket.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ritchie J. Sturgeon

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Senior Regulatory Attorney
Enclosures

cc: Attached service list