

**Response of
Interstate Power and Light Company
to
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
Data Request No. 112**

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EPA Statistics for 2007 show Iowa to be the tied for fourth leading state in terms of ENERGY STAR Homes market share at 37%. In order to lock in the savings from such successful ENERGY STAR market-share levels, it would probably make sound cost-effective sense to work with other utilities to ratchet up the state's energy code. Is this an approach that is planned?

Response

IPL objects to data request 112 as it assumes facts not in evidence and is vague with respect to the phrase "lock in the savings," Notwithstanding its objection, IPL states the following.

Owners of eligible ENERGY STAR[®] homes in IPL's service territory participate in IPL's New Home Construction program. Energy savings from those homes are currently claimed by IPL.

IPL monitors modifications in building codes and energy codes and responds with changes to its energy efficiency programs as needed. IPL is not responsible for the development, implementation or enforcement of state energy codes.

In 2007, IPL participated in a meeting coordinated by the Iowa Office of Energy Independence that included other utility representatives, building code officials, the OCA and the IUB staff. The meeting addressed challenges associated with building code enforcement and uniform building codes across the state. IPL will continue to participate in these discussions and strategize ways to overcome the hurdles.

Additionally, IPL is collaborating with MidAmerican Energy and Aquila to conduct a statewide study on residential building practices. In partnership with the other utilities, IPL will evaluate the findings from that study and determine future action regarding the future relationship of the utility residential new construction programs to the state energy code..