

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION)
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS AS SET)
FORTH IN THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF)
2005)**

EL06-018

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Itron, Inc., pursuant to order of this Honorable Commission on July 31, 2006 in the above and foregoing docket, and hereby respectfully submits its PETITION TO INTERVENE in the above and foregoing docket and states in support thereof the following:

Itron, Inc. is a manufacturer of metering devices of a type which are the essence of the subject investigation regarding Time-Based Metering as envisioned in Section 1252 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and as such, possesses technical knowledge distinct and unique from that of the general public regarding the benefits and capabilities associated with Time-Based Metering and Communications Standards. In that regard, it would be respectfully submitted that adverse impact would result to Itron, Inc and its potential customers who are electric consumers in the State of South Dakota from the exclusion of Itron, Inc. in its intervention in the subject proceeding. Itron, Inc would further respectfully submit that the public interest would be served by allowing this requested intervention in that such intervention would facilitate the development of a complete

record upon which this Honorable Commission will make its determination in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Itron, Inc. a Washington Corporation, on behalf of itself and its potential customers who are consumers of electricity in the State of South Dakota, respectfully prays that this PETITION TO INTERVENE be granted and that it be allowed to participate in these proceedings.

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