

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY and HEARTLAND POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-3
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued April 17, 2001)

On March 7, 2001, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) and Heartland Power Cooperative (Heartland) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). The petition included a service area agreement between Interstate and Heartland. No objections to the petition were filed.

Interstate and Heartland request the Board transfer to Interstate the service territory in Worth County described as follows:

The North Half (N ½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of
Section 17, Township 99 North, Range 22 West, all in Bristol
Township, Worth County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, Interstate and Heartland assert that a current customer of Heartland's located in this area has requested that service be transferred to Interstate. The customer receives service from a Heartland radial line crossing through a large piece of the customer's tillable land, making it difficult and

dangerous to farm with modern machinery. Interstate has a line coming from a different direction that could serve the customer. If the petition is approved, Heartland will remove the radial line. No other customer is impacted by the change and removal of the radial line will not jeopardize the quality of service to Heartland's remaining customers.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2001) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the Interstate and Heartland joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. Interstate and Heartland have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power Company and Heartland Power Cooperative on March 7, 2001, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of April, 2001.