

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF POCAHONTAS	DOCKET NO. SPU-05-3
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued April 1, 2005)

On March 7, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and the City of Pocahontas (Pocahontas) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2) (2005) and 199 IAC 20.3(9). A service area agreement between MidAmerican and Pocahontas was attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

MidAmerican and Pocahontas request the Board modify the service territory boundary between the two utilities in Pocahontas County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be transferred from MidAmerican to Pocahontas:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 92 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M. currently identified as MidAmerican Energy Company service territory described as follows: The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; and

All that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 92 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M. currently

identified as MidAmerican Energy Company service territory described as follows: The South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and

All that part of Sections 25 and 36 Township 92 North, Range 33 West of the 5th P.M. currently identified as MidAmerican Energy Company Service territory described as follows: The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter EXCEPT the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 92, Range 33 West of the 5th P.M., all in Pocahontas County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, MidAmerican and Pocahontas state the transfer will provide for a more efficient use of facilities. MidAmerican has small parcels of territory that are surrounded by Pocahontas or Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative service territory. MidAmerican does not have additional customers in the immediate area while Pocahontas' entire electric system is in the vicinity. MidAmerican will transfer its transmission and distribution-related facilities within the area to Pocahontas at a cost of \$125,000. The transfer impacts one current customer and the customer has indicated to the utilities it has no objection to the transfer of service to Pocahontas.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2005) 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 MidAmerican and Pocahontas joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. MidAmerican and Pocahontas 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 electric service area boundaries filed by MidAmerican Energy Company and the City of Pocahontas on March 7, 2005, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 1st day of April, 2005.