

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MIDLAND POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-05-6
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued June 3, 2005)

On May 10, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Midland Power Cooperative (Midland) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between IPL and Midland was attached to the petition. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Midland have agreed that certain territory in IPL's exclusive service territory will be transferred to Midland and request the Board modify the service territory boundary between the two utilities in Boone County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be served by Midland:

The Hoffman property located in the Northwest Quarter  
(NW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 9,  
Township 83N, Range 26W, Boone County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Midland state the modification will allow both utilities to more efficiently serve their end-use customers while avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities. The proposed modification will allow Midland to serve a single property more efficiently than IPL because its lines are closest to the property.

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 joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. IPL and Midland have alleged facts that 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 Interstate Power and Light Company and Midland Power Cooperative on May 10, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2005.