

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND HAWKEYE REC	DOCKET NO. SPU-05-7
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued June 17, 2005)

On May 23, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Hawkeye REC (Hawkeye) 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 Hawkeye was attached to the petition. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

IPL will serve the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 20, Township 97 North, Range 9 West of the 5th P.M., all in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Hawkeye 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 IPL to serve a single property more efficiently than Hawkeye because its lines are closest to the property. The customer who owns the property has requested service from IPL and a copy of the service request is attached to the petition. No other customers are impacted by the service territory change.

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 Hawkeye 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 Hawkeye REC on May 23, 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 17th day of June, 2005.