

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: IOWA LAKES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND SAC COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | DOCKET NO. SPU-05-10 |
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued July 11, 2005)

On June 14, 2005, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative (Iowa Lakes) and Sac County Rural Electric Cooperative (Sac County REC) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between Iowa Lakes and Sac County REC was attached to the petition. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 3, Douglas Township, Township 89 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Sac County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, Iowa Lakes and Sac County REC 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 Iowa Lakes to serve a single customer more efficiently than Sac County REC because Iowa Lakes' existing distribution lines are closest to the property. The customer who owns the property has requested service from Iowa Lakes and a copy of the service request is attached to the petition. No other current 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. Iowa Lakes and Sac County REC 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 Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative and Sac County Rural Electric Cooperative on June 14, 2005, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of July, 2005.