

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND LINN COUNTY REC	DOCKET NO. SPU-05-13
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued August 11, 2005)

On July 11, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Linn County REC (Linn County) 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 Linn County was attached to the petition. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Linn County have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Linn County, Iowa, because the existing service territory line bisects several lots of a new subdivision, the Summerfield Twelfth Addition. After the modification, the following service territory is to be served by IPL:

Lots 1-13 of the Summerfield Twelfth Addition, located, in whole or in part, in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 27; the NW corner of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 27; the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 27; and the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 27, all in Township 84 North, Range 7 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Linn County, Iowa.

The following service territory is to be served by Linn County:

Lots 27-32 of the Summerfield Twelfth Addition, located, in whole or in part, in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 27, and the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 27, all in Township 84 North, Range 7 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Linn County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Linn County state the current service territory line goes through the middle of several lots in the new subdivision. Moving the service territory boundary to the property line will eliminate questions of which utility is to provide service to a particular lot. There are presently no customers being served by either utility in the new subdivision.

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 Linn County 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 Linn County REC on July 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.