

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-05-14
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued August 19, 2005)

On July 28, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa Valley) 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 Maquoketa Valley was attached to the petition. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Maquoketa Valley have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Dubuque County, Iowa, to accurately reflect the areas historically served by each utility. The following service territory is to be transferred to IPL:

Lots F, G, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, and those portions of E lying South of Emberwood Dr. and East of John Deere Road, all located within the East Half (E½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 2, Township 89 North, Range 2 East, Dubuque County, Iowa.

The following service territory will remain with Maquoketa Valley:

Lots A, B, C, D, K, and the portion of E lying west of Daisy Hill Ln., all located within the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 2, Township 89 North, Range 2 East, Dubuque County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that the boundary modification will reflect the areas historically served by each utility. Modifying the service territory boundary will create a match between the service territory map and the areas served by each utility. No customers will be exchanged as a result of this modification.

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 Maquoketa Valley 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 Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative on July 28, 2005, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.