

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE AND MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-06-3
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued April 12, 2006)

On February 28, 2006, Prairie Energy Cooperative (PECO) and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2) (2005). Exhibit A attached to the petition depicts the existing and proposed boundary between the two utilities. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

PECO and MidAmerican have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Wright County, Iowa. The following territory is to be transferred from MidAmerican to PECO:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1, of the Gates Subdivision, located within the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 91 North, Range 24 West, all in Wright County, Iowa.

The following territory is to be transferred from PECO to MidAmerican:

The North 500 feet of the West 700 feet, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 91 North, Range 24 West, all in Wright County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, PECO and MidAmerican state that PECO has constructed a shell building in the area to be transferred from MidAmerican to PECO. The proposed boundary modification will allow PECO to serve the building that it has constructed and any customers who might locate in the industrial park there. The modification also provides MidAmerican with an exchange of territory of similar size that can be served in the future without duplicating PECO's facilities. There are no current customers of either utility in the two areas subject to the boundary 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. PECO and MidAmerican 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 Prairie Energy Cooperative and MidAmerican Energy Company on February 28, 2006, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of April, 2006.