

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY AND SAC COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-06-4
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued April 20, 2006)

On March 7, 2006, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and Sac County Rural Electric Cooperative (Sac County) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between MidAmerican and Sac County was attached to the joint petition. Supplemental information was filed by the parties on April 18, 2006. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

The South three sixteenths of the North five sixteenths of the  
West three sixteenths (S3/16, N5/16, W3/16) of the  
Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 15, Township 88 North,  
Range 36 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sac County, Iowa.

The petition was supplemented with additional background information on April 18, 2006. In support of the petition, MidAmerican and Sac County state that a vacant

farmhouse has been purchased and the new owner requested electric service. Sac County has an old existing line to the property that needs replacement and upgrading to serve the property. MidAmerican has a line opposite the property that could provide service to the customer. MidAmerican will extend service at no cost to the customer. Because it would be cheaper and easier for MidAmerican to serve the new customer, MidAmerican and Sac County agreed to the service territory transfer. No existing customers are affected by the 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. MidAmerican and Sac 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 MidAmerican Energy Company and Sac County Rural Electric Cooperative on March 7, 2006, and supplemented on April 18, 2006, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

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ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.