

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-06-16
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued November 28, 2006)

On October 25, 2006, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). The original filing inadvertently omitted Exhibit 1, a service territory agreement between the two utilities. Exhibit 1 was filed on November 7, 2006, as a supplement to the original filing. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

Parcel Number 0709400012 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) except for the South 400 feet of the West 600 feet of Section 9, Township 85 North, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M. in Jones County, Iowa, containing approximately 34.49 acres.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa state that the boundary modification will allow Maquoketa to extend service to the above-described parcel, pursuant to the customer's request. IPL and Maquoketa state that it is more economical and efficient for Maquoketa to extend service to the customer. The joint petition represents that no other customers are located on the parcel in question.

The Board's staff requested additional supporting details and the utilities provided additional information in a telephone conference with a staff member. The utilities indicated that a current customer of Maquoketa is moving across the road to a new residence and requested service from Maquoketa. The utilities said that IPL has no facilities within the general vicinity while Maquoketa can provide service from its nearby existing facilities.

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 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 Electric Cooperative on October 25, 2006, and supplemented on November 7, 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 28th day of November, 2006.