

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-07-2
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued February 13, 2007)

On January 16, 2007, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa Valley) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between the two utilities was attached to the joint petition as Exhibit 1 and a map illustrating the service area agreement was attached as Exhibit 2. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Maquoketa Valley 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 Valley:

Maquoketa Valley will provide electric service to the property currently leased by Wendling Quarries and owned by Jim Tenly, further described as those portions of Lots 1, 2, and 3 lying north of the Wapsipinicon River and lying west of Iowa Highway 38 in Section 12, Township 83 North, Range 3 West, Jones County, Iowa, and more particularly described

as follows: Beginning at Iowa Highway 38 at a point near the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 12, Township 83 North, Range 3 West, in Jones County, Iowa, thence West approximately .4 mile to the Wapsipinicon River, thence Southeasterly following said river to the east/west center line of Section 12, thence East approximately .3 mile to Iowa Highway 38 at a point near the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said section, thence North .25 mile along said highway to point of beginning.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that a sand quarry is requesting 60 amp service for a scale. IPL's closest distribution facility is about a mile away. Maquoketa Valley has existing facilities near the scale site and is willing to provide service. The utilities state that transferring the territory in question from IPL to Maquoketa Valley will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities and promote the economical and efficient development of both utilities. The landowner, who leases the land to the quarry, has been notified of the proposed change. The landowner currently does not have electric service on the property in question.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2007) 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 January 16, 2007, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of February, 2007.