

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND CHARITON VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-07-6
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued March 5, 2007)

On February 5, 2007, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Chariton Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (Chariton 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 Chariton Valley have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Appanoose County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be transferred from Chariton Valley to IPL:

IPL will serve customers in the East Half (E ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 3, Township 70 North, Range 17 West, Appanoose County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Chariton Valley state the property in question is adjacent to IPL's service territory and the corporate limits of Moravia, Iowa. The utilities state that a home is being built on the property and that it can be more efficiently and economically served by IPL's distribution facilities in Moravia. IPL and Chariton Valley state that transferring the territory in question from Chariton Valley to IPL will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities and promote the economical and efficient development of both utilities. The customer building the home has agreed to receive service from IPL. No other customers of either utility are affected.

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 Chariton 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 Chariton Valley Rural Electric Cooperative on February 5, 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

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.