

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AMES MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM	DOCKET NOS. E-21743 E-21744
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND
AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING**

(Issued April 3, 2007)

On March 29, 2007, Ames Municipal Electric System (Ames) filed a motion for continuance of the hearing date with the Utilities Board (Board). In the motion, Ames stated it had inadvertently published notice of the hearing prior to serving the eminent domain notices. 199 IAC 11.5(3) requires that eminent domain notices be mailed no later than the date of first publication of notice. The motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The hearing currently scheduled in this case for Thursday, April 26, 2007, is cancelled.
2. A public hearing for the presentation of evidence and the cross-examination of witnesses will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, and if needed, on Friday, June 8, 2007, in Courtroom 2A, Story County Justice Center, 1315 South B Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201. Each party must provide a copy of its prepared testimony and exhibits to the court reporter at the beginning of the hearing. Persons with disabilities who will require assistive services or devices to

observe this hearing or participate in it should contact the Board at (515) 281-5256 as soon as possible and at least ten business days in advance of the hearing date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

3. Ames must correct its notices to reflect the new hearing date and follow the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 478 and the Board's implementing rules with respect to notice publication and service and with respect to the filing of copies with the Board.

4. All provisions set forth in the "Order Establishing Procedural Schedule, Proposing to Take Official Notice, and Notice of Hearing" issued February 26, 2007, not specifically modified by this order remain in effect.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
Amy L. Christensen
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of April, 2007.