

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY AND BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-07-9
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued April 9, 2007)

On March 13, 2007, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (Butler) 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 A and a map illustrating the service area agreement was attached as Exhibit B. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

The North 330 feet of the South One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N 330' S ½ NE ¼ NW ¼) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Ninety-six North (T96N), Range Sixteen West (R16W) of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Floyd County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, MidAmerican and Butler state that a customer in the territory to be transferred is constructing a natural gas border station to serve a newly constructed ethanol plant. The utilities state that MidAmerican has electric facilities in place and is capable of providing electric service to the customer without interruption. MidAmerican and Butler state that the transfer of service territory will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and promote efficient and economical use of both utilities. The customer indicated to the utilities that it has no objection to the transfer.

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. MidAmerican and Butler 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 Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative on March 13, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.