

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-07-15
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued July 3, 2007)

On June 7, 2007, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa Valley) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between IPL and Maquoketa Valley was attached to the joint petition as Exhibit 1. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Maquoketa Valley have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Linn County, Iowa. After the modification the following additional service territory will be served by Maquoketa Valley:

1. Abstract Number 13089 located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 22, Township 86N, Range 5W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Linn County, Iowa. This parcel contains 40 acres.
  
2. The West Half (W ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 23, Township 86N, Range 5W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Linn County, Iowa.

In support of the joint petition, IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that the proposed boundary modification will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and provide the most efficient service. The petition states that only one customer is affected and that the customer requested service from Maquoketa Valley. The joint petition further states that no other customers will have their electric service transferred to another utility as a result of the proposed modification.

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 Electric Cooperative on June 7, 2007, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2007.