

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-07-18
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued October 4, 2007)

On September 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 Dubuque County. The following service territory is to be served by IPL:

Lots 28, 29, 30, and A of Legacy Heights Subdivision, further described as lot 2 of Weidemann Farm Subdivision, the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of section 22, and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of section 23, all of T89N, R1E, of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.

The following service territory is to be served by Maquoketa Valley:

Lots 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Legacy Heights Subdivision, further described as lot 2 of Weidemann Farm Subdivision, the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section 22, and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section 23, all of T89N, R1E, of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that the territory exchange will allow both utilities to more efficiently serve a new subdivision and avoid confusion as to which utility is to serve various lots. Also, the utilities indicate maintenance of the current boundaries could result in unnecessary duplication of facilities. The proposed modification will eliminate potential duplication of facilities and confusion over which utility is to provide service to the lots in question. The utilities state that no existing 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 September 7, 2007, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.