

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-08-3
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued February 26, 2008)

On January 28, 2008, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Maquoketa Valley Rural 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:

IPL will include within its service territory the West Half (W ½) of the West Half (W ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 2, T-88N, R-2E Dubuque County, Iowa. Also a strip of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 3, T-88N, R-2E thence north 1542' along the east section line of said section, thence West 204', thence South 1542', thence East 204' along the south line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of

said section to the point of beginning. Note: The sections are more than one mile measured north to south due to a land correction along the northern six sections of this township.

In support of the petition, IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that the boundary modification will allow more efficient utility service to a newly-platted area that will be developed. IPL and Maquoketa Valley state that 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 are currently served by either utility in the area to be transferred.

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 Rural Electric Cooperative on January 28, 2008, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.