

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  GRUNDY COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-08-9
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued October 8, 2008)

On September 12, 2008, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative (Grundy County) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A map illustrating the proposed service area changes was included as Exhibit A. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

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

As reflected in Exhibit "A", Grundy County will include within its service territory the N ½ of NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 88 North, Range 14 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in Black Hawk County, Iowa (the shaded area of Exhibit "A") transferred from the assigned electric service area of MidAmerican to the assigned electric service area of Grundy County.

In support of the petition, MidAmerican and Grundy County state that the owner of the property being transferred has announced plans to expand its agricultural operations; Grundy County currently provides service to the customer on land owned within Grundy County's current service area. MidAmerican and Grundy County note that Grundy County has facilities in the area and that permitting Grundy County to serve the customer's expansion would avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities by MidAmerican. The customer impacted by the change has been notified and has no objection to the territory 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. MidAmerican and Grundy County 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 Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative and MidAmerican Energy Company on September 12, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.