

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND CHARITON VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-08-14
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued December 11, 2008)

On December 2, 2008, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Chariton Valley), 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 was attached as Exhibit 2 and maps illustrating the proposed service area changes were included as Exhibit 3. Also on December 2, 2008, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice filed a response indicating it had no objection to the joint petition. On December 10, 2008, IPL and Chariton Valley filed revised maps to clarify the proposed boundary modification. No objections or other responses to the petition were filed.

IPL and Chariton Valley have agreed to modify their exclusive service territory boundaries in Appanoose County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be transferred from Chariton Valley to IPL:

The Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 31, Township 68 North, Range 17 West; the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 68 North, Range 17 West; except a tract described as commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31, thence running West 417.5 feet, thence South 208.75 feet, thence East 417.5 feet, thence North 208.75 feet to the point of beginning; and the North Fractional One-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 68 North, Range 17 West, except that part lying East of the now abandoned C. B. & Q. Railroad right of way; the East 10 acres of Northeast Quarter, Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 68 North, Range 18 West.

In support of the petition, IPL and Chariton Valley state that while there are no current customers in the territory to be transferred, a residence has been completed on the site and the owner requires service. IPL and Chariton Valley note that IPL has facilities in the area and that permitting IPL to serve the customer's expansion would avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities. The new 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. IPL and Chariton 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 Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., on December 2, 2008, as revised on December 10, 2008, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

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/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.