

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CENTRAL IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. E-21493
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ORDER GRANTING FIRST AMENDMENT OF FRANCHISE

(Issued December 19, 2008)

On July 31, 2008, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) filed a petition, identified as Docket No. E-21493, with the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) for authority to amend its previously granted Franchise No. 17423. CIPCO specifically requested the Board allow it to relocate 3.3 miles and increase the authorized maximum operating voltage of approximately 3.13 miles of existing electric transmission line in Greene County, Iowa, from 35,230 to 72,500 volts, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007). CIPCO states that all easements required for the line have been obtained.

CIPCO has met the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007) and 199 IAC 11 and an amendment to franchise should be issued to CIPCO for the transmission line described in the petition.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. No objections to the petition have been filed as provided for by Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

2. Notice of the petition was published as required by Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

3. CIPCO has filed an agreement to pay all costs and expenses of this franchise proceeding pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.4 (2007).

4. The transmission line is necessary to serve a public use. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

5. The transmission line represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electric energy in the public interest. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

6. The transmission line will meet or exceed the minimum engineering requirements of the rules of the Board and will conform to the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

7. CIPCO has not requested it be vested with the right of eminent domain.

8. The transmission line is near and parallel to roads, to railroad rights of way or along division lines of land, wherever practicable and reasonable, and so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use of land by the occupants consistent with Iowa Code § 478.18 (2007).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Utilities Board has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007).

2. The Utilities Board has authority pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007) to grant an amendment to franchises for the construction, erection, maintenance, and operation of certain electric transmission lines outside cities in the state for the transmission, distribution, or sale of electric current within the state. Iowa Code § 478.1 (2007).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition is granted and an amendment to franchise will be issued to Central Iowa Power Cooperative to construct, erect, operate, and maintain an electric transmission line as specifically described in the amendment to franchise attached to this order and incorporated by this reference.

2. The Utilities Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter in this docket pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2007), and may at any time during the period of the franchise make such further orders as may be necessary.

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 19th day of December, 2008.