STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE:    (company name) |  DOCKET NO. E- AMENDMENT NO.  |

# **PETITION FOR FRANCHISE OR AMENDMENT OF FRANCHISE USING THE ABBREVIATED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE FRANCHISE PROCESS**

COMES NOW ,

authorized to transact business in the State of Iowa, and whose address is

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petitions the Utilities Board (Board) for authority to erect, maintain and operate an electric transmission line in County, Iowa, as provided in Iowa Code chapter 478 (2021), using the abbreviated franchise process established as provided in Iowa Code 478.1(5).

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant requests a franchise be granted to permit the rebuilding of \_\_\_\_\_ miles of existing electric line currently operated at a nominal voltage of 34,500 volts to be capable of operation at a nominal voltage of 69,000 volts.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant requests that an amendment of franchise be granted to permit the rebuilding of \_\_\_\_\_ miles of electric line currently operated at a nominal voltage of 34,500 volts to be capable of operation at a nominal voltage of 69,000 volts.

On , , franchise or extension of franchise Number was granted to in Docket No. E- .

The franchise that would be affected by the proposed amendment presently authorizes (using circuit miles):

 a. miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of volts,

 b. miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of volts, and

 c. miles of line capable of operating at a maximum voltage of volts.

Construction of this proposed line is proposed to commence by , 20 .
For those portions of the proposed line to be located on private property, easements have been obtained of the total of required.

# I

Petitioner asserts that the proposed line is eligible for the abbreviated franchise process, is necessary to serve a public use, represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest, and will comply with all laws and regulations administered by the Board, and submits the following attached exhibits as required by subrule 199 IAC 11.7, which are made a part of this petition and incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit A, a legal description of the route over which the proposed electric line would be constructed.

Exhibit B, a map showing the proposed route and such other natural or man-made features as are pertinent or required.

Exhibit C, engineering specifications and technical information showing the proposed type and manner of construction, on the forms specified by the Board.

Exhibit D, describing the project in sufficient detail to confirm that it is eligible for the abbreviated process, describing the need for and the public use that would be served by the proposed line, the information and allegations required by 199 Iowa Administrative Code § 11.7(2)d, and other information pertinent to the project and this petition.

Exhibit E, a statement confirming that the right of eminent domain is not requested to obtain the right-of-way necessary for this project.

Exhibit F, a showing that petitioner has mailed the required notification of the proposed project to potentially affected parties including other electric, pipeline, telephone, communication, cable television, rural water district and railroad companies that are crossed by or in shared right-of-way with the proposed electric line..

Exhibit G, the form of notice to be sent to owners of and persons residing on property where construction will occur.

Exhibit H, a request describing in detail the good cause for the board to authorize the construction of separate pole lines.

# II

The proposed line will be constructed and maintained in conformance with the requirements of 199 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 25 “Iowa Electrical Safety Code,” including amendments, and with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478.

III

Petitioner agrees to pay all costs and expenses of the franchise proceeding, whether or not objections are filed, including costs of inspections or examinations of the route, hearing, salaries, publishing of notice, and any other expenses reasonably attributable to the proceeding.

IV

Petitioner accepts that the provisions of all laws and regulations relating to public utilities, franchises, and transmission lines, which are in force or which may be hereafter enacted, shall apply to its existing line or lines, franchises, and rights with the same force and effect as if the franchise had been granted, or the lines constructed, or rights obtained under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 478, and amendments thereto.

 V

Petitioner requests that the Board consider and take appropriate action on this petition.

Dated this day of , 20 .

 (Company)

 By

 (Signature)\*

 (Name - Printed)

 (Title)

\* Please redact any actual signature or use typed signature (example /s/ John Doe) before filing.

**AFFIDAVIT**

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| STATE OF COUNTY OF  | } | ss: |

 I, , state under oath that I am

 of Petitioner named above and that I have

 (Official Title)

authority to execute this instrument and that I have read the Petition, know the

contents, and that the statements are true and correct.

 (Signature of Affiant)

 Subscribed and sworn to before me by ,

this day of , 20 .

####  Notary Public

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR FRANCHISE OR AMENDMENT OF FRANCHISE USING THE ABBREVIATED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE FRANCHISE PROCESS**

This form is to be used when filing a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board for franchise or amendment to franchise using the abbreviated franchise process. The petition must be filed and a franchise or amendment issued prior to the reconstruction of an existing electric line operated at 34,500 volts (nominal) to a line capable of operating at 69,000 volts (nominal) outside of a city.

The abbreviated process can be used if the upgraded line [Iowa Code chapter 478.1(5)]:

* will meet required safety standards,
* will be on substantially the same right-of way, and
* will have substantially the same effect on the underlying properties

For petitions requesting a new franchise, the docket number will be assigned by the Iowa Utilities Board when it receives the petition. Leave the amendment number blank, or delete it.

For amendment of an existing franchise, the number of the docket under which the line is currently franchised is to be inserted. The amendment number will reflect the number of times the petitioner has previously amended the franchise issued in this docket.

Rules regarding filing a petition for franchise for an electric transmission line are found in 199 IAC chapter 11. Rules specific to the abbreviated franchise process are found in 199 IAC §§ 11.7.

General filing rules are found in 199 IAC chapter 7. Rules regarding electronic filing with the Iowa Utilities Board are found in 199 IAC chapter 14.

The petition and exhibits must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board by uploading a document or collection of documents into the Iowa Utilities Board’s electronic filing system at https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/.

If any map, drawing or oversized document cannot be printed on 11x17 inch or smaller-sized paper in legible and usable form, an original plus four paper copies must be filed in addition to the electronic copy. See 199 IAC 14.8(1).

Any paper copies required must be mailed or delivered to the address below: [199 IAC 7.4(2)(b)].

Chief Operating Officer

Iowa Utilities Board

1375 E. Court Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

See the rules for additional details and exceptions to the general requirements described above.

If you have questions, please contact the IUB at (515) 725-7337 or ITsupport@iub.iowa.gov.