

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:	
INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND PRESTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DOCKET NO. SPU-2021-0015

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF SERVICE
TERRITORY**

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On November 22, 2021, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Preston Municipal Utilities (PMU) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a Joint Petition for Adjustment of Service Territory (Joint Petition) for nine properties located in Jackson County, Iowa. IPL and PMU state in the Joint Petition that it is appropriate to modify the existing boundaries because the proposed modifications are in the public interest.

In the Joint Petition, IPL and PMU state the proposed electric service territory modifications will not result in any change of existing electric service provider for any customer. Accordingly, IPL and PMU do not expect objections from any electric customers subject to the proposed modification of service territory lines.

IPL and PMU state the exchange of service areas is in the public interest and will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and promote economical, efficient, and adequate electric service to the public as required by Iowa Code § 476.25(2).

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, filed a Statement of Position on December 13, 2021, stating OCA does not object to the Joint Petition.

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After multiple letter exchanges in the docket, Board staff, IPL, PMU, OCA, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Board's mapping vendor, met for two video conferences to review the proposed map and to provide comments. The video conferences were held on January 21 and May 4, 2022.

On May 9, 2022, Board staff filed a letter in the docket, which included a map that depicted the boundary modifications the parties viewed and discussed in the May 4, 2022 conference call. Board staff requested that IPL, PMU, and OCA file a response stating the map accurately depicts the service territory boundary modifications proposed in the docket.

On May 11, 2022, IPL and PMU filed a joint response stating, "The Joint Petitioners hereby confirm that they agree with the map prepared by Board Staff that was included with the May 9 Letter."

On May 12, 2022, OCA filed a response stating it had no objection to the final map of the service territory boundary modifications that was included with Board staff's May 9, 2022 letter.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Iowa Code § 476.25(2) states that contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and/or exchange customers shall be approved by the Board upon a finding by the Board 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." Board subrule 199 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 20.3(9) specifies the filing requirements for requests to

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modify electric service boundaries, including the legal description of the affected areas, a map of the affected areas, the designation of the involved utilities, and a justification for the modification.

The Joint Petition contains the information required by 199 IAC 20.3(9). The modified service area boundaries, as shown on the map provided in Board staff's May 9, 2022 letter, are in the public interest, will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, and will promote economical, efficient, and adequate electric service to the public. The proposed changes in service territories will not result in any change of electric service providers for existing customers.

Because the Board finds that the requirements of Iowa Code § 476.25(2) are satisfied, it will grant the Joint Petition.

ORDERING CLAUSES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Joint Petition for Adjustment of Service Territory filed by Interstate Power and Light Company and Preston Municipal Utilities on November 22, 2021, as reflected in the map filed by Utilities Board staff on May 9, 2022, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16th day of June, 2022.