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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY AND AUBURN ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2.3-6 FOR APPROVAL OF AGREED CHANGES IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSIGNED SERVICE AREAS ON U.S.G.S. FACET MAPS X-5 IN DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA.	**)**	**CAUSE NO. 46470** **APPROVED: OCT 28 2026**

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Presiding Officer:
Loraine L. Seyfried, Chief Administrative Law Judge

On September 15, 2026, Indiana Michigan Power Company ("I&M") and the Auburn Electric Department ("Auburn") (together, "Joint Petitioners") filed a Verified Joint Petition to Modify Service Area Boundaries ("Joint Petition") with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission"). The Joint Petition seeks Commission approval for electric service area boundary changes on the U.S. Geological Survey ("U.S.G.S.") Facet Map X-5 in Dekalb County, Indiana. Drawings of the agreed-upon boundary changes were attached to the Joint Petition.

On October 13, 2026, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") filed its Notice of Intent to Not File Testimony. I&M submitted the proof of publication on September 24, 2026.

The Commission, having considered the evidence and applicable law, now finds:

1. Commission Jurisdiction. I&M is a public utility organized and existing under Indiana law with its principal place of business located in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I&M has corporate power and authority to engage in, among other things, generating, transmitting, distributing, and selling electric energy within the State of Indiana.

Auburn is a municipality that owns and operates a municipal electric distribution system. It is engaged in the business of distributing, furnishing, and selling retail electric service to the public in Dekalb County, Indiana.

Each Joint Petitioner is an "electricity supplier" as defined in Ind. Code § 8-1-2.3-2(b). Joint Petitioners seek Commission approval of modifications to their assigned service area boundaries. Agreements reached between electricity suppliers for boundary changes require approval from the Commission under Ind. Code § 8-1-2.3-6(a)(2). Therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction over Joint Petitioners and the subject matter of this proceeding.

2. Relief Sought. Joint Petitioners assert that since the approval of the assigned service areas for I&M and Auburn in Cause No. 36299-S208(X), there has been a change in circumstances requiring a modification of their service area boundaries. As a result, Joint Petitioners request approval of the proposed boundary line modifications to the territory currently being served by I&M on a temporary basis as authorized in the Commission's March 8, 2023 Order in Cause No. 45846 ("Consent to Serve"). The Consent to Serve involves the identical area requested to be permanently transferred in this Cause. Joint Petitioners request that the current Consent to Serve remain in place until such time as new facilities are constructed by I&M, so that the approval of the proposed boundary line modification becomes effective on the date I&M energizes its newly constructed facilities.

3. Notice. Ind. Code § 8-1-2.3-6(a)(2) provides, in relevant part:

> If notice of a verified request for a change of boundary lines by mutual agreement under this subdivision is published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county in which the boundary lines are located and an affected electricity customer does not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the last date of publication, the [C]ommission may approve the change without a hearing.

The record shows that notice of the filing of the Joint Petition was published on September 22, 2026, in *The Star*, a newspaper of general circulation in Dekalb County, Indiana. In addition, Joint Petitioners certified that, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-9(c), notice was posted to their individual websites at: https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/company/legal-notices and https://www.auburnessentialservices.net/281/Public-Notices, and the website notices will remain for at least 30 days following this Order.

More than 20 days have passed since the last date of publication of the notices in the local newspapers, and no affected electricity customer has requested a hearing. Therefore, the Commission may approve the requested boundary line changes without a hearing.

4. Approval of Requested Relief. Joint Petitioners request approval of the proposed boundary line modification to permanently transfer the service area that is currently being served by the Consent to Serve, which will become effective on the date of energization of the new facilities to be constructed by I&M. Until that time, service to the area will continue to be provided under the Consent to Serve. The single customer affected by the proposed boundary line modification was a party to the Consent to Serve and does not object to the permanent transfer.

I&M proposes to notify the Commission within 30 days of the new facilities being energized. Both parties agree to this approach, and the approval of the boundary line changes will result in I&M continuing to serve the area to be transferred on a permanent basis.

There is no evidence before the Commission in this proceeding that the requested changes will cause: (a) the duplication of electric facilities; (b) a waste of materials or resources; or (c) uneconomic, inefficient or inadequate electric service to the public.

Based on the information provided, we find that the agreed-upon changes to the assigned service area boundaries located on U.S.G.S. Facet Map X-5, as specifically depicted in the Joint

Petition and exhibits attached thereto, will promote economical, efficient, and adequate electric service to the public consistent with the legislative policy set forth in Ind. Code § 8-1-2.3-1 and, therefore, should be approved. This approval takes effect on the date when I&M's new facilities are energized. Within 30 days of the date when I&M's facilities are energized, I&M shall file a notice with the date of energization as a compliance filing in this Cause.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. Joint Petitioners' agreed-upon service area boundary line changes, as set forth above and in the Joint Petition and exhibits attached thereto, are approved, effective on the date when I&M's facilities are energized.

2. Within 30 days of the date when I&M's facilities are energized, I&M shall file a notice with the date of energization as a compliance filing in this Cause.

3. Within 30 days of I&M's compliance filing providing the notice of energization, Joint Petitioners shall coordinate with each other to update the service territory mapping system to reflect the modified service area boundary approved by this Order. Additionally, Joint Petitioners shall notify the Commission's Energy Division staff at serviceterritory@urc.in.gov when the service territory mapping system has been updated.

4. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

BAIN, DEIG, JERRELLS, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; SWINGER ABSENT:

APPROVED: OCT 28 2026

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.

Regina K Joyner Digitally signed by Regina K Joyner Date: 2026.10.28 11:12:02 -04'00' on behalf of

Dana Kosco
Secretary of the Commission