

DE12-191

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Dear Ms. Howland,

My name is Ryan Hazelton and my wife Amy and I are currently residents of Chester and are building a new home located at 42 Harantis Lake Road. I recently spoke with your office requesting guidance on a power situation with regards to my new home. At their suggestion I am writing this letter.

About three months ago as we began the process of building our new home we knew that one of the first things we needed to address would be the power necessary for this home. Harantis Lake Road currently has no power running from Derry Road leading up to our new Home. The power starts less than 300 feet beyond our driveway and belongs to NH Co-Op. Chester is serviced by both PSNH and NH Co Op. Being that we are currently PSNH customers at the home we are living in now, I called them looking for guidance on how to get power up our driveway. Initially they thought that the provider for our new home would be The Co-Op. At their suggestion I called the Co-Op. Upon further review by the Co-Op they found that our property actually sits on the last part of PSNH's grid. Because of this they referred me back to Public Service.

The reason for my letter today is to officially petition the PUC for permission to be released from PSNH service at my new home located at 42 Harantis Lake Road and ask that they allow NH Co-Op to provide service to me. There are a few reasons I feel that this is a reasonable request. NH Co-Op currently has an electric service pole that is located just a few hundred feet from my driveway on the same side of the road. The work necessary to bring power onto my lot would be minimal and require only one pole. The Co-Op currently provides power to a house across the street from us that I understand was part of the PSNH grid and was released by them when the house was built. In order for PSNH to provide power to our new home they have told me they would have to run between 8 or 9 poles up Harantis Lake Road from Derry Road as they currently do not offer power on this particular grid that is owned by them. As I am sure you are aware if power was to be brought this distance, approximately 1300-1500 feet, the cost we have been told by PSNH would be in the area of \$17,000- \$18,000. The cost from the Co-Op would be less than half this price.

In closing I hope that a judgment will be made in our favor which would allow NH -Co-Op to provide power to our home. We feel that because PSNH has previously granted another house on this road to the Co-Op presumably because they did not have power on this road and the Co-Op did, as well as the considerable cost that we would have to incur on our own because PSNH does not currently offer power on our road we respectfully submit this request to you. The cost of having to run a line such a long

distance is a financial burden that we had not anticipated and are not prepared to undertake and feel we should not have to undertake if a more reasonable solution is available. It is my hope that because power is available just a few hundred feet away we will be allowed this judgment. We hope that everyone involved understands that this request is not being made due to any ill feelings toward PSNH. It is strictly based on what seems to be the most logical solution as well as the most cost effective for everyone. Please feel free to call me at your convenience if you have any questions. I am also more than happy to meet with you at any time if you feel it is necessary.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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