THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE before the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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JOINT PETITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE AREAS IN NOTTINGHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "NHEC") Eversource Energy (hereinafter "EVERSOURCE") jointly request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") issue an order approving a change in the franchise areas served by the two utilities in the town of Nottingham, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of Mr. Joseph Falzone of Harbor Street Limited Partnership to have NHEC provide electric service to all of the lots in Phase I (the Site), of the Maple Ridge residential subdivision located between Friar Tuck Lane and Oak Ridge road in Nottingham.

For the reasons set out below NHEC and EVERSOURCE jointly agreed that the public interest would best be served by the amendment of their respective franchise areas at this location of Nottingham so as to permit NHEC to serve all of the lots located within Phase I of the subdivision. Eversource would still provide electric service to Phase II and Phase III, as it they will exist within their existing franchise.

The requested relief is authorized under RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26 (NHEC and EVERSOURCE note that RSA 374:22 does not apply to NHEC, pursuant to RSA 362:2). In support of this Petition, NHEC and EVERSOURCE state the following:

- 1. NHEC and EVERSOURCE each serve portions of Nottingham. A portion of the Site is partially located in what would otherwise be NHEC's service territory. A color map of the relevant area, with the approximate location of the existing franchise line with a proposed realignment in red, is attached. A copy of the Nottingham portion of NHEC's current franchise map with the re-alignment in red is also attached.
- 2. NHEC and EVERSOURCE agree that, given the location and configuration of their respective facilities, it is most efficient and cost-effective, and is in the public interest, for NHEC to serve the entirety of Phase I.
- 3. NHEC and EVERSOURCE agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Nottingham in order to accommodate Mr. Falzone's request and place Phase I entirely within NHEC's franchise area, without otherwise altering the border between their respective franchise areas in Nottingham.

4. NHEC and EVERSOURCE understand that Mr. Falzone agrees with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

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