

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: 02 January 2014**AT (OFFICE): NHPUC**
FROM: Tom Frantz – Director, Electric Division**SUBJECT:** DE 13-303; Petition by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Public Service Company of New Hampshire to Alter Franchise Area in Sunapee, New Hampshire**TO:** Chair Ignatius and Commissioner Scott
Executive Director Howland

On October 18, 2013, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a joint petition with the Commission in which they request that the Commission issue an order approving a change in franchise territory in Sunapee, New Hampshire. The requested change to the service territory is made jointly in order to meet the request of Ms. Debbie Samalis, who has asked NHEC to provide electric service to her newly constructed home in Sunapee. The petition states that the public interest would be served by allowing NHEC to serve the customer's home, located at 70 West Court Street in Sunapee, as the location would be challenging and costly for PSNH to extend service to the location from its existing facilities in Sunapee. The petition also states that PSNH would need to obtain some easements to serve the property and that those easements may be difficult to obtain.

NHEC has an electric distribution line that is closer to Ms. Samalis' home than is any PSNH distribution facility. The NHEC line is used to connect facilities serving northern and southern portions of NHEC's franchise in Sunapee and would not entail the challenges PSNH would face to serve the customer.

PSNH and NHEC have agreed to adjust their franchise territories to meet the needs of Ms. Samalis without making any other adjustments to the franchise territory. According to the petition, Ms. Samalis is in favor of this arrangement. Her location would be noted on each utility's franchise map as being in the service territory of PSNH, but served by NHEC.

Staff has reviewed the petition and recommends that the Commission grant NHEC's and PSNH's petition to alter the franchise territory in Sunapee to allow NHEC to serve 70 West Court Street and to grant such approval without hearing as all parties are in agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.