

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** December 29, 2015

**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DE 15-509 Joint Petition of NH Electric Cooperative and Eversource  
to Alter Franchise Area in Barnstead, NH

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On December 18, 2015, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) and Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a joint petition with the Commission in which they requested the Commission issue an order approving a change in franchise territories in Barnstead, New Hampshire. The requested change to the service territories is made jointly in order to meet the request of Mr. Justin Ferland to have Eversource provide electric service to one lot located on Garland Road in Barnstead. The petition states that the public interest would be served by allowing Eversource to serve the customer's home, identified as Lot 51 on Barnstead Tax Map 1, as Mr. Ferland is unable to obtain from his abutting neighbor the rights of way necessary for NHEC to provide service to Mr. Ferland's home. Without those rights of way, the only option for service from NHEC consists of crossing Lougee Pond from State owned property on Coles Ledge Road, an option which NHEC considers impracticable. NHEC and Eversource acknowledge that the only remaining option for providing electric service to Mr. Fernald's home is to extend electric utility distribution services 3,300 feet from Mr. Fernald's home to Eversource's facilities on Garland Road.

Eversource and NHEC agree to adjust their franchise territories to meet the needs of Mr. Fernald without otherwise altering the border between their respective franchise areas in Barnstead. Mr. Fernald's lot would be identified on each utility's franchise map as being located in the service area of NHEC but served by Eversource.

Consumer Affairs Staff worked with Mr. Ferland during the fall as he explored with NHEC and Eversource his options for obtaining electric service at his home. Mr. Ferland has received an estimate from Eversource for the cost of extending service to his home and has expressed to Staff his desire to move forward with the Eversource line extension.

Staff has reviewed the petition and recommends that the Commission grant NHEC's and Eversource's petition to alter the franchise territory in Barnstead to allow Eversource to serve Lot 51 on Barnstead Tax Map 1 and to grant such approval without hearing as all parties are in agreement.

Please contact either of us if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.

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