

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
before the  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 18-XXX

JOINT PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. TO ALTER  
THEIR FRANCHISE AREAS IN BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter “Eversource”) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (hereinafter “Unitil”) 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 Bow, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request to have Eversource provide electric service to the Chadwick residence off Jacqueline Dr. Ext.

For the reasons set out below Eversource and Unitil jointly agree that the public interest would best be served by the amendment of their respective franchise areas in the area of Bow so as to permit Eversource to provide service to this lot, located at 17 Jacqueline Dr. Ext. in Bow, with parcel ID of 17-3-24 (hereinafter the “Site”). The requested relief is authorized under RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26. In support of this Petition, Eversource and Unitil state the following:

1. Eversource and Unitil each serve portions of Bow. The customer, Timothy Chadwick, is seeking to construct a new residence at the Site, which is within Unitil’s service territory. The Site rests on the town line in Bow with no direct access from any Bow roads. Access to the Site comes from a driveway off Jacqueline Dr. in Dunbarton, which is in Eversource’s service territory.

2. Eversource’s existing distribution facilities are located substantially closer to the Site, and accessibility is considerably less restricted for Eversource. Each of the parties recognizes that, due to the specific physical location of the Site, the extension of electric utility distribution services to the Site from Eversource’s nearby facilities along Jacqueline Dr. is substantially less costly than the construction that would be required to bring service to the Site from Unitil’s existing facilities. A color map of the relevant area, with the location of the existing franchise line and the Site location with a proposed realignment is attached. A copy of Eversource’s franchise map for the relevant area is also attached.

3. In light of the specific circumstances described above, Eversource and Unitil agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Bow to accommodate the request to place the Site within Eversource’s franchise area, without otherwise altering the border between their respective franchise areas in Bow. Amending the franchise line to connect

the Site to Eversource's facilities is substantially less costly than other available options and is otherwise reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

4. Eversource and Unitil understand that the customer agrees with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

**Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
d/b/a Eversource Energy**

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