

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 19-XXX

JOINT PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A
EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE
ELECTRIC) CORP. D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE
AREAS IN WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter “Eversource”) and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (hereinafter “Liberty”) 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 Windham, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request to have Eversource provide electric service to the entirety of the MidTrail Crossing and Lilac Ridge subdivisions.

For the reasons set out below Eversource and Liberty jointly agree that the public interest would best be served by the amendment of their respective franchise areas in the area of Windham so as to permit Eversource to provide service to all lots within the above-named subdivisions, and to otherwise align their service territories with the facilities in the field. In support of this Petition, Eversource and Liberty state the following:

1. Eversource and Liberty each serve portions of Windham. The customer, developer GBQ Homes, is seeking to both reconfigure the existing area and to construct new homes. Presently, most, but not all, of the proposed new development is within Eversource’s territory and would be more efficiently and cost-effectively served by Eversource. A copy of the map of the proposed development with marks showing the existing franchise line (as well as areas currently served by Eversource and Liberty) is enclosed as Attachment A to this petition.

2. Each of the parties recognizes that due to the specific physical location of the proposed development the extension of electric utility distribution services from Eversource’s nearby facilities is substantially less costly than the construction that would be required to bring service from Liberty’s existing facilities. Moreover, the franchise adjustment necessary to place the development entirely within Eversource’s territory is less disruptive than an alternative adjustment. Furthermore, in recognition of the presently existing structures being served by Eversource and Liberty respectively, making this franchise adjustment also provides an opportunity to set lines more appropriate to the areas being presently served, and that will be served, by each utility in

the future. A map showing the proposed adjusted franchise line is enclosed as Attachment B to this petition.


3. In light of the specific circumstances described above, Eversource and Liberty agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Windham as shown in the attached map. 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 Liberty 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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