

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Docket No. DE 22-XXX**

**JOINT PETITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE  
ENERGY TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE AREAS IN CROYDON AND SUNAPEE,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") jointly request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order approving a change in the franchise areas served by the two utilities in the towns of Croydon and Sunapee, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the requests from two customers for line extensions for service in Croydon at Lots 18-673 and 18-674, shown in Attachment A to this petition.

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 in the towns of Croydon and Sunapee so as to permit NHEC to provide service to Croydon for Lot 18-673 on Melody Lane owned by Mr. Keith Rodrigue and Aurora Merry and Lot 18-674 on Melody Lane owned by Sugar River Holdings, LLC. ("Site"). 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. A residence is proposed to be built on lot 18-673 of the Site which has frontage on Melody Lane in the Town of Sunapee, which frontage coincides with the municipal boundary between Croydon and Sunapee, with the Melody Lane road right-of-way falling in Sunapee and within NHEC's franchise area. However, the Site is located on the opposite side of the common municipal boundary between Croydon and Sunapee, which boundary also serves to delineate between the current Eversource and NHEC franchise areas with Eversource serving Croydon and NHEC serving Sunapee. Although the residence to be constructed on the Site is within the Eversource franchise area, obtaining a new right-of-way and installing facilities to serve the Site from exclusively within the Eversource franchise area in Croydon is more complicated and resource intensive compared to bringing service to the Site from Melody Lane in the NHEC franchise area. The owners of Lot 18-674, also part of the Site, have also requested a line extension. There is an existing and proximate NHEC distribution line within Melody Lane right of way abutting the Site, as depicted in Attachment A, from which the requested customers' line extensions to the Site can more economically and readily be accomplished, therefore making the requested adjustment to the franchise areas would be for the public good.

2. In light of the specific circumstances described above, NHEC and Eversource agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Croydon and Sunapee in order to accommodate the customer's request and to have the Site within NHEC's franchise area. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site is identified on the franchise maps. Moreover,

NHEC and Eversource intend to adjust the franchise lines as shown on Attachment B to reflect the actual status of service in the area.

3. NHEC and Eversource understand that Site owners agree with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing pursuant to RSA 374:26. In the interest of an expedient resolution, and because there are no issues in dispute, NHEC and Eversource request that the Commission approve the franchise amendment via Order *nisi*, as the Commission has done in the past with such agreements between Eversource and NHEC, for example in Docket Nos. DE 19-184 and DE 19-073.

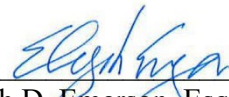
Respectfully submitted,  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Dated: November 14, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.A. Chiavara', written in a cursive style.

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