

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

Docket No. DE 24-xxx

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

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“NHEC”) hereby jointly petition the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to issue an order approving an adjustment in their franchise areas in the Town of Landaff, New Hampshire, so as to accommodate the request from a new customer for a line extension for service on Albee Road in Landaff.

For the reasons set forth below, Eversource and NHEC jointly agree that the public interest would best be served by the adjustment of their respective franchise areas in the Town of Landaff in order to permit NHEC to provide service to a new customer at Lot 3-17, where this lot is currently within the Eversource franchise area. NHEC has electric distribution facilities within the immediate vicinity of this lot, but Eversource does not, as shown in Attachment B to this Joint Petition. This lot is proposed to be moved from the Eversource franchise area to the NHEC franchise area within the Town. 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 Joint Petition, NHEC and Eversource state as follows:

1. A residence that is proposed to be built on Lot 3-17 on Albee Road in the Town of Landaff will be closer to electric distribution facilities owned and operated by NHEC than it will be to any such facilities owned and operated by Eversource. The location of this parcel and its relative proximity to NHEC facilities and relative distance from Eversource facilities are shown

in Attachment B. The cost for Eversource to extend service to Lot 3-17 therefore would be significantly greater than the cost for NHEC to extend service to that parcel. NHEC already provides electric service to customers on Albee Road. Accordingly, service may be provided to the Lot 3-17 property with less extensive construction and at lower cost by NHEC than by Eversource. Thus, the requested customer line extension to Lot 3-17 can be accomplished more economically and readily by NHEC.

2. In light of the specific circumstances described above, Lot 3-17 would be better served by NHEC, and both NHEC and Eversource would incur lesser costs if NHEC were to serve this lot. Therefore, NHEC and Eversource agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in the Town of Landaff in order to accommodate the new customer's service request, all consistent with the public interest. NHEC and Eversource accordingly intend to adjust the franchise boundary lines as shown in Attachment A to reflect the update to service to accommodate Lot 3-17.

3. Eversource and NHEC understand that the property owner at Lot 3-17 agrees with and supports this proposal. 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 this is not a contested case with any issues in dispute, Eversource and NHEC request that the Commission approve the proposed franchise boundary adjustment through issuance of an order *nisi*, as the Commission has done in the past with such agreements between NHEC and Eversource, for example in Docket Nos. DE 19-184 and DE 22-077, and consistent with the most recent approval granted in Docket No. DE 24-028.

Respectfully submitted,

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d/b/a Eversource Energy
By its Attorney

Dated: September 12, 2024

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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: September 12, 2024

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