

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DE _____

**JOINT PETITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE
AREAS IN SUNAPEE NEW HAMPSHIRE**

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter “NHEC”) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (hereinafter “PSNH”) 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 Sunapee, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of Ms. Debbie Samalis to have NHEC provide electric service to her newly constructed home located at 70 West Court Road in Sunapee.

For the reasons set out below NHEC and PSNH jointly agreed that the public interest would best be served by the amendment of their respective franchise areas in the West Court Road area of Sunapee so as to permit NHEC to provide service to 70 West Court Road (hereinafter the “Site”). The requested relief is authorized under RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26 (NHEC and PSNH note that RSA 374:22 does not apply to NHEC, pursuant to RSA 362:2). In support of this Petition, NHEC and PSNH state the following:

1. NHEC and PSNH each serve portions of Sunapee. NHEC’s service territory within Sunapee consists of two noncontiguous areas, separated by a relatively narrow portion of PSNH’s service territory. The Site is located in what would otherwise be PSNH’s service

territory. A copy of the Sunapee portion of NHEC's current franchise map, showing the location of the Site, is attached as Exhibit A.

2. The Site is located in a rural, heavily-wooded and topographically challenging area. While PSNH does serve customers on West Court Road and other nearby streets, and has higher voltage transmission lines in the vicinity, the Site's location is distant from PSNH's existing distribution facilities. Extension of service to the Site from PSNH's existing distribution facilities is also made more complicated and expensive by the local topography and challenges in obtaining the specific easements necessary to provide service from that direction.

3. Although NHEC does not serve members in the immediate vicinity of the Site, there is a NHEC express line which connects the northern and southern segments of NHEC's Sunapee service territory, operating at distribution voltage, which passes nearby the Site. These existing NHEC distribution facilities are located substantially closer to the Site than any existing PSNH distribution facilities. Furthermore, the line extension route from NHEC's facilities to the Site is not burdened by the same topographical and easement challenges as are present in the PSNH route.

4. NHEC and PSNH each recognize that, due to the specific physical location of the Site, the extension of electric utility distribution services to the Site from NHEC's nearby facilities is substantially less costly than the construction of a longer and otherwise more burdensome extension which would be required if service were provided from PSNH's

existing facilities. A satellite photograph of the relevant area, with the approximate location of the existing franchise lines, the Site location, and NHEC's express line, is attached as Exhibit B.

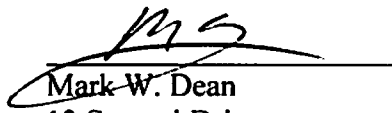
5. It is uncertain where future development, if any, in the area of the Site might occur. In light of the specific circumstances described above, NHEC and PSNH agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Sunapee in order to place the Site within NHEC's franchise area, without otherwise altering the border between their respective franchise areas in Sunapee. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site will be identified on the franchise maps, with a notation that the address is to be served by NHEC.

3. PSNH and NHEC understand that Ms. Samalis agrees with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

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