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FROM: Tom Frantz – Director, Electric Division**SUBJECT:** DE 14-044; Petition by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Public Service Company of New Hampshire to Alter Franchise Areas in Deerfield, New Hampshire**TO:** Chair Ignatius and Commissioners Scott and Honigberg
Executive Director Howland
Randall Knepper – Director, Division of Safety

On February 7, 2014, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a joint petition with the Commission in which they request that the Commission issue an order approving a change in franchise territory in Deerfield, New Hampshire. The requested change to the service territory is made jointly in order to meet the request of Mr. Jeff White of the Tukor Real Estate & Development Company, who has requested that NHEC provide electric service to all of his lots in a subdivision known as Forest Glen located on Hartford Brook Road in Deerfield. The petition states that the public interest would be served by altering the franchise areas of NHEC and PSNH in the Hartford Brook area of Deerfield in order to allow NHEC to provide electric service to all of the lots along Hartford Brook Road.

NHEC and PSNH both have service territory in Deerfield. NHEC serves Hartford Brook Road off of Middle Road to the north while PSNH's service territory lies along the southern portion of Hartford Brook Road and north of its service territory along South Road. NHEC's distribution facilities are closer to the Forest Glen subdivision location, though both PSNH and NHEC point out that the exact location of future development along Hartford Brook Road is uncertain. In order to accommodate Mr. White, PSNH and NHEC agree to adjust their franchise areas in Deerfield and to place that part of the Forest Glen subdivision along Hartford Brook Road in the franchise territory of NHEC without altering any other franchise territory between them. NHEC and PSNH state that due to the location of NHEC's distribution facilities and the physical nature of the territory, NHEC can serve the area at substantially less cost than could PSNH. NHEC and PSNH agree to identify the subdivision on their franchise maps and indicate that the subdivision will be served by NHEC. According to PSNH and NHEC, Mr. White agrees with this proposal.

Staff has reviewed the petition and recommends that the Commission grant NHEC's and PSNH's petition to alter the franchise territory in Deerfield to allow NHEC to serve Hartford Brook Road and, in accordance with RSA 374:26, to grant such approval without hearing as all parties are in agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.

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