

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## Inter-Department Communication

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AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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SUBJECT: DE 14-150; Petition by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Public Service Company of New Hampshire to Alter Franchise Area in Chester, New Hampshire

TO: Chair Ignatius and Commissioners Scott and Honigberg  
Executive Director Howland

On June 03, 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 territories of the two utilities in the town of Chester, New Hampshire. The requested change to the service territory is made jointly in order to meet the request of Mr. Michael Oleson, who has asked NHEC to provide electric service to his four lots on Gladys Nicole Lane off Orcutt Drive (the Site) in Chester. The petition states that the public interest would be served by allowing NHEC and PSNH to amend their service territories in the Orcutt Drive area of Chester in order for NHEC to serve the Site that abuts Trillium Lane, Orcutt Drive and the four lots on Gladys Nicole Lane.

The Petition states that NHEC can serve the Site at less cost than could PSNH. NHEC has an electric distribution line that is closer to the sites than are any PSNH distribution facilities.

PSNH and NHEC have agreed to adjust their franchise territories to meet the needs of Ms. Oleson who agrees with the changes proposed in the Petition. As shown in the attachment to the Petition, the location would be noted on each utility's franchise map as being in the service territory of NHEC, if approved by the Commission.

Staff has reviewed the petition and the attached map and recommends that the Commission grant NHEC's and PSNH's petition to alter the franchise territory in Chester to allow NHEC to serve the Site and to grant such approval without hearing as both NHEC and PSNH are in agreement.

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

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