

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 19-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 BARNSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "NHEC") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter "Eversource") 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 Barnstead, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of NHEC to have Eversource provide electric service to the Cookingham residence at Lot 0080-38-009.

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 area of Barnstead so as to permit Eversource to provide service to Tax Lot 0080-38-009 off New Road owned by Mr. Cookingham, (hereinafter the "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. NHEC and Eversource each serve portions of Barnstead. The Site is located in what is NHEC's service territory. Although the Site is within the NHEC franchise area, NHEC is unable to obtain a new right-of-way that would be necessary to bring its service out of an existing right-of-way and back to New Road near the Site. The alternative of having NHEC construct a line from its existing facilities along New Road from a different point would be substantially more expensive than having Eversource construct a line from an abutting property already served by Eversource. A map showing the relationship of the Site to the existing facilities is included with this petition as Attachment A.
2. NHEC and Eversource also intend to use this opportunity to re-draw the franchise line nearby to reflect the current state of service, as well as reasonably expected future development in the area. In the area near the Site, each utility has served lots within the service territory of the other for years. Additionally, in the area the existing franchise lines bisect existing lot lines for undeveloped parcels in numerous places meaning that if the franchise lines are not reconfigured now, future adjustments may be required when or if development occurs on those lots. To address these concerns NHEC and Eversource have mutually agreed to various adjustments to the existing franchise lines.

A color map of the relevant area, with the approximate location of the existing franchise line, is included as Attachment B and a color map with the proposed realignment is included as Attachment C. A copy of the Laconia portion of NHEC's current franchise map is also attached as Attachment D.

3. In light of the specific circumstances described above, NHEC and Eversource agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Barnstead in order to accommodate NHEC's request and place the Site within Eversource's franchise area. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site will be identified on the franchise maps. Moreover, NHEC and Eversource intend to adjust the franchise lines as shown on Attachment C to reflect the actual status of service in the area.

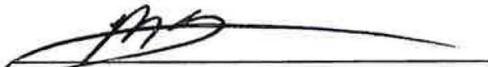
4. NHEC and Eversource understand that Mr. Cookingham agrees with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

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