STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Request to Alter Franchise Boundaries in Chester, New Hampshire

Order Approving Franchise Boundary Change

Summary of Order *Nisi* Approving Franchise Boundary Change

NOTICE OF ORDER *NISI* NO. <u>25,562</u>

August 7, 2013

On June 18, 2012, Ryan Hazelton filed a letter with the Commission regarding electric service to a new residence located on Harantis Lake Road in Chester, New Hampshire. Mr. Hazelton requested that the residence be provided electric service by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) because NHEC maintains an electric service pole on Harantis Lake Road. He asked for the change because the residence is located in the service territory of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH). On June 17, 2013, NHEC and PSNH jointly requested the Commission to approve the change requested by Mr. Hazelton. Staff filed a memorandum on July 30, 2013 recommending the Commission approve the limited franchise change. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-191.html.

Pursuant to RSA 374:22 and 374:26, the filings and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that adjusting NHEC's service territory to provide electric service to Mr. Hazelton's residence is in the public interest. The petition is therefore approved on a *nisi* basis.

NHEC is authorized to include Mr. Hazelton's residence in its franchise territory. All persons interested in responding to this Order Nisi may submit their comments or file a written

request for a hearing which states the reasons and basis for a hearing no later than August 23, 2013 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for a hearing shall do so no later than August 30, 2013. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective September 5, 2013 unless the Commission orders otherwise.