

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Joint Petition to Alter Franchise Areas in Chester, New Hampshire

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,717 Approving Franchise Boundary Change

September 15, 2014

On June 3, 2014, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) (collectively, Joint Petitioners) filed a petition to alter their franchise territories in Chester, New Hampshire, to allow NHEC to serve four lots on Gladys Nicole Lane off Orcutt Drive (Site). The Joint Petitioners attached a map of the relevant area that depicts the current franchise boundary and the proposed change. Staff filed a memorandum on August 26, 2014, recommending that the Commission grant the petition. 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/2014/14-150>.

Pursuant to RSA 374:22, RSA 372:26, the Joint Petitioners' filings, and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that adjusting NHEC's and PSNH's service territory to allow NHEC to provide services to the Site is in the public interest. NHEC is authorized to include the four lots on Gladys Nicole Lane off Orcutt Drive in Chester in its franchise territory. This approval is granted on a *nisi* basis, which means it is not effective until October 15, 2014, to allow any interested party the opportunity to submit comments or request a hearing.

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 October 1, 2014, 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 October 8, 2014. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective October 15, 2014, unless the Commission orders otherwise.