

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Joint Petition to Alter Franchise Areas in Barnstead, New Hampshire

Order *Nisi* Approving Franchise Boundary Change

SUMMARY OF ORDER *NISI* NO. 25,869

February 23, 2016

On February 23, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 25,869, approving a Joint Petition of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to change their franchise areas in Barnstead, New Hampshire. The Joint Petition was filed in response to a request to have Eversource provide electric service to the property known as “Lot 51” off Garland Road. NHEC and Eversource both provide service into portions of Barnstead. While the house site on Lot 51 is in NHEC’s franchise area, Eversource’s distribution facilities located on Garland Road provide a more direct connection to the property. 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/2015/15-509.html>.

Pursuant to RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26, the Commission found that adjusting NHEC’s and Eversource’s service territory to allow Eversource to provide service to Mr. Ferland’s property is in the public interest. The Commission therefore approved the petition on a *nisi* basis, authorizing Eversource to include Lot 51 on Garland Road in Barnstead in its franchise

territory. NHEC and Eversource shall file franchise maps with the Commission to reflect the change.

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 March 11, 2016, 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 March 18, 2016. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective March 24, 2016, unless the Commission orders otherwise.