

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

Joint Petition to Alter Franchise Areas in Nottingham, New Hampshire

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,941 Approving Franchise Boundary Change

September 8, 2016

On September 8, 2016, the Commission approved a Joint Petition filed by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), in which they requested an alteration of their respective franchise areas in Nottingham, New Hampshire. The franchise boundary change was proposed to accommodate the request of the developer of the new “Maple Ridge” residential subdivision, located between Friar Tuck Lane and Oak Ridge Road in Nottingham, to have NHEC provide electric service to all of the lots in Phase I of that subdivision.

Staff recommended approval of the proposed franchise area alteration, but identified reasons why it might be desirable for a single electric utility to provide service to customers in all three development phases of the Maple Ridge subdivision. Staff recommended that the Commission require NHEC and/or Eversource to seek Commission approval at such time as development work begins for Phase II and/or Phase III of the subdivision, and prior to the installation of any utility facilities, so that the Commission may consider any further changes to franchise boundaries at that time.

The Joint 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-308.html>.

The Commission granted the request of NHEC and Eversource for alteration of their respective franchise areas in Nottingham so that NHEC would serve all customers in Phase I of the Maple Ridge residential subdivision. The Commission directed Eversource to submit a proposal regarding service to customers in Phase II and/or Phase III of the Maple Ridge subdivision prior to its commencement of any work related to service to customers located within either of those development phases.

The Commission issued the order on a *nisi* basis to ensure that the public receives notice of this docket and has an opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than September 23, 2016. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 30, 2016.

Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. However, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the order *nisi* shall become final and effective on October 7, 2016.