

**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 Sandown, New Hampshire**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,985 Approving Franchise Boundary Change**

**February 3, 2017**

On February 3, 2017, the Commission issued Order *Nisi* No. 25,985 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 alter their franchise areas in Sandown, New Hampshire. The Joint Petition was filed in response to a request to have NHEC provide electric service to the Marchetti residence at Lot 11 off Phillips Pond Road in Sandown. NHEC and Eversource both provide service in portions of Sandown. Eversource currently provides service to Lot 11 using an underwater cable that needs to be replaced. It will be less costly for NHEC to extend service to Lot 11 from its existing facilities on Phillips Pond Road than for Eversource to replace its underwater cable. In addition, NHEC currently provides service to several other lots off Phillips Pond Road, even though those lots lie partly, or in some cases, completely in Eversource's franchise area. Granting the Joint Petition results in the following lots being completely in NHEC's franchise area: Lots 11, 11-2, 11-3, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, 11-20, 11-21, 11-22 and 11-25. By approving the Joint Petition, all lots off Phillips Pond Road will lie in NHEC's franchise area. 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://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-001.html>.

Pursuant to RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26, the Commission found that adjusting NHEC's and Eversource's service territories to allow NHEC to provide service to the Marchetti residence and to move other lots off Philips Pond Road completely into the franchise area of NHEC is in the public interest. The Commission therefore approved the Joint Petition. The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval until March 8, 2017, to ensure that all interested parties receive notice of its determination and have an opportunity to 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 February 22, 2017, 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 1, 2017. After consideration of any comments or requests for a hearing, the Commission may extend the effective date of its approval. The Commission's approval shall become final and effective on March 8, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.