

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 17-003

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC. AND MANCHESTER WATER WORKS

Joint Petition to Modify Franchise Boundaries – Litchfield, NH

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,988 Granting Petition

February 8, 2017

On February 8, 2017, the Commission approved a Petition filed by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU), and Manchester Water Works, Inc. (MWW), for authority to modify their franchise areas to allow MWW to serve three residential lots in Litchfield, New Hampshire, currently served by PEU. The lots are identified on Litchfield Tax Map 23 as Lots 33, 34, and 35. These three lots are not presently served by public water supply.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has requested PEU and MWW's assistance in expanding public water supply in the Town of Litchfield due to the presence of perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA") in the groundwater. The three residential lots on the Litchfield/Manchester line have been identified as having compromised groundwater and are in need of a public water supply. While these three lots are within PEU's franchise territory, a water main needs to be extended to provide them with service and there is a MWW main that is closer to the lots than PEU's closest main. Commission Staff reviewed the application and recommended approval of the modification of PEU's franchise area in the Town of Litchfield to allow MWW to serve the three identified residential lots.

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/2017/17-003.html>

The Commission found PEU and MWW's request to modify the boundary between their franchise areas in the Town of Litchfield consistent with the public good, and that the proposal for MWW to charge its tariff rates on file with the Commission is consistent with RSA 362:4, III-a. The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure that the public receives notice of its determination 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 February 24, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than March 3, 2017. Following consideration of any comments and requests for a hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's approval shall become final and effective on March 9, 2017 unless the Commission orders otherwise.