

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE _____

JOINT PETITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND
EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE AREAS IN
BARNSTEAD NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "NHEC") Eversource Energy (hereinafter "EVERSOURCE") jointly request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") issue an order approving a change in the franchise areas served by the two utilities in the town of Barnstead, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of Mr. Justin Ferland to have Eversource provide electric service to one lot off Garland Road in Barnstead.

For the reasons set out below, NHEC and EVERSOURCE jointly agreed that the public interest would best be served by the amendment of their respective franchise areas in the Lougee Pond area of Barnstead so as to permit Eversource to extend its facilities to up the driveway of Mr. Ferland's lot (hereinafter the "Site"). The requested relief is authorized under RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26 (NHEC and EVERSOURCE note that RSA 374:22 does not apply to NHEC, pursuant to RSA 362:2). In support of this Petition, NHEC and EVERSOURCE state the following:

1. NHEC and EVERSOURCE each serve portions of Barnstead. A portion of the Site is located in what would otherwise be NHEC's service territory. However, Mr. Ferland cannot obtain right of way from his abutting neighbor to provide service to his property. The only other NHEC option for servicing the property consists of crossing Lougee Pond from State owned property on Coles Ledge Road. NHEC considers this second option to be impracticable. Each of the parties recognizes that, due to the specific physical location of the Site, the extension of electric utility distribution services 3,300' to the Site from Eversource's facilities on Garland Road is the only option remaining. This franchise line alteration would provide service only to lot 51 shown in Barnstead Tax Map 1, the last 735 feet of the 3,300 feet extension would be in the current NHEC franchise area.

A color map of the relevant area, with the approximate location of the existing franchise line and the Site location with a proposed realignment in red, is attached. A copy of the Barnstead portion of NHEC's current franchise map is also attached.

2. NHEC and EVERSOURCE agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Barnstead in order to accommodate Mr. Ferland's request and place the Site within Eversource's franchise area, without otherwise altering the border between their

respective franchise areas in Barnstead. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site will be identified on the franchise maps, with a notation that there is "One Eversource Customer in the NHEC Area" to be served by Eversource.

3. EVERSOURCE and NHEC understand that Mr. Ferland agrees with these arrangements. When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

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