

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 SANDOWN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "NHEC") and 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 Sandown, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of Eversource to have NHEC provide electric service to the Marchetti residence off Phillips Pond road.

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 area of Sandown so as to permit NHEC to provide service to all of the lots abutting Phillips Pond road, including lot 11 and 11-7 owned by the Marchetti family, located in Sandown Tax Map 6 (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 Sandown. The Site is located in what is Eversource's service territory and is presently served by Eversource. The lot has been served for many years by a three-phase submarine cable that crosses about a 1,000 feet under Phillips Pond. That submarine cable exists to serve only the Marchetti residence. Over the years, two of the three phases have failed - leaving only one operational phase serving the Marchetti residence. Where two of the three phases that were all installed at the same time have failed, it is expected that the failure of the third phase is eminent. Accordingly, to ensure that the Marchetti residence will continue to receive safe and reliable electric service, a long term replacement for the existing submarine cable is needed.

2. NHEC's existing distribution facilities are located substantially closer to the Site, and their accessibility is less restricted by wetlands, than any existing Eversource facilities other than the failing submarine cable. Each of the parties recognizes that, due to the specific physical location of the Site, the extension of electric utility distribution services to the Site from NHEC's nearby facilities along Phillips Pond road is substantially less costly than the re-construction of a new submarine cable across the pond, which would be required if service were still provided from Eversource's existing

facilities on the opposite side of Phillips Pond. A color map of the relevant area, with the approximate location of the existing franchise line in blue and the Site location with a proposed realignment in red, is attached. A copy of the Sandown portion of NHEC's current franchise map is also attached.


3. In light of the specific circumstances described above, NHEC and Eversource agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Sandown in order to accommodate Eversource's request to place the Site within NHEC's franchise area, without otherwise altering the border between their respective franchise areas in Sandown. Amending the franchise line as described would place all lots on Philips Pond Road within the franchise of a single utility. Moreover, NHEC and Eversource note that to the extent there is a cost associated with the connection of the Site to NHEC's facilities as a result of the proposed change, that cost will be borne by Eversource and not by the Marchettis. Given that any cost to connect the Site to NHEC's facilities is substantially less costly than other available options, Eversource believes that incurring such cost is reasonable and appropriate. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site will be identified on the franchise maps, with a notation that the properties abutting Phillips Pond road are to be served by NHEC.

4. Eversource and NHEC understand that Mr. Marchetti agrees with these arrangements (see attached). When all parties agree, the Commission may grant the permission requested without a hearing. RSA 374:26.

Respectfully submitted,

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