

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 19-XXX

JOINT PETITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY
TO ALTER THEIR FRANCHISE AREAS IN LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "NHEC") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a 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 city of Laconia, New Hampshire so as to accommodate the request of NHEC to have Eversource provide electric service to the Cantin residence off Tyler Shore 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 Laconia so as to permit EVERSOURCE to provide service to Tax Lot 37-260-4.3 off Tyler Shore Road owned by Mr. Cantin, (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 Laconia. The Site is located in what is NHEC's service territory. Although Mr. Cantin's property is within the NHEC franchise area and NHEC's lines are physically closer to his house site than the Eversource lines existing on Tax Lot 36-260-10, NHEC cannot extend the line across the Longo property to get to the Cantin property without creating a hardship for Mr. Longo. The extension would completely bisect his property and affect his current efforts to sell the property. A map showing the relationship of the properties is included with this petition as Attachment A.

If NHEC were to attempt to construct a line to the Cantin property from a different point, such construction would increase the number of new easements that would be required. Moreover, the increased footage would increase the costs to Mr. Cantin to have NHEC provide service.

2. NHEC and EVERSOURCE also intend to use this opportunity to re-draw the franchise line nearby to reflect the current state of service. In the area near the Cantin property, Eversource has served four lots within the NHEC service territory for many year.

Color maps 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 are attached as

Attachments B and C. A copy of the Laconia portion of NHEC's current franchise map is also attached as Attachment D.


3. In light of the specific circumstances described above, NHEC and EVERSOURCE agree to adjust their respective franchise areas in Laconia in order to accommodate NHEC's request and place the Site within EVERSOURCE's franchise area. As has been done previously in similar circumstances, the Site will be identified on the franchise maps, with a notation that this property off Tyler Shore Road is to be served by EVERSOURCE. Moreover, NHEC and EVERSOURCE intend to adjust the franchise lines as shown on Attachment C to reflect the actual status of service in the area.

4. EVERSOURCE and NHEC understand that Mr. Cantin 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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