

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-184

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND EVERSOURCE ENERGY

**Joint Petition of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Eversource Energy
to Alter Franchise Areas in Barnstead**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,324 Approving Franchise Boundary Change

January 10, 2020

On January 10, 2020, the Commission issued an Order which modifies a franchise boundary between the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and Eversource. This modification allows Eversource to provide electric service to Tax Lot 0080-38-009, off New Road in Barnstead. In addition, the modification changes the boundary to align with full parcels of land and utility facilities already deployed in the area. The proposed adjustments will not impact existing customers. The Commission's Order, along with the petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-184.html>.

The Commission determined that adjusting the boundary as requested is for the public good because it will be easier and less costly for Eversource to provide electric service to the property off New Road, given each utilities' existing distribution systems. The Commission further determined that adjusting the boundary line to align franchise areas with existing service in the field, and to facilitate future development, is also for the public good.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. Persons

interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments, or file a written request for a hearing that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than January 28, 2020. Any person responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 4, 2020. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its Order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on February 10, 2020.