

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 14-044**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Joint Petition to Alter Franchise Areas in Deerfield, New Hampshire**

**Order *Nisi* Approving Franchise Boundary Change**

**NOTICE OF ORDER *NISI* NO. 25,644**

**March 28, 2014**

On February 7, 2014, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition to alter their franchise areas on Hartford Brook Road in Deerfield New Hampshire. The petition was filed in response to the request of the developers of the Forest Glen subdivision that NHEC provide service to the subdivision location on Hartford Brook Road. NHEC and PSNH each provides service to portions of Deerfield and, while the relevant portion of the Forest Glen subdivision is in PSNH's service territory, NHEC's existing distribution facilities are closer to the location. It would be substantially less costly for NHEC to serve the subdivision. Staff filed a memorandum on March 13, 2014, recommending that the Commission approve the proposed change in franchise territories. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-044.html>.

Pursuant to RSA 374:22, RSA 374:26, the filings and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that adjusting NHEC's and PSNH's service territory to allow NHEC to

provide service to the Forest Glen Subdivision is in the public interest. The petition is therefore approved on a *nisi* basis.

NHEC is authorized to include the Forest Glen Subdivision located on Hartford Brook Road in Deerfield in its franchise territory. All persons interested in responding to this Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reasons and basis for a hearing no later than April 16, 2014, for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for a hearing shall do so no later than April 23, 2014. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective April 29, 2014, unless the Commission orders otherwise.