STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 15-290

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Under and Across Island Pond in Washington, New Hampshire

Summary of Order Nisi No. 25,848 Granting Water Crossing License

December 9, 2015

On December 7, 2015, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), requesting a license to reconstruct and maintain poles and electric lines under and across the public waters of Island Pond in Washington, New Hampshire. Due to the age and condition of the underwater cable to residences on the Island, Eversource intends to replace the underwater cable, install new pad mounted transformers, and relocate the riser that connects the overhead facilities to the underwater cable conduit to a more accessible location. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted provided that the construction conforms to applicable sections of National Electric Safety Code and Eversource's receipt of all necessary permits.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-290.html</u>.

The Commission granted Eversource's request for a license to cross the public waters of Island Pond by order *nisi* dated December 9, 2015, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed crossing. The Commission granted the order on a *nisi* basis to ensure that the public receives notice of this docket and has an opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than December 28, 2015. Any persons responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than January 4, 2016. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order *nisi* shall otherwise become final on January 8, 2016, unless the Commission otherwise orders.

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.