

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NHEC'S PETITION UNDER RSA 371:17
FOR LICENSE TO CROSS PUBLIC WATERS
(LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, MEREDITH)**

Pursuant to RSA 371:17, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC") hereby petitions for a license to re-construct and maintain an electric cable and conduit under Lake Winnepesaukee in the town of Meredith, New Hampshire. In support thereof, NHEC states as follows:

1. Pine Island is in Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire, and is in NHEC's service territory.
2. The 44 year old line existing in public waters to serve Pine Island has a failed submarine cable and has to be replaced as soon as possible, a temporary fix has been made but a permanent solution needs to take place.
3. There are currently approximately 23 residences on Pine Island in Meredith.
4. On behalf of residents of Pine Island and one residence on Three Mile Island, (served from Pine Island) an approved contractor working on behalf of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. plans to replace the line from existing NHEC Pole #11511/3 located on the Wilson property, Tax Map U36, Lot 4, off Powers Road located in the Town of Meredith, approximately 162' to the water's edge, and then approximately 440' feet underneath Lake Winnepesaukee, coming onshore at Pine Island, onto the property of the Ahrens Family Trust, Tax Map I01, Lot 11, and the cable will then be placed underground, running approximately 40 feet underground up from the shore to a riser pole , #11511/6, ultimately providing electrical service to all of Pine Island and Three Mile island beyond it.

5. There are abutters on the Pine Island portion located in Meredith where the proposed cable installation will take place.

6. Lake Winnepesaukee is a public body of water of more than 10 acres in size.

7. If this line is not constructed, the existing residences on Pine Island will be unable to continue receiving service from NHEC, if the line to Pine Island fails, 24 members would be without power. Thus, in order to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, it is necessary that the NHEC approved contractor re-construct a distribution line to the shore of and lay cable under Lake Winnepesaukee to Pine Island as soon as possible before the temporary repair fails.

8. Pursuant to PUC 202.11, this Petition is accompanied by pre-filed testimony by Mr. Dean Benton, NHEC Plant Records Administrator, including relevant construction details and material specifications.

WHEREFORE, NHEC respectfully requests that the Commission;

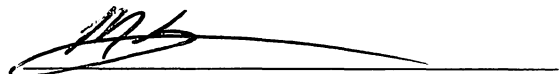
A. Pursuant to RSA 371:19, cause due notice to be given to the Attorney General and to such abutting owners as the Commission may designate;

B. Pursuant to RSA 371:20, grant this petition without a hearing or, in the alternative, schedule a hearing in this matter; and

C. Grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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