

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-109

Vermont Transco LLC

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Fiber Optic Cable
Across the Connecticut River and Sugar River in the City of Claremont**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,293 Granting Water Crossing Licenses

September 16, 2019

On September 16, 2019, the Commission approved a request by Vermont Transco LLC (VT Transco) under RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain a fiber optic cable over and across the public waters of the Connecticut and Sugar Rivers in Claremont, New Hampshire. VT Transco plans to construct and maintain the cable on existing electric line structures. The Commission's Order, the petition, and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-109.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed fiber optic cable crossings are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. The Commission also determined that the licenses could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in the Connecticut River and the Sugar River at the location of the crossings. The Commission approved VT Transco's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

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 September 27, 2019. Persons responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than October 1, 2019. 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 October 4, 2019.