

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DT 12-261

GRANITE STATE TELEPHONE, INC.

**Petition for Authorization to Construct and Maintain Telecommunications Lines
Over and Across Highland Lake in the Town of Washington**

NOTICE OF ORDER NO. 25,424

October 12, 2012

SUMMARY OF ORDER

On August 23, 2012, Granite State Telephone, Inc. (GST) filed a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain telecommunication lines over and across a segment of Highland Lake in the Town of Washington. According to the petition, the proposed crossing will be placed between existing utility poles in existing public rights-of-way. The location of the single water crossing is as follows:

- Highland Lake in Washington, between pole PSNH 158/1Y; GST 111A/2 near Beech Way and Birch Point Way on the mainland; and pole PSNH 158/1; GST 111A/3 on Point Island

The petition, subsequent docket filings, and a copy of the entire Order are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-261.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and filed a memorandum finding the proposed construction and sagging design to be in conformance with applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code. Staff recommended approval of the petition, subject to certain conditions related to ensuring the safe operation and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

Based on the information presented in GST's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission finds the proposed crossing necessary for GST to meet the reasonable requirements

of reliable service to the public within GST's authorized service territory, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the affected public waters. The petition is therefore approved on a *nisi* basis, subject to the conditions recommended by Staff and contained in the full Order at the link referenced above.

All persons interested in responding to this Order *Nisi* may submit comments or file a written request for a hearing no later than October 29, 2012 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than November 5, 2012. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective on November 12, 2012, unless the Petitioner fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth in the Order or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.