

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 13-250

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across the Nashua River in the City of Nashua**

SUMMARY OF ORDER NO. 25,627 GRANTING LICENSE

February 5, 2014

On August 30, 2013, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain electric lines over and across the public waters of the Nashua River in Nashua, New Hampshire. According to the petition, the new poles and wires associated with this crossing are located within easements owned by PSNH on each side of the Nashua River. PSNH indicated the new crossing would involve the relocation and rebuilding of two existing electric lines crossing the Nashua River, as required in order to accommodate the public roadway and bridge improvements associated with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Broad Street Parkway project.

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 <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-250.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and subsequently filed a memorandum stating that the proposed construction and designs conform to applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Staff recommended approval of PSNH's petition.

Based on the information presented in PSNH's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission found that the proposed crossing is necessary for PSNH to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public and that the requested license may be exercised

without substantially affecting the public rights in the public waters and/or state lands subject to the proposed crossing, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The petition was therefore approved, subject to certain conditions related to safe construction, installation, operation and maintenance, on a *nisi* basis, which affords any member of the public who does not support the Commission's determination to submit written argument why the petition should not be approved. .

PSNH is authorized by the Order *Nisi* to construct, install, operate and maintain electric and other lines over and across the public waters described in its petition and depicted in its filings. All persons interested in responding to the Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than February 21, 2014 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than February 28, 2014. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective March 6, 2014, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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