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**Via Electronic Mail / Hand Delivery**

Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

**Re: Docket: DE 15-284 – New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid  
Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines and Shield Wire Over  
and Across State Waters and Land in the Town of Windham, New Hampshire**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the Committee's Order *Nisi* Granting License, Order No. 25,907 dated June 24, 2016, I enclose an Affidavit documenting publication of the summary of the Order *Nisi* in the Manchester Union Leader on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and documenting that a copy of the Order *Nisi* was sent to each party listed in said Order *Nisi*.

If you have any questions regarding this publication, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Barry Needleman

cc: Service List

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

**DE 15-284**

**NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID**

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines and Shield Wire  
Over and Across State Waters and Land in the Town of Windham, New Hampshire**

**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE**

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am an Attorney at McLane Middleton, Professional Association, which represents New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) in the above-captioned matter.
2. In accordance with the Order *Nisi* Granting License (Order No. 25,907) issued in the above-captioned docket on June 24, 2016, on behalf of National Grid, I caused the summary of said Order to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation no later than July 6, 2016. Said publication was made in the Manchester Union Leader on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. A copy of the published summary of the Order *Nisi* is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. In accordance with the above-referenced Order *Nisi*, I caused a copy of said Order *Nisi* to be sent by first class mail no later than July 6, 2016 to: (i) the Town Clerk of Windham, New Hampshire; (ii) the Town Clerk of Hudson, New Hampshire; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; (iv) the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, (v) the Office of Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; (vi) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (vii) Richard and Eleanor Stephens, as owners of the land bordering on said public waters at the location of the crossing; (viii) Robert Roystand, as an owner of the land bordering on said public waters at the location of the crossing; and (ix) the Town of Windham as an owner

of the land bordering on said public waters at the location of the crossing. Said copies of the Order *Nisi* were sent, by first class mail, on Friday, July 1, 2016.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Date Barry Needleman 7/13/16

Barry Needleman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Stacey L. Burgess  
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT A**

**Legal Notice**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DE 15-284  
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY  
D/B/A NATIONAL GRID  
Petition for License to  
Construct and Maintain  
Electric Lines and Shield Wire  
Over and Across State Waters and  
Land in the Town of  
Windham, New Hampshire  
Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,907  
Granting License  
June 24, 2016**

On June 24, 2016, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 by New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) for a license to construct and maintain the relocation of a 115 kV line and associated shield wires over and across Beaver Brook and a new 345 kV electric transmission line and associated shield wires over and across Beaver Brook and lands owned by the State of New Hampshire adjacent to Route 111, in the Town of Windham. The new 345 kV transmission line will be known as the "3124 Line" and the relocated 115 kV transmission line is known as the "Y-151 Line." According to the petition, the existing transmission system cannot reliably serve southern New Hampshire and northeastern Massachusetts due to load growth and aging infrastructure, and therefore, additional capacity is needed to meet the region's demand. In order to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, NEP and Public Service Company of

New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource (Eversource) jointly proposed the 3124 Line project, referred to as the "Merri-mack Valley Reliability Project" (MVRP), which will extend from NEP's Tewksbury 22A Substation in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, to Eversource's Scobie Pond 345 kV Substation in Londonderry. The petition indicated that the MVRP will resolve the regional reliability problems previously identified by ISO-New England. The portion of the MVRP located in New Hampshire is approximately 17.9 miles extending from the Massachusetts border in Pelham to the Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry (the Project).

Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-284.html>.

The Commission granted NEP's request for a license to construct and maintain electric lines and associated shield wires over and across public waters and lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Town of Windham by order *nisi* dated June 24, 2016, 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 July 13, 2016. Any persons responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than July 20, 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 July 24, 2016, unless the Commission otherwise orders.

(UL - July 5)