STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 17-036

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

Petition for License to Cross Merrimack River in the Towns of Litchfield and Merrimack

Summary of Order Nisi No. 26,026 Granting Water Crossing License

June 16, 2017

On June 16, 2017, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU), requesting permission to construct and maintain a water main under the Merrimack River between the Towns of Litchfield and Merrimack. This new main is needed to meet the requirements for reasonable and safe service to the public. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the petition be granted provided that construction and design conforms to applicable safety standards and that all federal, state, and local approvals, if any, be secured prior to the commencement of construction.

The Order, 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 <u>http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-036.html</u>

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of PEU's request for a license to cross the Merrimack River to ensure the public receives notice of the Commission's determination 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 3, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than July 10, 2017. 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 shall become final and effective on, unless the Commission orders otherwise.



Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11(a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRAAHOWLAND

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.