

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

**NHEC'S PETITION UNDER RSA 371:17
FOR LICENSE TO CROSS PUBLIC WATERS
(LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, MEREDITH)**

Pursuant to RSA 371:17, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC") hereby petitions for a license to re-construct and maintain an electric cable and conduit under Lake Winnepesaukee in the town of Meredith, New Hampshire. In support thereof, NHEC states as follows:

1. Bear Island is in Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire, and is in NHEC's service territory.
2. The line currently serving Bear Island was found to have a deteriorating neutral on its cable, (a condition that if not replaced could cause voltage problems in the future) and needs to be replaced.
3. There are currently approximately 75 residences on Bear Island in Meredith.
4. On behalf of residents of Bear Island and six other islands served from Bear Island, an approved contractor working on behalf of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. plans to replace the line from existing NHEC Pole #115/186 located on the town property of the Town of Meredith, Tax Map U33, Lot 25, off Cattle Landing Road located in the Town of Meredith, to the water's edge, and then approximately 1785 feet underneath Lake Winnepesaukee, coming onshore at Bear Island, onto the property of Sheila T. Gregg, Tax Map I06, Lot 7, and the cable will then be placed underground, running approximately 200 feet to a riser pole , #11525/33, ultimately providing electrical service to all of Bear Island and six islands beyond it.
5. There are abutters on the Bear Island portion located in Meredith where the proposed cable installation will take place.

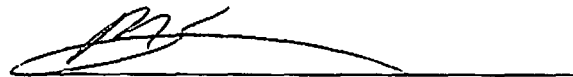
6. Lake Winnepesaukee is a public body of water of more than 10 acres in size.
7. If this line is not constructed, the existing residences on Bear Island will be unable to continue receiving service from NHEC. Additionally, the same line also serves another 6 islands from Bear Island, with another 83 members, if the line to Bear Island fails, a total of approximately 158 member would be without power. Thus, in order to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, it is necessary that the NHEC approved contractor reconstruct a distribution line to the shore of and lay cable under Lake Winnepesaukee to Bear Island.
8. Pursuant to PUC 202.11, this Petition is accompanied by pre-filed testimony by Mr. Dean Benton, NHEC Plant Records Administrator, including relevant construction details and material specifications.

WHEREFORE, NHEC respectfully requests that the Commission;

- A. Pursuant to RSA 371:19, cause due notice to be given to the Attorney General and to such abutting owners as the Commission may designate;
- B. Pursuant to RSA 371:20, grant this petition without a hearing or, in the alternative, schedule a hearing in this matter; and
- C. Grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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