

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 18-186

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Across the Ammonoosuc River in the Town of Bethlehem**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,219 Granting Water Crossing License

February 4, 2019

On February 4, 2019, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain electric lines over and across the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. This crossing replaces and upgrades an existing crossing, which was not previously licensed by the Commission, north of the Main Street (NH Route 302) Bridge. The Commission's order, along with the petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted on the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-186.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in the Ammonoosuc River at the location of the crossing. The Commission approved Eversource's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of Eversource's request 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 that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than February 21, 2019. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 28, 2019. 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 March 6, 2019, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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