

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 19-165**

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

**Petition for Amended Licenses to Replace Shield Wire Over and Across  
the Pemigewasset River and Lake Winnisquam in the Towns of Franklin and Belmont**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,339 Granting Water Crossing License**

**March 10, 2020**

On March 10, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for amended licenses to replace a shield wire with a fiber optical ground wire over and across the public waters of the Pemigewasset River and Lake Winnisquam in Franklin and Belmont. This project modifies two existing crossings.

The Commission's order, the petition, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-165.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing modifications are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the amended licenses may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the Pemigewasset River and Lake Winnisquam at the crossing locations. The Commission approved Eversource's request for amended licenses, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the modified crossings.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure that the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. 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 March 27, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than April 3, 2020. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its Order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on April 10, 2020.