STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

Petition for License to Construct and Maintain a Water Main Under and Across Locke Lake in the Town of Barnstead

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>26,342</u> Granting Water Crossing License March 26, 2020

On March 26, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) under RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain a water main under and across Locke Lake in Barnstead. 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-198.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in Locke Lake. The Commission approved PEU'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 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

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April 8, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than April 15, 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 Commission's Order shall become final and effective on April 17, 2020.