STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Isinglass River in Strafford and State-Owned Land in Rochester and Raymond

Summary of Order Nisi No. 26,369 Granting Crossing Licenses

June 19, 2020

On June 19, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for three licenses to construct, maintain, and modify an existing overhead 345 kV electric transmission line over and across state-owned land in Rochester, the Isinglass River in Strafford, and state-owned land in Raymond. 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 available at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-011.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossings are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the licenses could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in the Isinglass River and state-owned lands in Rochester and Raymond at the locations of the three crossings. The Commission approved Eversource's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, modification, and maintenance of the proposed crossings.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval 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 July 7, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than July 14, 2020. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, filings may be submitted in electronic form. 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 July 20, 2020.