STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-442

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

Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Neutral Wire and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across Public Lands Owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Town of Durham and Newington, New Hampshire

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>26,145</u> Granting Licenses in Durham, New Hampshire

June 14, 2018

The Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for seven licenses to construct and maintain electric lines, neutral wire, and fiber optic cable over and across public lands owned by the State of Hampshire in the Town of Durham. 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, are posted on the Commission's website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-442.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed structures, cables, and conduits are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the seven licenses could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in the land at the location of the crossings. The Commission approved Eversource's license requests subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossings. The crossings at issue are part of what is known as the Seacoast Reliability Project, which is pending before the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee in SEC Docket No. 2015-04.

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The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of Eversource's seven license requests 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, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than July 2, 2018. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than July 9, 2018. 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 July 14, 2018, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRAAHOWLAND

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.