

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, D/B/A
EVERSOURCE ENERGY, FOR LICENSES TO MAINTAIN EXISTING ELECTRIC LINE
CROSSINGS OVER AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE JOHNS RIVER IN
DALTON, THE AMMONOOSUC RIVER IN BETHLEHEM, THE GALE RIVER IN
FRANCONIA, THE PEMIGEWASSET RIVER IN ASHLAND AND BRIDGEWATER, AND
THE SQUAM RIVER IN ASHLAND AND NEW HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), a public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity in the State of New Hampshire, hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to RSA 371:17, for licenses to maintain existing electric line crossings over and across the public waters of the Johns River in Dalton, the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem, the Gale River in Franconia, the Pemigewasset River in Ashland and Bridgewater, and the Squam River in Ashland and New Hampton, New Hampshire, and in support of this petition states as follows:

1. In order to meet the requirements for reasonable service to the public, Eversource has previously constructed and currently operates and maintains certain electric line crossings over public waters in seven (7) locations in New Hampshire. These lines and crossing locations are the PSNH Q195 and X178 115kV lines crossing the Johns River, in Dalton, the PSNH X178 115kV and 348 34.5kV lines crossing the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem, the PSNH 348X1 34.5kV line crossing the Gale River in Franconia, the PSNH E115 115kV line crossing the Pemigewasset River in Ashland and Bridgewater, and the PSNH E115 115kV line crossing the Squam River and Ashland and New Hampton. Due to either oversight or the application of navigability or other crossing license criteria at the time of the original construction, these 7 existing crossings have not been previously licensed by the Commission.
2. The 7 crossings which are the subject of this petition were identified in Commission Order No. 26,025, dated June 16, 2017, issued in combined NHPUC crossing dockets DE 15-460, DE 15-461, DE 15-462 and DE 15-463, as determined by Commission Staff to have been previously unlicensed. The Commission’s Order directed that Eversource apply to the Commission for licenses for these water crossings by no later than December 31, 2017.
3. The existing locations, crossing configurations, sag clearances and related details of the 7 electric line crossings for which licenses are being requested in this petition are outlined separately in the attached appendices, with exhibits, as follows:

Appendix A – Q195 Line crossing the Johns River in Dalton, NH.
Appendix B – X178 Line crossing the Johns River in Dalton, NH.
Appendix C – X178 Line crossing the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem, NH.
Appendix D – 348 Line crossing the Ammonoosuc River, Bethlehem, NH.
Appendix E – 348X1 Line crossing the Gale River in Franconia, NH.
Appendix F – E115 Line crossing the Pemigewasset River in Ashland and Bridgewater, NH.
Appendix G – E115 Line crossing the Squam River in Ashland and New Hampton, NH.

4. Eversource submits that the 7 licenses petitioned for herein may be exercised without substantially affecting the rights of the public in the public waters of the Johns River, the Ammonoosuc River, the Gale River, the Pemigewasset River and the Squam River. Minimum safe line clearances above the River surfaces will be maintained at all times. The use and enjoyment by the public of these Rivers will not be diminished in any material respect as a result of these overhead water crossings.

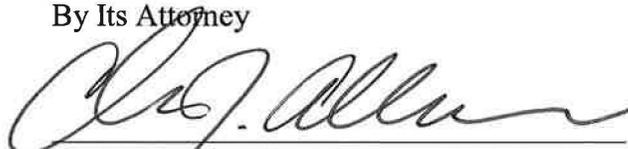
Wherefore Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Find that the 7 licenses petitioned for herein may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the public waters which are the subject of this petition;
2. Grant Eversource licenses to maintain electric lines over and across the public waters in the seven locations as identified and described in the petition; and
3. Issue an Order Nisi and orders for its publication.

Dated at Manchester, New Hampshire this 14th day of December, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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