

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-028

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

**Petition For Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the
Merrimack River between Merrimack and Litchfield and
Land Owned by the State of New Hampshire in Litchfield**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,290 Granting Licenses

September 4, 2019

On September 4, 2019, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for licenses to construct and maintain electric lines over and across the Merrimack River between the towns of Merrimack and Litchfield, and across state-owned land in Litchfield. The proposal seeks to modify 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 at <http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-028.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 locations 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 Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approvals to ensure 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 September 23, 2019. Person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 30, 2019. 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 October 4, 2019.