

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NHEC'S PETITION UNDER RSA 371:17
FOR LICENSE TO CROSS PUBLIC WATERS
(LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, MEREDITH)**

Pursuant to RSA 371:17, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC") hereby petitions for a license to reconstruct and maintain an electric cable and conduit under Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire. In support thereof, NHEC states as follows:

1. Bear Island is in Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire, and is in NHEC's service territory.
2. The lines currently serving Bear Island was installed in 1941. It is currently seventy-eight (78) years old and needs to be replaced to increase service reliability
3. There are currently approximately one hundred and forty-four (144) residences on Bear Island in Meredith.
4. On behalf of residents of Bear Island and three other islands served from Bear Island, an approved contractor working on behalf of NHEC plans to replace the line from existing NHEC Pole #11511/6 located on the Ahrens property on Pine Island, Meredith Tax Map 101, Lot 11, to the water's edge and then approximately 4,100 feet underneath Lake Winnepesaukee, coming ashore at Bear Island, onto the property of Julie Knap Nelson and Robert Lyle Denit, Meredith Tax Map 102, Lot 14. The cable will then be placed underground, running approximately 230 feet to a riser pole, #11523/2. This line will ultimately provide electric service to all of Bear Island and three islands beyond it.
5. There are abutters on the Bear Island portion of the line where the proposed installation will take place.
6. Lake Winnepesaukee is a public body of water of more than ten (10) acres in size.

7. If this line is not reconstructed and the existing seventy-eight (78) year-old line fails, the existing one hundred and forty-four (144) residences on Bear Island and five (5) additional members on three islands beyond Bear Island will be unable to receive electrical service from NHEC. Thus, in order to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, it is necessary that the NHEC approved contractor reconstruct a distribution line to the shore of, and lay cable under, Lake Winnepesaukee to Bear Island.

8. Pursuant to PUC 202.11, this Petition is accompanied by pre-filed testimony by Mrs. Shauna McNair, NHEC Plant Administrator, including relevant construction details and material specifications.

WHEREFORE, NHEC respectfully requests that the Commission;

A. Pursuant to RSA 371:19, cause due notice to be given to the Attorney General and to such abutting owners as the Commission may designate;

B. Pursuant to RSA 371:20, grant this petition without a hearing or, in the alternative, schedule a hearing in this matter; and

C. Grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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