

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 19-118**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**Petition for License to Reconstruct and Maintain Electric Cable and Conduit  
Under Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Meredith**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,318 Granting Water Crossing License**

**December 20, 2019**

On December 20, 2019, the Commission approved a request by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) under RSA 371:17 for a license to reconstruct and maintain existing electric lines under Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, between Pine Island and Bear Island, and from Bear Island to Six Mile Island, Little Six Mile Island, and Ozone Island. 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-118.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in Lake Winnepesaukee at the location of the crossing. The Commission approved NHEC's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

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. 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 January 10, 2020.

Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than January 15, 2020. 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 Commission's Order shall become final and effective on January 21, 2020.