

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 12-176

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Petition for Authority to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across the Cocheco River in the City of Rochester and the Isinglass River in the Town of Strafford

Summary of Order *Nisi* Granting License

NOTICE OF ORDER NO. 25,483

March 29, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORDER

On June 29, 2012, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain electric lines, static wire and fiber optic cable over and across the public waters of the Cocheco River in the City of Rochester and the Isinglass River in the Town of Strafford, New Hampshire. According to the petition, the proposed crossings will be placed between existing utility poles in existing public rights-of-way.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-176.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and subsequently filed a memorandum stating that the proposed construction and designs conform to applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Staff recommended approval of PSNH's petition with no conditions or restrictions.

Based on the information presented in PSNH's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission finds the proposed crossings necessary for PSNH to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public and that the requested license may be exercised

without substantially affecting the public rights in the effected public waters, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The petition is therefore approved on a *nisi* basis.

PSNH is authorized by order *nisi* to construct, maintain and operate fiber optic and other lines over and across the public waters described in its petition and depicted in its filings. All persons interested in responding to this Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than April 15, 2013 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than April 22, 2013. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective April 29, 2013, unless the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.