

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 12-345

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

**Petition for Authority to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across Public Waters in the City of Rochester**

Summary of Order *Nisi* Granting License

NOTICE OF ORDER NO. 25,487

April 8, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORDER

On November 30, 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 and fiber optic cable over and across the public waters of the Cochecho River in the City of Rochester, New Hampshire. According to the petition, the proposed crossings will replace existing support structures 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/2012/12-345.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and subsequently filed a memorandum stating that the proposed construction and designs conform with applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Staff recommended approval of PSNH's petition subject to its continued conformance with NESC standards in maintaining the crossing.

Based on the information presented in PSNH's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission finds the proposed crossing 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 affected 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 25, 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 May 2, 2013. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective May 7, 2013, unless the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.