

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 13-022

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Petition for Authority to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Static Wire and Fiber
Optic Cable Over and Across the Androscoggin River in the City of Berlin**

Summary of Order *Nisi* Granting License

NOTICE OF ORDER NO. 25,543

July 11, 2013

On January 18, 2013, 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 Androscoggin River in Berlin, New Hampshire. PSNH requested the license in connection with the proposed alteration of two water crossings associated with a 115 kV transmission line designated as line Z711.

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/2013/13-022.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 without conditions.

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 July 26, 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 July 31, 2013. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective August 2, 2013, unless the Commission orders otherwise.