

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 14-241

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.

Petition for RSA 371:17 Water Crossing License

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,759 Granting Water Crossing License

January 22, 2015

On January 22, 2015, the Commission approved a petition filed by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting authority to construct and maintain a single natural gas pipeline over and across the Cocheco River on an existing, privately-owned pedestrian footbridge located off of Covered Bridge Road in Dover, New Hampshire. The pipeline will allow Northern to provide natural gas distribution service to Strafford County-owned buildings situated along County Farm Road in Dover. The proposed gas pipeline is a distribution main that will be located on the pedestrian bridge and on each end of the pedestrian bridge within right-of-way easements owned by the City of Dover and Strafford County.

Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted subject to certain conditions. Staff stated that if the conditions are met, the proposed construction and designs conform to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 500.01, *et seq.*, and 49 CFR Part 192, as amended.

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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-241.html>.

The Commission granted Northern's request for a license to cross public waters subject to the conditions proposed by Staff by order *nisi* dated January 22, 2015. The Commission granted the order on a *nisi* basis to ensure that the public receives notice of this docket and has an

opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than February 9, 2015. Any person interested in responding so such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 17, 2015. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order *nisi* shall otherwise become final and effective on February 20, 2015, unless the Commission orders otherwise.