

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 15-062

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID

Verified Petition for License to Cross the Connecticut River in the Town of Monroe

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,817 Granting Water Crossing License

September 24, 2015

On September 23, 2015, the Commission approved a petition filed by New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP), pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain poles, electric lines, conductor cables, fiber optic cables, and shield wires over and across the Connecticut River within existing right-of-way easements owned by NEP in the Town of Monroe. The lines will be placed between newly-constructed utility poles in existing public rights-of-way. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted subject to certain conditions. Staff stated that the proposed construction and designs conform to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 306.01 and applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and recommended the license be granted subject to conditions that the facility be operated and maintained in accordance with the NESC.

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/2015/15-062.html>.

The Commission granted NEP's request for a license to cross public waters subject to the conditions proposed by Staff by order *nisi* dated September 23, 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 October 9, 2015. Any person interested in responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than October 16, 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 October 23, 2015, unless the Commission orders otherwise.