

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 15-272**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Petition for License to Cross the Merrimack River  
in the Towns of Litchfield and Merrimack**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,841 Granting Water Crossing License**

**November 17, 2015**

On November 17, 2015, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), requesting a license to reconstruct and maintain poles and electric lines over and across the Merrimack River in the Towns of Litchfield and Merrimack in the same location as the existing crossing. The lines will be placed between new utility poles in an existing public right-of-way and on Eversource-owned property. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted because the design conforms to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 300 and applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code.

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/2015/15-272.html>.

The Commission granted Eversource's request for a license to cross public waters by order *nisi* dated November 17, 2015, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing. 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 December 3, 2015. Any person interested in responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than December 10, 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 December 17, 2015, unless the Commission orders otherwise.