

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 15-235

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

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across the Newfound River in the Town of Bristol**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,870 Granting Water Crossing License

March 7, 2016

On June 10, 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 construct and maintain electric cable lines over and across the public waters of Newfound River in Bristol, New Hampshire. New poles and electric lines are necessary to better serve Eversource customers. The current single circuit is being split into two smaller circuits to help correct reliability issues that have arisen from using such a large individual circuit. Additionally, automation is being installed to isolate and restore power in a timely manner. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted provided that the construction conforms to applicable sections of National Electric Safety Code and Eversource's receipt of all necessary permits.

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/2015/15-235.html>.

The Commission granted Eversource's request for a license to cross the public waters of Newfound River by order *nisi* dated March 7, 2016, 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 March 24, 2016. Any persons responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than March 31, 2016. 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 on April 7, 2016, unless the Commission otherwise orders.