

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 16-471

GRANITE STATE GAS TRANSMISSION, INC.

**License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline
Under Public Waters in Dover, New Hampshire**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,927 Granting License

July 27, 2016

On July 27, 2016, the Commission approved a petition filed by Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (“GSGT”), pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting authority to relocate, construct and maintain a natural gas pipeline under Pomeroy Cove, a state public waterway in Dover, New Hampshire. The pipeline will allow GSGT to provide continuous natural gas through its existing interstate pipeline system serving New England, to distribution customers in the State of New Hampshire. The relocation of this pipeline is necessitated as part of the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation’s widening of New Hampshire’s Spaulding Turnpike/Route 16, a portion of which abuts Pomeroy Cove in Dover.

Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted subject to certain conditions. Staff stated the proposed construction and designs conform to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 500, *et seq.*, and 49 CFR Part 192. 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/2016/16-471.html>.

The Commission granted GSGT’s request for a license to construct and maintain pipeline under public waters subject to the conditions proposed by Staff, by order *nisi* dated July 27, 2016. 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 August 12, 2016. Any person interested in responding to such comments or requests for hearing shall do so no later than August 19, 2016. Following consideration of any comments or requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the order *nisi* shall become final and effective on August 26, 2016.