STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-544

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Petition for License to Rebuild and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Merrimack River in Concord

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>25,937</u> Granting Water Crossing License August 19, 2016

On August 19, 2016, the Commission approved a petition filed pursuant to RSA 371:17 by Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy"), requesting a license to rebuild and maintain electric lines over and across the Merrimack River in Concord, New Hampshire, in the vicinity of Sewalls Falls Road. New poles and electric lines are necessary in order to meet the requirements for reasonable and safe service to the public. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted provided that the construction and designs conform to 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-544.html.

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 September 6, 2016. Any person(s) responding to such comments or requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 13, 2016. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. However, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the order *nisi* shall become final and effective on September 19, 2016.