

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

CRS 16-219

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE OPERATIONS, LLC

**Petition for Licenses to Maintain Utility Cables Over and Across
Public Lands and Waters of the State of New Hampshire**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,949 Granting Licenses

September 30, 2016

On September 30, 2016, the Commission granted licenses to Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC (FairPoint) pursuant to RSA 371:17 to operate and maintain 53 existing telecommunications cable crossings over public waters and/or state-owned lands as listed below. FairPoint represented in its petition requesting the licenses that the crossings are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements for service to the public, and have been in place for an extended period of time without complaint or detriment to the public use and enjoyment of the public lands and waters. FairPoint also represented that the existing crossings were constructed in accordance with then applicable safety standards and are currently maintained in compliance with established safety standards as set forth in the National Electrical Safety Code. FairPoint stated that, where required, the crossings are also in compliance with attachment and/or occupancy licenses issued by the owners of the attachment or landing points. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the licenses be granted, provided that the crossings are operated and maintained in conformance with 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/2016/16-219.html>.

The Commission granted FairPoint's request for licenses to operate and maintain the existing crossings of public lands and waters by order *nisi* dated September 30, 2016, subject to certain conditions related to the safe operation and maintenance of the crossings. 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 17, 2016. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than October 24, 2016. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. Nonetheless, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the order *nisi* shall become final and effective on October 30, 2016.

Idx.	Town(s)	Over	Pole Numbers	Manhole Numbers	Pedestal Numbers	Lat.	Long.
1	Portsmouth / Badgers Island Kittery, ME	Piscataqua River		66A PTSM to 67A KTRY		43.079292	-70.752625
2	Barrington	Mendum's Pond	11E/26		11E -24	43.167960	-71.063030
3	Bartlett	RR Crossings with the State of NH			1 to 2	44.077744	-71.140080
4	Belmont / Tilton	Winnisquam Lake		49B to 49C		43.502105	-71.512029
5	Berlin	Androscoggin River	75/1	59		44.482476	-71.167334
6	Holderness	Squam Lake	46A/8		46A/8A	43.750955	-71.542651
7	Chichester	Sanborn Brook		108X/5	108A/116	43.276762	-71.365816
8	Concord	Merrimack River	127/5 to 127/5-1			43.208793	-71.531476
9	Concord	Merrimack River	170/42	#28		43.228304	-71.537820
10	Concord	Merrimack River	P170/42		46	43.193413	-71.523535
11	Conway	Saco River		MH22 TO 21		43.980994	-71.115092
12	East Concord	Merrimack River	118/1 to 118/2			43.229142	-71.537748
13	Gilford	Lake Winnepesaukee	917/1		45/34A	43.613310	-71.381354
14	Gilford	Lake Winnepesaukee	45/34A		45/34A-1	43.617373	-71.372790
15	Gilford	Lake Winnepesaukee	14/6	12		43.603260	-71.429794
16	Gilford	Lazy Brook	p 141/45		141/3	43.512879	-71.454262
17	Hampton	Tide Mill Creek		44 to 45		42.922210	-70.823190
18	Holderness	Squam Lake	46A/8		46A/8B	43.750802	-71.536262
19	Hooksett	Merrimack River	P 47/38 Merrimack St	MH 50/1		43.103022	-71.466775
20	Jefferson	Priscilla Brook	P2/44 to P2/45; P2/55 to P2/56			44.392480	-71.477436
21	Kingston	Great Pond			KSP3 to KSP3-1	42.926570	-71.060720
22	Laconia	Lake Winnepesaukee	14/6	12		43.602509	-71.430157
23	Laconia	Lake Winnisquam	4480/4		Ped 1	43.560760	-71.512020
24	Laconia	RR Crossings with the State of NH	300/67	817A		43.547508	-71.462937
25	Laconia	RR Crossings with the State of NH	928/3	MH 811		43.537175	-71.466966
26	Laconia	Opechee Bay		11 to 12		43.530594	-71.467573
27	Laconia	Opechee Bay		811 to 810		43.535723	-71.468499
28	Litchfield / Merrimack	Merrimack River		1A5 to 1A6		42.859059	-71.485586
29	Meredith	Lake Winnepesaukee	1582/1		1584-1	43.626056	-71.442889
30	Meredith	Lake Winnepesaukee	1640/33		100M-16	43.646237	-71.409606
31	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	85/91		850/1	43.629630	-71.336110
32	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	158/14 to 158A/1			43.649595	-71.328548
33	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	85/14		85/10	43.664113	-71.348922
34	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	858/12		87CE/2	43.641226	-71.339840
35	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	85/91		850/1	43.627272	-71.334685

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36	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	41/19		Ped 41A/1	43.725494	-71.402493
37	Moultonborough	Lake Winnepesaukee	85/14		85/10	43.664909	-71.347950
38	North Conway	Elm Brook	6-30/1		6-30/2	44.047176	-71.158794
39	Portsmouth	Piscataqua River		413 to 421		43.086490	-70.760240
40	Sunapee	Lake Sunapee	67DC/1		67DC/1	43.370501	-72.059098
41	Lyme NH / East Thetford, VT	Connecticut River	329/37 to 329/38			43.812115	-72.183079
42	Tuftonboro	Lake Winnepesaukee	87CE-14		87CE-15	43.628891	-71.314983
43	Tuftonboro	Lake Winnepesaukee	87CC/9 to 87CC/11		87CC/10	43.637153	-71.319403
44	Meredith	Lake Winnepesaukee	100/225 to 1640/33			43.635098	-71.410084
45	Waterville Valley	Mad River			11-3 to 11- 1	43.963454	-71.514191
46	Tuftonboro	Lake Winnepesaukee			934E/21 to 934BE-1-2	43.647705	-71.304071
47	Wolfeboro	Lake Wentworth	105/275S		927/1	43.609824	-71.153094
48	Amherst	Beaver Brook	39/14 to 39/15			42.866494	-71.623453
49	Amherst	Pulpit Brook	155/25 to 155/26			42.923979	-71.579970
50	Canaan	Indian River	901/9 to 901/10			43.643255	-72.051546
51	New Boston	Piscataquog River	154/378E to 154/378D			43.005691	-71.664125
52	Peterborough	Nubanusit Brook	5/98 to 5/100			42.886881	-71.984523
53	Salem	Beaver Brook	4/9 to 4/13			42.733152	-71.318400