

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 16-441**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Neutral Wire and  
Fiber Optic Cable Across the Oyster River and Little Bay in the Town of  
Durham, NH, and Pickering Brook and Little Bay in the Town of Newington, NH**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,998 Granting Water Crossing Licenses**

**March 10, 2017**

On March 10, 2017, 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 licenses to construct new and maintain new and existing electric lines, neutral wire, and fiber optic cable over or under and across the Oyster River and Little Bay in Durham, New Hampshire, and Pickering Brook and Little Bay in Newington, New Hampshire. The Commission's Order granting the licenses, along with 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/2016/16-441.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed structures and lines are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the licenses could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in those waters. Accordingly, it approved Eversource's request for licenses to cross the public waters, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossings; and to approval of siting by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure the public receives notice of its determination 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 27, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than April 3, 2017. 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 approval shall become final and effective on April 10, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.