

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 16-489

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.

**Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Distribution Gas Mains Across the Cocheco River
in Dover**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,021 Granting Temporary License
Upon Satisfaction of Condition**

May 26, 2017

On May 26, 2017, the Commission approved a petition filed by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting authority to construct and maintain a temporary natural gas distribution main over and across the Cocheco River near the Whittier Street Bridge in the City of Dover, New Hampshire. The temporary main will allow Northern to provide natural gas distribution service while the Whittier Street Bridge is replaced and a permanent distribution main is attached to the new bridge. The approval is conditioned on the identification and certification by Northern that the temporary crossing will be designed and constructed in compliance with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 500, *et seq.*, and 49 CFR Part 192 and all other applicable federal, state, and local safety requirements. The temporary license is for a period of two years. The Commission also determined that the permanent crossing to be attached to the new Whittier Street Bridge, as currently designed, will not require a license. The full order, 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/2016/16-489.html>.

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 comment or file a written request for a hearing which states the

reason and basis for a hearing no later than June 13, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than June 20, 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 June 26, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.