

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 16-849

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Petition for License to Cross Public Waters-Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Gilford

Summary of Order No. 26,023 Granting Water Crossing License

June 12, 2017

On June 12, 2017, the Commission approved a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 filed by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), requesting a license to reconstruct and maintain electric cable and conduit under Lake Winnepesaukee, from Mark Island to Mink Island, in the town of Gilford, New Hampshire. The Commission's Order granting the license, 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-849.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed cables and conduits are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license could be granted without substantially affecting the public rights in those waters. Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that the license be granted provided the construction and designs conform to applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and are in accordance with N.H. Code Admin Rules Puc 306, *et seq.* Accordingly, the Commission approved NHEC's request for a license to cross the public waters, subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossings.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of NHEC's request for a license to cross the public waters of Lake Winnepesaukee to ensure the public receives notice of the Commission's 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 June 26, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than June 29, 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 order shall become final and effective on June 30, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.