STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 17-080

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Petition for License to Cross Lake Winnipesaukee in the Town of Meredith

Summary of Order Nisi No. 26,054 Granting Water Crossing License

September 8, 2017

On September 8, 2017, the Commission approved a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 filed by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC), requesting a license to construct and maintain electric lines under Lake Winnipesaukee in Meredith, New Hampshire. The new lines will replace existing lines in the same location. 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 on the Commission's website at http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-080.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed structures, 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. The Commission approved NHEC's license request 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 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 September 25, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than October 2, 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 October 6, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.