

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 19-172**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines  
Over and Across Otter Brook in the Town of Sullivan, the North Branch River and  
an Unnamed Outflow Stream of Island Pond in the Town of Stoddard, and  
the Ashuelot River in the City of Keene**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,356 Granting Crossing Licenses**

**May 21, 2020**

On May 21, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) for licenses to modify, construct, maintain, and operate an electric line over and across the public waters of the Ashuelot River in Keene, the Otter Brook in Sullivan, the North Branch River in Stoddard, and an unnamed outflow stream of Island Pond<sup>1</sup> in Stoddard. The Commission's Order, 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 <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-172.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossings are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the Ashuelot River, Otter Brook, the North Branch River, or the outflow stream of Island Pond at the crossing locations. The Commission approved

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<sup>1</sup> Island Pond in Stoddard, New Hampshire, is designated a public water body on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Official List of Public Waters; one of the crossings in the petition crosses an outflow stream of Island Pond.

Eversource's license requests subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossings.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure that 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 that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than June 8, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than June 15, 2020. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its Order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on June 21, 2020.