

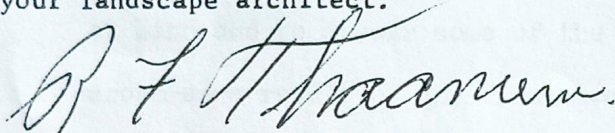




above ground of the wire at center span, you can calculate the width of right-of-way needed. Selective clearing and scalloped edges are required. Each road and stream crossing should be considered separately so the least objectionable crossing may be planned.

46 Following such consideration, the amendment may be issued by you.

47 We wish to be kept informed and work with you in a team approach. As a starter we would like a copy of the District reports you have requested and a specific letter on the subject of this letter from your landscape architect.



R. F. THAANUM, Branch Chief  
Land Adjustment, Classification and Special Uses



February 27, 1970

Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Power Transmission Line 6/15/68

Regional Forester, R-9

This is in response to your memo of February 10, 1970, <sup>in regard to</sup> matter  
at hand, and to answer some of the items <sup>and questions</sup> in your memo, ~~which appear~~  
~~arose as a result of questioning ours.~~ It is not an attempt to

engage in a writing contest but is intended solely to clarify <sup>the</sup>  
The following are statements, observations and comments on the  
paragraphs of your memo as indicated:

<sup>except</sup> YOUR PAR. 1: ~~As to~~ <sup>AFTER OUR</sup> <sup>verbally</sup> ~~being~~ <sup>PRIOR TO</sup> ~~and~~ receiving the permit  
letter requesting consideration for amendment <sup>And</sup> prior to writing y  
we were convinced that the company's requested location is the mo  
desirable and would so recommend to you.

<sup>accept</sup> TO A paragraph 3: ~~We~~ <sup>building such</sup> are aware of the ~~common~~ practice of ~~overcons~~  
<sup>A Higher STANDARD) SO AS</sup> ~~a line~~ to handle eventual capacity increase and will explore this  
with the company. However, it does not appear that such would  
eliminate the use of additional right-of-way. The matter here is <sup>from</sup>  
one of <sup>the physical construction</sup> ~~physical~~ problem in addition to <sup>other factors</sup> ~~immediate need~~. To avoid  
added clearing, it would be necessary to construct any new line,  
whether it was <sup>HIGHER CAPACITY</sup> ~~overcapacitated~~ or, as they propose, very close to  
existing energized line. This in itself is a construction hazard  
bordering on a physical impossibility when proximity of energized



New Work Cannot be Safely undertaken too Clo. ENE.

lines during construction process is considered. Higher capacity lines would require greater clearances in all planes so that even a centered line most likely would require some additional clearing.

Your paragraph 4, The permittee has definitely indicated that they do not propose to abandon any of the cleared right-of-way and that even upon the dismantling of the existing line, they would maintain the full cleared width existing. ~~We have considered~~ The desirability

of locating all or part of the new line in a different location <sup>has</sup> and ~~find it totally~~ unacceptable and without basis for recommendation. <sup>Found quite</sup>

Such determination has been based <sup>on</sup> the knowledge of the situation, matters <sup>in</sup> of fact on the ground, <sup>and TOTAL</sup> and the potentials and impacts of an likely relocation. ~~We cannot~~ <sup>it cannot be rec</sup> in any conscience recommend that there

is even a remote desirability of a different location. ~~I am~~ <sup>AWAWARENESS</sup> <sup>Reasonably</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>conscious enough</sup> and familiar enough with your reference Report of

the Vice President to the President's Council on Recreation and Natural Beauty made by the Working Committee on Utilities, copy of which was sent this office in 1969, ~~that it was not necessary~~

and does not seem necessary to review again for this particular instance. ~~If we were to relocate~~ <sup>were being relocated</sup> a major powerline, our landscape architect would be involved in the opportunity and, in fact, ~~we~~

~~we~~ <sup>duly</sup> will be involved in this one, even under an amendment. As you indicate, ~~we do realize that we are not obligated~~ <sup>There is realization that there is no ob</sup> to grant

the right-of-way where the company requests, nor to provide a straight line location, nor the most economical location.



These are not factors in ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> present consideration. ~~Our~~  
<sup>FOR APPROVAL</sup>  
Recommendation for the additional width as requested appears  
likely ~~to be for approval~~ as creating the least undesirable  
impact on the environment.

<sup>YOUR</sup> Par. 5: It is ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> feeling that the general location is and  
<sup>properly and adequately</sup>  
has been selected <sup>AND</sup> in that the company should be enabled to  
undertake its centerline survey and prepare the necessary design  
and specifications. ~~Your~~ <sup>THEIR</sup> plans should be prepared in accordance  
with guidelines ~~we~~ furnished them and will be reviewed here <sup>IN ACC</sup>  
those guidelines, ~~which~~ <sup>THESE</sup> will obviously include the customary  
factors determining needed width of clearing. It is interesting  
to note that this same permittee has already entered into an  
agreement with us for special wildlife management activity in  
connection with one of its other lines on the Forest. ~~we~~ <sup>IT</sup> /  
anticipate <sup>1</sup> that such will be the case here also.

Your paragraph 6: ~~We take~~ <sup>ARE TAKEN AS</sup> your statements ~~to be~~ authorization  
for us to issue an amendment for the permit after ~~we have~~ <sup>PROVING TAK.</sup> taken  
the customary and normal considerations.

<sup>paragraph 6</sup> Your paragraph 7: Perhaps ~~we~~ <sup>reading</sup> should have stopped at ~~the~~ <sup>YOUR</sup> last sent  
in which you give us authorization or indicate that we have the  
authorization to amend the permit. To keep you informed, we will  
provide you with copy of the district reports and letter from the  
landscape architect <sup>per your</sup> ~~my~~ suggestion.

KISUTHERLAND  
Lands Staff Officer



**PUBLIC SERVICE**

Company of New Hampshire

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March 5, 1970

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White Mountain National Forest  
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Attention: Mr. K. I. Sutherland

Re: 2720 Special Use Permit  
PSCoNH File FIA-120

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 1970 regarding the proposed change in license across national forest land in the towns of Easton, Lincoln and Woodstock.

Since our meeting in your office and my letter of January 19, 1970 we have completed further studies of our problems in this area and conclude that, at the present time, our line will have to be completely rebuilt with larger wire only to a point in Sugar Hill, N. H. where we plan to make a new tie with New England Power Service Co. On the balance of the line, we can keep our present wire and only change individual poles, which can be done in their present locations without taking the line out of service, except for short periods.

Therefore, we will not need to change our license through the national forest, at the present time.

It is possible that an additional line at a higher voltage will be required at a future date but at present we do not know if, when or at what voltage this line may be constructed.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this transaction and will notify you before we do any work on our line through the national forest land.

Sincerely yours,

R. Emery Smith  
Real Estate Manager

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