

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

CR 2021-017

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

**Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Owned Land in Lancaster**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On October 22, 2021, Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for a license to reconstruct and maintain its 115 kV electric transmission line (the D142 Line) over and across State land in Lancaster. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Department, will be posted to the Department's website at www.energy.nh.gov.

Eversource seeks a license to replace two original wood structures with weathered steel equivalents along the section of the D142 Line that crosses a railroad bed owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) in Lancaster. Three existing conductors will be reconducted, and two existing shield wires will be replaced with two optical ground wire (OPGW) cables on the new structures.

The State land crossing will extend from new Structure 95 to new Structure 96 (existing structures 400 and 401, respectively), approximately 2,400 feet south of where the D142 Line crosses North Road and 0.44 miles from the intersection of North Road and Grange Road in Lancaster. Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Standard Dredge and Fill wetland permit for the project.

The Department will review the filing to assess the necessity of the requested license to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by RSA 371:17; and whether the license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the identified State land, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The applicant and any interested party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

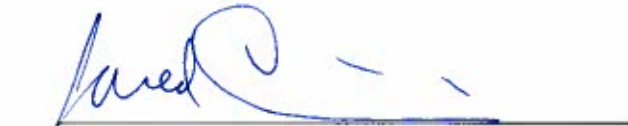
ORDERED, that, the Department will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at which any interested party may provide its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any interested party who wishes to participate in the proceeding shall file a written petition to intervene stating the interested party's basis for intervention consistent with RSA 541-A:32 and Puc 203.17 and specifying any objection the party has to the proposed crossing license. Petitions to Intervene shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department, with copies sent to the Petitioner that is seeking a license, no later than December 9, 2021, prior to the Prehearing Conference. Failure to submit a Petition to Intervene at least three business days prior to the Prehearing Conference will constitute a waiver of the right to object to the Petition and the requested license; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, Eversource, Department staff, and any intervening parties may hold a technical session to review the petition, as needed; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all abutters to the proposed crossing by causing a copy of this order of notice to be sent, by

any major delivery service that provides a delivery confirmation, to the owners of all properties immediately adjacent and contiguous to the property subject to the proposed crossing. On or before December 9, 2021, Eversource shall file with the Department a list of all abutters so notified and copies of the return delivery confirmations. In addition, Eversource shall mail a copy of this order of notice to: (i) the Town Clerk of Lancaster, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Transportation; and (iv) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and publish a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

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