

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CR 2022-003

**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 Brentwood**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On February 15, 2022,¹ Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource, or the Company) filed a petition for a license to construct and maintain an existing 115 kV overhead electric transmission line (the A126 Line) over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Brentwood. 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 (www.energy.nh.gov) at Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters /NH Department of Energy.

The A126 Line was originally constructed in 1975 and was not previously licensed. The scope of this project replaces structures 202, 203, and 204. The planned replacement of Structure 204 creates a minor increase in clearance height between Structures 204 and 205. Structure 205 was replaced as part of the span licensed under CR 2021-010 and, therefore, Structure 205 is also included in this petition. In its current petition, Eversource proposes to: (1) relabel Structures 203, 202 and 201 to Structures 204, 203 and 202, respectively; and (2) replace original wood Structures 202, 203 and 204 with new weathering steel equivalents. All replacement structures will be located within 10 feet of their current locations. The existing

¹ Eversource filed an initial petition with attachments on February 8, 2022 and resubmitted a corrected petition with revised exhibits on February 15, 2022, as a result of errors identified by Department Safety Bureau staff.

three conductors and two static wires will be unchanged in the course of relocation to the new replacement structures.

According to the petition, the structure replacement work will be accomplished within existing right-of-way easements, thereby mitigating impacts and concerns of property owners affected by the project. Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Statutory Permit by Notification (PBN) for the work planned under this petition and will be secured prior to the commencement of construction.

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 in Brentwood, 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

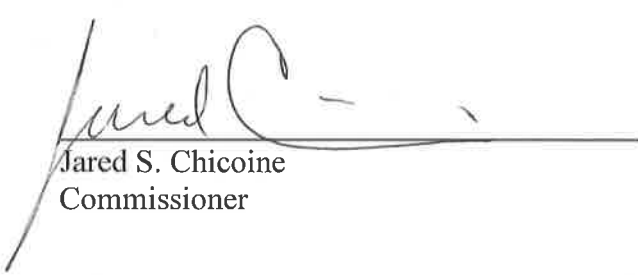
ORDERED, that, the Department will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on April 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at which any interested party may provide its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15; and it is

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 crossings 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 March 30, 2022. 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 crossings by causing a copy of this order of notice to be sent, by any major delivery service that provides delivery confirmation, to the owners of all properties immediately adjacent and contiguous to the State land parcels that are subject to the proposed crossings. On or before March 30, 2022, 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 Brentwood, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; (iv) the New Hampshire Department of Transportation; and (vi) the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 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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