

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

LICENSE NO. CRE 2022-008

April 5, 2022

**License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across
State-Owned Land in Conway**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to modify and maintain its C106 Line, an existing electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Conway. The C106 Line was not previously licensed.

I. BACKGROUND

On March 16, 2022, Eversource filed a petition with the N.H. Department of Energy (Department), pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to construct and maintain its C106 Line, a 115 kV electric transmission line that extends over and across State-owned land in Conway. On March 17, 2022, the Department's Enforcement Division Staff filed a recommendation that the petition be approved, and a license granted, based on the petition filings, applicable statutes, rules, NESC requirements, and land ownership, as well as public need, safety, and impact. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the Department's website (energy.nh.gov) at Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy.

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Locations and Construction

This license pertains to Eversource's C106 Line, a 115 kV electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) in Conway. The C106 Line crosses a State-owned railroad approximately 295 feet east of where the C106 Line crosses over NH State Route 302 (a/k/a Eastman Road), which is approximately 950 feet north along NH State Route 302 from the intersection of E. Conway Road and NH State Route 302. The state land crossing extends approximately 107 feet west where it ends along the northeast side of paved parking lot of property Map 252, Lot 38.

The license authorizes the replacement of original wood Structures #2 and #3 with weathering steel structures located within 10 feet of their original locations. The three phase conductors and one static conductor will remain unchanged under this license in the relocation to the new steel structures.

The length of span between Structures #2 and #3 is 329' and the length of span over and across State-owned land/water is 107.7'.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Eversource is responsible for obtaining any and all other federal, state, or local permits required by authorities having jurisdiction for the construction and installation of the proposed crossing. According to the petition, Eversource asserts that it does not anticipate that environmental permits are required to accomplish the structure replacements.

C. Property Rights

According to Eversource, abutters to the NHDOT land in Conway will not be affected by the proposed project, because the crossing structures are being replaced and rebuilt within existing right-of-way easements.

D. Service to the Public and the Effect on Public Rights

According to the petition, the existing crossings were constructed, operated, and maintained to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. Eversource affirmed that the proposed modifications will continue to meet that public need and will not substantially affect the public's use and enjoyment of the State land parcel in Conway.

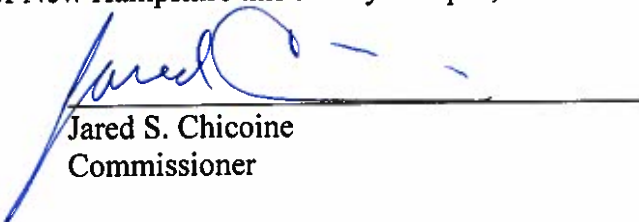
The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

III. DEPARTMENT DECISION

Eversource is authorized, pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain electric lines over and across State land in Conway, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings and as specified in the Enforcement Division's recommendation. Based on the factual representations set forth in the petition and the recommendation, the Department finds that the requested crossing amendments are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by RSA 371:17, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the subject land at the crossing location in Conway, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. Therefore, the petition is approved.

We require a copy of this license to be provided to the Town Clerk of Conway by first class mail no later than April 8, 2022 with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of the license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 5th day of April, 2022.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner