

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. _____

**PETITION OF FIRSTLIGHT FIBER TO CONSTRUCT AND
MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION LINES OVER AND
ACROSS LANDS OWNED BY THE STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE IN THE TOWNS OF PETERBOROUGH AND
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE.**

FirstLight Fiber (“FirstLight”) respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission pursuant to RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain telecommunication lines over and across lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Towns of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire. In support of this petition FirstLight states as follows:

1. Eversource has been granted the license to reconstruct and maintain electric lines, over and across lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Towns of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire under Order No. 26,465 (Docket No. DE 20-115).
2. The attached drawings provide an overview of the 3155x9 circuit crossings over the State’s land parcels within the new utility corridor. The new utility corridor is on State owned land property at the north boundary of the Route 10 Right of Way to the summit termination point, and the Crown Castle joint trench conduits and pole attachments to the buildings/structures at the summit.
3. The installation of the communications cable is not part of the Eversource project but is included in the attached plans. FirstLight will install a ¼” EHS strand with a single 144 count fiber cable lashed to it. The cable will be placed 60” below the Eversource Primary Neutral. The placement of the cable will satisfy National Electric Safety Code (NESC) clearance requirements.
4. A field survey was conducted by the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHNHB). All plant species present, 26 herbaceous and 9 wood species were recorded. None of the species are tracked by NHNHB and none of these forest areas are in a condition of development that would warrant formal documentation as exemplary by NHNHB.
5. The abutter on either side of the State-owned land crossings will be affected by this petition. The closest abutters outside of the Miller State Park are a considerable distance from the work area with the interior of the Miller State Park, with the exception, of the structures at the summit. Those structures will be served by FirstLight.

6. FirstLight wishes to commence the installation as soon as possible. As such, FirstLight respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested license to construct and maintain telecommunication lines over and across lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Towns of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire. The minimum safe line clearances above the land surfaces will be maintained.

WHEREFORE, FirstLight respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Find that the license petitioned for herein may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the state-owned lands subject to this petition;
2. Grant FirstLight a license to construct and maintain telecommunication lines over and across the lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Towns of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire;
3. Issue an order *Nisi* and an order for this publication.

Respectfully submitted 27th day of May, 2021

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