

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-015
(formerly DT 21-108)**

FIRSTLIGHT FIBER, INC.

**Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Telecommunications Lines Over and Across
State Owned Land in Peterborough and Temple**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 27, 2021, FirstLight Fiber, Inc. (FirstLight) filed a petition for a license to construct and maintain telecommunications lines over and across Miller State Park land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Peterborough and Temple. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Department of Energy (Department), will be posted to the Department's website at www.energy.nh.gov.

FirstLight seeks to install telecommunication lines that will consist of a 1/4-inch EHS cable strand and a single 144 count fiber cable. The lines will be installed 60 inches below the Eversource electric primary neutral line on existing utility poles and conduit within the existing utility corridor owned by the State within Miller State Park in Peterborough and Temple.¹ The utility corridor extends over State land from the north boundary of the Route 101/Wilton Road right of way to the termination point on the summit of Pack Monadnock Mountain. The structures at the summit will be served by FirstLight. The New Hampshire Natural Heritage

¹ Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) was granted a license for its electric lines at this location by the Public Utilities Commission in Order No. 26,465, issued on March 31, 2021.

Bureau conducted a field survey of the project location and determined that the plant species present on the site did not warrant formal documentation.

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-owned land of Miller State Park in Peterborough and Temple, 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.

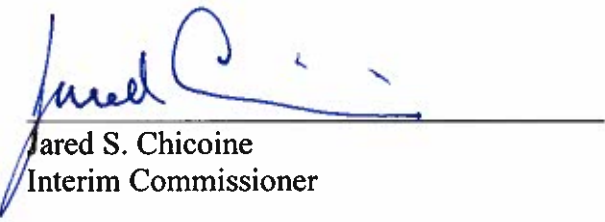
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, the Department will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 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 Interim Commissioner of the Department, with copies sent to the Petitioner that is seeking a license, no later than October 15, 2021, three business days 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, FirstLight, 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, FirstLight 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, and including properties located across public roads or public waters that are within one-half mile of the location of the proposed crossing. On or before October 15, 2021, FirstLight shall file with the Department a list of all abutters so notified and copies of the return delivery confirmations. In addition, FirstLight shall mail a copy of this order of notice to: (i) the Town Clerks of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; (iv) the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; and (v) the New Hampshire Department of Transportation 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
Interim Commissioner

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