

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

CR 2021-002

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

**Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Lands in Londonderry and Hudson**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 4, 2021, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for a license to construct and maintain its 115 kV electric transmission line (the Z119 Line) over and across lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in Londonderry and Hudson. 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](#).

Eversource's Z119 Line was originally constructed in 2008 over State land in Londonderry owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation that includes a rail trail corridor and two State land parcels that abut the east and west sides of Interstate 93 between Exit 4 and Exit 5 in Londonderry between Structure 15 to Structure 18. The line crosses State land in Hudson owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation between Structures 115 and 117 approximately 2,300 feet southwest of the intersection of Old Derry Road and Senter Farm Road.

Eversource seeks a license to replace nine existing laminated wood structures with weathered steel structures. Three existing transmission conductors, one existing shield wire, and

one optical ground wire (OPGW) will be transferred to the new replacement structures.

According to the petition, Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services wetland Statutory Permit by Notification (SPN) for temporary impacts to wetlands in both Londonderry and Hudson prior to commencing work along the Z119 Line.

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 lands in Londonderry and Hudson, 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 November 30, 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 November 23, 2021. 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 November 23, 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 Clerks of Londonderry and Hudson, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and (iv) 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
Commissioner

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