

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

CR 2021-003

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

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

ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 2, 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 X116 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 X116 Line was originally constructed circa 1949 and licensed at that time by the Boston and Maine Railroad; the line was fully rebuilt in 2007. The X116 Line crosses State land encompassing portions of a former railroad bed, now a rail trail, in Londonderry between Structures 5 to 7 just north of the intersection of Route 28 and Seasons Lane, and lands adjacent to Interstate 93 between Structures 16 and 19 between Exits 4 and 5 in Londonderry, and between Structures 117 and 120 approximately 2,000 feet south of Old Derry Road in Hudson. Eversource seeks a license to replace existing wood structures with weathered steel structures. Three existing conductors, two static wires, and an 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 Statutory Permit by Notification (SPN) for temporary impacts to wetlands in both Londonderry and Hudson prior to commencement of construction along the X116 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 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 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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