STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CR 2021-004

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

Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Land in Londonderry

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 30, 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 R187 Line) over and across lands owned by the State of New Hampshire in Londonderry. 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 R187 Line was originally constructed circa 2002 and crosses land owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation between renumbered Structures 5 and 6 northeast of Rockingham Road, and between renumbered Structures 12 and 15 adjacent to and across Interstate 93 in Londonderry. Eversource seeks a license to replace existing wood structures with weathered steel structures. Three existing conductors and one shield wire 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 Londonderry prior to commencement of construction along the R187 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, 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 11:00 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 Clerk of Londonderry, 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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