

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CR 2021-005

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

LICENSE NO. CR 2021-005

January 3, 2022

**License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Land in Plymouth
and Public Waters in Plymouth and Holderness**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) pursuant to RSA 371:17 to modify and maintain its 3196 electric transmission line over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Plymouth and public waters in Plymouth and Holderness, New Hampshire.

I. BACKGROUND

On October 22, 2021, Eversource filed a petition with the NH Department of Energy (Department) pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to construct and maintain its 34.5 kV electric distribution line (the 3196 Line) in Plymouth and Holderness. On November 4, 2021, the Department's Enforcement Division Staff filed a recommendation that the petition be approved and a license granted. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the Department's website (energy.nh.gov) at [Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy](#).

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Locations and Construction

The 3196 electric distribution line extends over and across an active railroad bed owned by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) between Structures 99 and 100 in Plymouth, and over and across the public waters of the Pemigewasset River between Structures 100 and 101 in Plymouth and Holderness. Structure 101 required replacement in 2020 with a weathering steel single pole due to foundation rot and overall deterioration; existing Structures 99 and 100 will be replaced with steel structures pursuant to this license. Both structures will be replaced within 10 feet of their original locations as was the case with prior replacement of Structure 101.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Eversource is responsible for obtaining any and all other federal, state, or local permits required by authorities having jurisdiction for the construction and installation of the proposed crossings. According to the petition, no permits from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) are required for the project.

C. Property Rights

Eversource submitted that the line amendments will occur within existing right-of-way easements, thereby mitigating impacts to property owners affected by the project.

D. Service to the Public and Effect on Public Rights

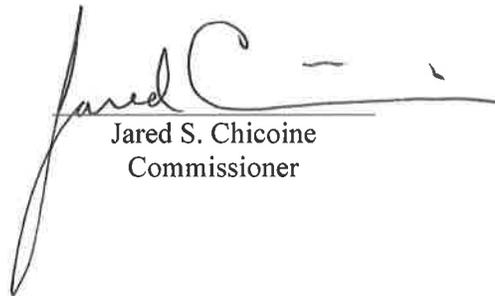
According to the petition, the crossings were designed to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. Eversource affirmed that the proposed modifications will continue to meet that public need and will not substantially affect the public's use and enjoyment of the identified State land or public waters. The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

III. DEPARTMENT DECISION

Eversource is authorized, pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain electric lines over and across State land in Plymouth, and public waters in Plymouth and Holderness, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings, and as specified in the Enforcement Division's recommendation. Based on the factual representations set forth in the petition and the recommendation, the Department finds that the requested crossing amendments are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by RSA 371:17, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the subject land and public waters at the crossing locations in Plymouth and Holderness, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. Therefore, the petition is approved.

We require a copy of this license to be provided to the Town Clerks of Plymouth and Holderness by first class mail no later than January 6, 2022, with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of this license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 3rd day of
January, 2022.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner