

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-007  
(PUC DE 21-125)**

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

**LICENSE NO. CR 2021-007**

**November 16, 2021**

**License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines  
Over and Across State Land in Manchester**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to modify and maintain its M164 Line in Manchester. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the New Hampshire Department of Energy website ([energy.nh.gov](http://energy.nh.gov)) at [Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy](#).

**I. SUMMARY OF LICENSE**

**A. Crossing Location and Construction**

This license pertains to Eversource's M164 Line, an existing 115 kV electric transmission line with a 34.5 kV distribution line under-build, that extends over and across a former railroad bed that is now a rail trail used by the public and owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) in Manchester. The M164 Line will cross the rail trail in Manchester within an existing utility right-of-way between new Structures 32 and 33. Locations of crossing structures are further specified in the petition filings. The license authorizes the replacement of two existing wood structures with weathered steel structures.

**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 crossing.

**C. Property Rights**

The petition states that abutters to the State land crossing in Manchester will not be affected by the proposed project, because the M164 Line is an existing line and the crossing structures are being replaced and rebuilt within existing easements.

**D. Service to the Public and the Effect on Public Rights**

According to the petition, the existing crossings were constructed, operated, and maintained 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 State land in Manchester. The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

**II. 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 Manchester, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings and as specified in the Department of Energy Enforcement Division 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 at the

crossing location in Manchester, 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 City Clerk of Manchester by first class mail no later than November 19, 2021, with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of the license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.



Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner