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) 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 (NHDOT) 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 16th day of November 2021.

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Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner