

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**CR 2021-010
(formerly PUC DE 21-118)**

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

LICENSE NO. CR 2021-010

November 5, 2021

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

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to reconstruct and maintain its A126 Line, an existing electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Brentwood. This crossing was not previously licensed.

I. BACKGROUND

On June 15, 2021, Eversource filed a petition with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to modify, construct, and maintain its A126 Line, a 115 kV electric transmission line, over and across State land in Brentwood. On September 7, 2021, the Commission transferred the petition to the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department). On September 8, 2021, the Department's Enforcement Division Safety Bureau Staff filed a recommendation that the petition be approved and a license granted, based on the petition filings, applicable statutes, rules, NESC requirements, and land ownership, as well as public need, safety, and impact. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the Department's website at [Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy](#).

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Location and Construction

This license pertains to the segment of Eversource's A126 electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game (NH Fish & Game) in Brentwood. The A126 Line crosses State land in Brentwood between Structures 204 and 212, between Pine Road and Deerhill Road within an existing utility right-of-way. The license authorizes the replacement of original wood Structures 205 through 212 with weathered steel structures. Three existing conductors and one static wire will be transferred to the new replacement structures under this license.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) wetland Statutory Permit by Notification prior to the commencement of this project, and 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

Based on the petition, abutters to the State land in Brentwood will not be affected by the proposed project, because the structure replacement work will be accomplished within an existing right of way easement and safe clearances to ground will be maintained.

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

The petition states that the existing crossing was 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 Brentwood.

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 Brentwood, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings and as specified in the Safety Bureau'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 at the crossing location in Brentwood, 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 Clerk of Brentwood by first class mail no later than November 10, 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 New Hampshire Department of Energy this 5th day of November, 2021.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner