

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-014
(formerly DE 21-099)**

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

**Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across Public Waters in Sunapee**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 13, 2021, Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for an after-the-fact license to construct and maintain its 34.5 kV electric distribution line (the 316 Line) over and across public waters in Sunapee. 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 316 Line crosses the northwestern end of Lake Sunapee between Structures 61 and 62. Eversource seeks a license to replace existing wood structure 62 with a steel pole that will have full cross arms to hold the two outer conductors. Three existing conductors and one exiting neutral wire will be transferred to the new replacement structures. Wood Structure 61 at the other end of the span over Lake Sunapee remains in good condition and does not require replacement. According to the petition, Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Shoreland Permit by Notification prior to commencing the

replacement project. A Statutory Permit by Notification (SPN) will be obtained prior to commencing other work along the 316 Line that does not fall under the petition.

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 public waters in Sunapee, 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.

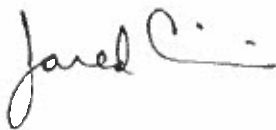
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, the Department will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on November 3, 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 Interim Commissioner of the Department, with copies sent to the Petitioner that is seeking a license, no later than October 29, 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 crossing 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 public waters that are subject to the proposed crossing. On or before October 29, 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 Sunapee, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; and (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 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
Interim Commissioner

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