

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-016
(formerly DE 21-113)**

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

**Petition for License and License Amendment
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across
State Owned Land in Hill and Public Waters in Hill and New Hampton**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 2, 2021, Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for a license to reconstruct and maintain its A111 115 kV electric transmission line (the A111 Line) over and across State owned land in Hill and public waters in Hill and New Hampton. 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 at www.energy.nh.gov.

Eversource seeks a license to replace nine original wood structures with steel equivalents along the section of the A111 line that spans the William H. Thomas State Forest in Hill, and one structure on the east side of the span that crosses the Pemigewasset River in New Hampton. Three existing conductors will be reconducted, and two existing shield wires will be replaced with two optical ground wire (OPGW) cables on the new replacement structures.

The State land crossing will extend from Structure 70 northwest of where the A111 Line crosses Old Town Road in Hill to Structure 81 on the west bank of the Pemigewasset River in Hill. The Line then crosses the Pemigewasset River to Structure 82 on the east side of the river in New Hampton. According to the petition, Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Standard Dredge and Fill wetland permit and a Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN) prior to commencing the project.

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 identifies State-owned land and public waters in Hill and New Hampton, 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 October 20, 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 15, 2021 to the Prehearing Conference. 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 a delivery confirmation, to the owners of all properties immediately adjacent and contiguous to the property subject to the proposed crossing, and including properties located across public roads or public waters that are within one-half mile of the location of the proposed crossing. On or before October 15, 2021, 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 Clerks of Hill and New Hampton, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and (iv) the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 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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