

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-008
(formerly PUC DE 21-111)**

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

**Petition for License
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across
State Owned Land in Hooksett and Public Waters in Manchester**

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 15, 2021,¹ Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for a license to reconstruct and maintain its D121 Line, a 115 kV electric transmission line that extends over and across State-owned land in Hooksett and public waters in Manchester. 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 for the 2017 replacement of Structure #127, which was replaced with a weathered steel structure but not licensed at that time; the replacement of an existing pole-top shield wire with an optical ground wire (OPGW) used for communications and grounding; and the addition of a second OPGW line. Three existing transmission conductors and one existing ADSS communications wire will remain unchanged under this petition.

The D121 Line crosses property owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in Hooksett, and public waters of Black Brook in Manchester. The span across

¹ Eversource filed an initial petition on May 28, 2021; a replacement petition with corrections was filed on August 26, 2021; a second replacement petition with corrections was filed on September 15, 2021.

State-owned land in Hooksett is located between Structures 81 through 93, just west of the intersection of the Everett Turnpike and Interstate 93; the span across Black Brook in Manchester is located between Structures 126 and 127 just north of Black Brook Park and west of the Everett Turnpike, as indicated on Tax Map 890, Lots 4 and 21. According to the petition, Eversource has obtained a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Statutory Permit by Notification for temporary impacts to wetlands for this project, while a Shoreland Permit by Notification is not required. The replacement of Structure 127 in 2017 was performed under a NHDES Utility Maintenance Notification for temporary wetland impacts issued at that time.

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 state-owned land and public waters in Hooksett and Manchester, 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 14, 2021 at 9:00 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 the 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 Friday, October 8, 2021, three business days prior 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, the 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 crossings 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 each proposed crossing, and including properties located across public roads or public waters that are within one-half mile of the location of the proposed crossings. Eversource shall file a list of all abutters so notified and copies of the return delivery confirmations with the Department on or before October 8, 2021. In addition, Eversource shall mail a copy of this order of notice to the New Hampshire Attorney General, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, 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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TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.