

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

BRETTON WOODS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

LICENSE NO. CRC 2025-002

April 22, 2025

**Application for License to Construct, Install, and Maintain a Cable
Over and Across Public Waters and State-Owned Land
in Sargent's Purchase, New Hampshire.**

This license is granted to Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc. (BWTC) to construct, install, and maintain a cable over public waters across the Ammonoosuc River in Thompson and Meserves Purchase, New Hampshire and across State-owned land in Sargent's Purchase, New Hampshire; all as described in its application, and as specified in the Enforcement Division's recommendation. BWTC states that the cable work will be accomplished within existing infrastructure, conduit, and right-of-way easements.

I. BACKGROUND

On April 16, 2025, BWTC filed an application with the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department or DOE), pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to construct, install, and maintain a cable over and across public waters in Thompson and Meserves Purchase and across State-owned land in Sargent's Purchase, New Hampshire.

On April 16, 2025, the Department's Enforcement Division Staff filed a recommendation that the application be approved, and a license granted, based on the application, applicable statutes, rules, NESC requirements, and land ownership, as well as public need, safety, and impact. The application and subsequent docket filings, if any, are posted to the Department's website (energy.nh.gov) at [Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy](#).

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Locations and Construction

This license pertains to BWTC's new cable. Originally, BWTC's initial cable was installed and owned in 2007 by the then New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. Since the Public Utilities Commission was not issuing licenses for other state projects in 2007, the original underground conduit was not licensed at that time. In light of environmental conditions since 2007, the original cable was subsequently damaged, which required the installation of a new cable. As a result of this application, the new cable will be licensed for the identified crossings.

BWTC's proposed project is to install a new cable to provide communication services to Mount Washington State Park. This cable traverses the Ammonoosuc River in Thompson and Meserves Purchase, as attached to an existing maintenance bridge. The cable generally crosses into Mount Washington State Park in Sargent's Purchase and into existing underground conduit and communications infrastructure.

The water crossing in Thompson and Meserves Purchase spans approximately 40 feet, crossing the Ammonoosuc River.

The land crossing in Sargent's Purchase totals approximately 955 feet primarily through existing underground conduit.

B. Regulatory Requirements

BWTC 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. According to the application, no permits are required from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Further, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) does not regulate the subject portion of the Ammonoosuc River as navigable waters. As a result, a crossing permit from USCOE is not required.

C. Property Rights

BWTC attests that the cable work will be accomplished within existing right-of-way easements, thereby mitigating impacts and potential objections of property owners affected by the project scope. According to BWTC, the single landowner on both sides of the Ammonoosuc River has entered into an agreement with BWTC for the purpose of running the cable; therefore, no abutter list was submitted.

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

BWTC states this project will not affect the use and enjoyment of the State-owned land and public waters because the cable will be installed within existing conduits and communications infrastructure. The Enforcement Division will conduct a visual inspection of the proposed project.

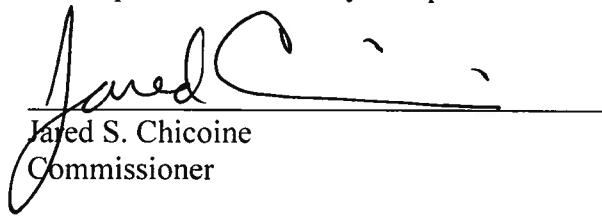
The proposed project is designed, and will be constructed and maintained, in conformance with N.H. Admin. Rule En 306 and applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) C2-2023.

BWTC will maintain and operate the cable in conformance with those requirements.

III. DEPARTMENT DECISION

BWTC is authorized pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain its proposed cable over and across the public waters of the Ammonoosuc River in Thompson and Meserves Purchase, New Hampshire and across the State-owned land in Sargent's Purchase, New Hampshire; as described in its application , and as specified in the Enforcement Division's recommendation. Based on the factual representations set forth in the application 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 public waters and subject land at the crossing locations at the Ammonoosuc River and on the State-owned land in Sargent's Purchase, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. Therefore, the application is approved.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 22nd day of April 2025.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner

Pursuant to RSA 371:20, applicants and other persons directly affected by the issuance or denial of a license may appeal to the Public Utilities Commission within 30 days of the department's decision.