

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

LICENSE NO. CRE 2022-012

May 16, 2022

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across State
Owned Land in Londonderry**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to modify and maintain its 365 Line, an existing electric distribution line that extends over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Londonderry. The 365 Line was originally constructed in 1961 within easements through private-owned land and not previously required to be licensed by the Public Utilities Commission.

I. BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2022,¹ Eversource filed a petition with the N.H. Department of Energy (Department), pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to modify, reconstruct and maintain its 365 Line, a 34.5 kV electric distribution line that extends over and across State-owned land in Londonderry. On May 2, 2022, the Department's Enforcement Division 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 (energy.nh.gov) at Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy.

¹ The Company filed a replacement petition on April 20, 2022.

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Locations and Construction

This license pertains to Eversource's 365 Line, a 34.5 kV electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) in Londonderry. The 365 Line will be relocated starting from existing Structure 13X which is located on the west side of Trolley Car Lane approximately 3,000 feet north from the intersection of Hovey Road and Trolley Car Lane. The State-owned land crossing span begins at the easterly boundary of Trolley Car Lane and common boundary with State-owned parcel Map 10, Lot 29C-A and extends 471 feet east to where the newly established limited access right of way (LAROW) of I-93 at Exit 4A.

The scope of the 365 Line relocation as part of this petition includes, the replacement of the existing conductors with three new 477kcmil ACSR phase conductors and a single 4/0 ACSR neutral conductor between Structures 13X, 63 and 64.

The length of span between Structures 13X, 63 and 64 is 531.3 feet and the length of span over and across State-owned land is 313. feet.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Eversource 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 petition, Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetland Standard Dredge and Fill Permit for the work planned under this petition in relation to temporary impacts to wetlands and will be secured prior to the commencement of construction.

C. Property Rights

According to Eversource, abutters to the NHDOT land in Londonderry will not be affected by the proposed project, because the crossing structures are being replaced and rebuilt within the new NHDOT right-of-way easements.

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

According to the petition, the existing crossings were 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 parcel in Londonderry.

The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

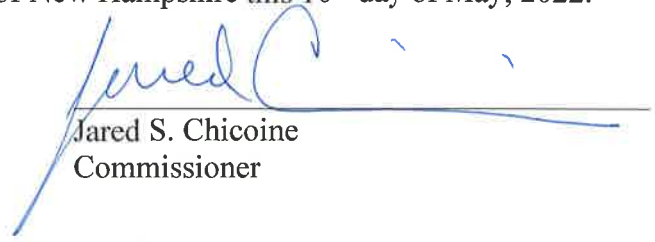
III. DEPARTMENT DECISION

Eversource is authorized, pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain electric lines over and across State land in Londonderry, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings and as specified in the Enforcement Division'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 locations in Londonderry, 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 Londonderry by first class mail no later than May 19, 2022 with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of the license.

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By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 16th day of May, 2022.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner