

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NHEC'S PETITION UNDER RSA 371:17**  
**FOR LICENSE TO CROSS PUBLIC WATERS**  
**(LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, GILFORD)**

Pursuant to RSA 371:17, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC") hereby petitions for a license to re-construct and maintain an electric cable and conduit under Lake Winnepesaukee in the town of Gilford, New Hampshire. In support thereof, NHEC states as follows:

1. Mink Island is in Lake Winnepesaukee in the Town of Gilford, New Hampshire, and is in NHEC's service territory.
2. The line currently serving Mink Island was found to have a deteriorating neutral on its cable, (a condition that if not replaced could cause voltage problems in the future) and needs to be replaced.
3. There are currently 18 residences on Mink Island in Gilford.
4. On behalf of residents of Mink Island, an approved contractor working on behalf of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. plans to replace the line from existing NHEC Pole #11528/17 located on the property of Richard Melvin, Tax Map 245, Lot 8 on Mark Island located in the Town of Gilford, to the water's edge, and then underneath Lake Winnepesaukee, coming onshore at Mink Island, onto the property of Joanne Pike and Greg M. Dickinson, Tax Map 245, Lot 29, and the cable will then be placed underground running to a concrete vault, #11528/18 ultimately providing electrical service to all of Mink Island.
5. There are abutters on the Mink Island portion located in Gilford where the proposed cable installation will take place.
6. Lake Winnepesaukee is a public body of water of more than 10 acres in size.

7. If this line is not constructed, the existing residences on Mink Island will be unable to continue receiving service from NHEC. Thus, in order to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, it is necessary that the NHEC approved contractor re-construct a distribution line to the shore of and lay cable under Lake Winnepesaukee to Mink Island.

8. Pursuant to PUC 202.11, this Petition is accompanied by pre-filed testimony by Mr. Dean Benton, NHEC Plant Records Administrator, including relevant construction details and material specifications.

WHEREFORE, NHEC respectfully requests that the Commission;

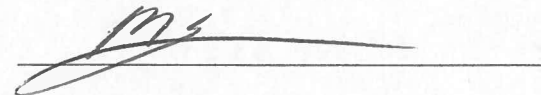
A. Pursuant to RSA 371:19, cause due notice to be given to the Attorney General and to such abutting owners as the Commission may designate;

B. Pursuant to RSA 371:20, grant this petition without a hearing or, in the alternative, schedule a hearing in this matter; and

C. Grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
By its attorney,

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