

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 13-045

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

**Petition for Authority to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Under and Across Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith**

Summary of Order Nisi Granting License

NOTICE OF ORDER NO. 25,505

May 9, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORDER

On February 4, 2013, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) filed a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain electric cable and conduit under and across the public waters of the Lake Winnepesaukee from Bear Island to Dollar Island in Meredith, New Hampshire.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-045.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and subsequently filed a memorandum recommending approval of NHEC's petition, subject to certain conditions related to ensuring the safe operation and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

Based on the information presented in NHEC's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission finds the proposed crossing necessary for NHEC to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, RSA 371:17, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the effected public waters, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The petition is therefore approved on a *nisi* basis.

NHEC is authorized by order *nisi* to construct, maintain and operate electric cable and conduit, and other lines, under and across the public waters described in its petition and depicted in its filings. All persons interested in responding to this Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than May 24, 2013 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than May 31, 2013. This Order *Nisi* shall be effective June 6, 2013 unless the Commission orders otherwise.