

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 14-194

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines and Static Wires
Over and Across the Ammonoosuc River West of Rotebec Drive in Littleton**

SUMMARY OF ORDER NO. 25,726 GRANTING LICENSE

October 24, 2014

On July 17, 2014, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed a notice¹ of its intent to alter, rebuild, and maintain electric lines, including two transmission structures, over and across the public waters of the Ammonoosuc River, west of Rotebec Drive, in Littleton, New Hampshire. According to the petition, the new structures and wires associated with this crossing are located within right of way easements owned by PSNH on each side of the Ammonoosuc River. PSNH indicated that the new crossing would involve rebuilding a one-mile section of the U199 line and replacing the two transmission structures that comprise the public water crossing. The petition stated that these lines are integral to meeting the reasonable requirements of service to the public.

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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-194.html>.

Staff reviewed the petition and subsequently filed a memorandum stating that the proposed construction and designs conform to applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code. Staff recommended approval of PSNH's petition.

¹ The Commission considers PSNH's notification to be a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 requesting a license to construct and maintain electric lines over and across the public waters.

Based on the information presented in PSNH's petition and Staff's memorandum, the Commission found that the proposed crossing is necessary for PSNH to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the public waters and/or state lands subject to the proposed crossing, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The petition was therefore approved, subject to certain conditions related to safe construction, installation, operation and maintenance. The Commission delayed the effective date of its order to afford any member of the public who does not support the Commission's determination an opportunity to request a hearing and demonstrate why the petition should not be approved before the order goes into effect.

All persons interested in responding to the 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 November 10, 2014, for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than November 17, 2014. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective November 24, 2014, unless the Commission orders otherwise.