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**Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
NHDOT Ossipee Bridges Project, Lovell and Bearcamp River Line Crossings**

Dear Mr. Allwarden:

On November 5, 2018, the Commission received a notification letter from Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) regarding the relocation of existing overhead wire crossings of the Lovell River and the Bearcamp River in Ossipee New Hampshire at the location of the N.H. Routes 16/25 bridges over those rivers. The relocations were requested by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to accommodate a NHDOT project to replace those bridges (OSSIPEE 14749 X-A000(490)). Eversource asserted that, under RSA 371:18, a petition and hearing for a crossing license "are not required where, as here, the crossing is for the exclusive purpose of relocation of public utility facilities at the request of the state."

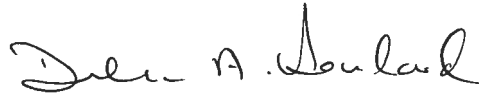
RSA 371:18 provides as follows (emphasis added):

The requirement for petition to and hearing by the commission as provided in RSA 371:17 shall not be required *when the license is requested by the public utility* for the exclusive purpose of furnishing facilities to, or relocating facilities at the request of, the state, or any department or agency thereof. All such crossings shall comply with the National Electrical Safety Code.

The Commission has determined that the exception contained in RSA 371:18 requires a public utility to request that a crossing license be issued by the Commission under the circumstances described therein, but relieves the requesting utility from the requirement to file a petition and the Commission from holding a hearing regarding the requested license.

Accordingly, Eversource is directed to submit a written request for the issuance of a license to cross the Lovell and Bearcamp Rivers in connection with the relocation of overhead wires related to the referenced NHDOT project. That request must include a detailed description of the river crossings and a demonstration that the crossings comply with the National Electrical Safety Code. Upon receipt of the written request, a new docket will be opened and the request will be processed by the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director