

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-148

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

**Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across the Merrimack River between Bedford and Manchester and
Across Land Owned by the State of New Hampshire in Bedford**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,328 Granting License

January 22, 2020

On January 22, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for a license to modify, construct, and maintain an overhead electric distribution line over and across the Merrimack River between Bedford and Manchester, and over and across State-owned land in Bedford. This river and land crossing modifies an existing crossing. The Commission's Order, the petition, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-148.html>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the Merrimack River or the State-owned land at the location of the crossing. The Commission approved Eversource's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure that the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. Persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments, or file a written request for a hearing that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than February 10, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 18, 2020. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its Order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on February 24, 2020.