

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-012**

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

**Petition for License  
to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across  
State Owned Land in Goffstown and Hooksett  
and Public Waters in Goffstown, Hooksett, and Manchester**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On October 20, 2021, Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for a license to reconstruct and maintain its 115 kV electric transmission line (the O161 Line) over and across State owned land in Goffstown and Hooksett and public waters in Goffstown, Hooksett, and Manchester. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Department, will be posted to the Department's website at [www.energy.nh.gov](http://www.energy.nh.gov).

Eversource seeks a license to replace the existing and shield wire and pole-top OPGW communications wire, originally installed around 1992, with a new OPGW cable along the entire O161 circuit, including between structures 1 and 22, and between Structures 22 through 74, which are the subject of the current petition. The petition also seeks an after-the-fact license for the 2020 replacement of then existing wood Structures 38 and 39 with steel monopoles, which support a span over Black Brook in Manchester/Goffstown. Three existing conductors will remain unchanged along the line.

The two State land crossings and three public water crossings for which Eversource seeks a license include: (1) a public water crossing over the Merrimack River between Structures 6 and 7 in Hooksett, 1,370 feet east of the intersection of Gosselin Avenue and NH Route 3A; (2) a

State land crossing over New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) property between Structures 20 and 21 in Hooksett, 1,906 feet west of Interstate 93 and 1,440 feet east of Hackett Hill Road; (3) a public water crossing over Black Brook between Structures 38 and 39, 454 feet east of East Dunbarton Road, crossing from Manchester to Goffstown; (4) a State land crossing over NHDOT property from just west of Elm Street in Goffstown between Structures 72 and 74; and (5) a water crossing over the Piscataquog River between Structures 73 and 74 starting just west of Elm Street east of the Greggs Substation in Goffstown.

Eversource obtained a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Utility Maintenance Notification for temporary wetland impacts associated with the prior replacement of Structures 38 and 39, and will obtain a Statutory Permit by Notification (SPN) for the OPGW replacement work prior to commencing the project to address temporary wetland impacts in Hooksett, Manchester, and Goffstown.

The Department will review the filing to assess the necessity of the requested license to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by RSA 371:17; and whether the license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the identified land parcels owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) in Goffstown and Hooksett and the identified public waters in Goffstown, Hooksett, and Manchester, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. The applicant and any interested party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that, the Department will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on December 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at which any interested party may

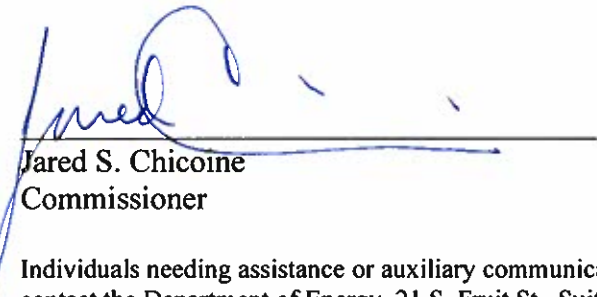
provide its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any interested party who wishes to participate in the proceeding shall file a written petition to intervene stating the interested party's basis for intervention consistent with RSA 541-A:32 and Puc 203.17 and specifying any objection the party has to the proposed crossing license. Petitions to Intervene shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department, with copies sent to the Petitioner that is seeking a license, no later than December 10, 2021, prior to the Prehearing Conference. Failure to submit a Petition to Intervene at least three business days prior to the Prehearing Conference will constitute a waiver of the right to object to the Petition and the requested license; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, Eversource, Department staff, and any intervening parties may hold a technical session to review the petition, as needed; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all abutters to the proposed crossings by causing a copy of this order of notice to be sent, by any major delivery service that provides a delivery confirmation, to the owners of all properties immediately adjacent and contiguous to the property parcels subject to the proposed crossings. On or before December 10, 2021, Eversource shall file with the Department a list of all abutters so notified and copies of the return delivery confirmations. In addition, Eversource shall mail a copy of this order of notice to: (i) the Town Clerks of Goffstown and Hooksett, and the City Clerk of Manchester, New Hampshire; (ii) the New Hampshire Attorney General; (iii) the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; and (iv) the New Hampshire

Department of Transportation, and publish a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue.



Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner

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