

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

August 26, 2022

EVERSOURCE ENERGY C/O ASHLEY FRIEND 13 LEGENDS DR HOOKSETT NH 03106

Re: Utility Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA 482-A)

NHDES File Number: 2022-02462

Project Location: Derry, Tax Map #, Lot #

Dear Applicant:

On August 19, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau received the above-referenced Utility Statutory Permit-by-Notification (Utility SPN) for Maintenance work on the 391, 385 and 373 Transmission Lines which crosses through portions of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Northwood, Raymond, Rochester and Strafford. Replace 5 utility structures. On August 26, 2022, NHDES determined that the Utility SPN was administratively complete and that the project, as described, met the criteria for a Utility SPN. Pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, XV and Rules Env-Wt 100-900, work may commence in accordance with the conditions listed below:

- All work shall be done to protect water quality, minimize erosion, minimize sediment transfer to surface waters or wetlands, and minimize turbidity in surface water and wetlands using the techniques in the "Best Management Practices Manual, Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire" published by the New Hampshire Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (Utility BMPs), per Env-Wt 307.03 and Env-Wt 521.05(c).
- 2. Any work done in shoreland covered by RSA 483-B, the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, shall comply with all applicable conditions established therein (Env-Wt 308.08(b)).
- 3. The project shall not include establishing new access roads or installing permanent stream or wetland crossings per Env-Wt 521.06(a)(2).
- 4. The project shall avoid and minimize impacts over, in, or upon organic soils, per Env-Wt 521.05(a).
- 5. Timber mats shall be placed in the wetland from the upland or from equipment positioned on swamp mats if working within a wetland; be installed, used, and removed to minimize impacts to wetland areas; and be installed with adequate erosion and sediment controls at approaches to the mats to promote a smooth transition to, and minimize sediment tracking onto, the mats, per Env-Wt 307.15(e).
- 6. Timber mats shall be properly installed, not dragged into position, and removed immediately upon the completion of work, per Env-Wt 307.11(k).
- 7. Timber mats shall be removed as soon as the work is complete and, in no case, left in place longer than one growing season, per Env-Wt 521.05(e).
- 8. The utility provider shall follow all recommendations provided by the Natural Heritage Bureau, New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, and NHDES, per Env-Wt 521.06(a)(4), as follows:

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- (a) All work shall be done in accordance with recommendations provided by NH Fish and Game and NHB per NHB ID # 22-0318.
- 9. If the project is in a Priority Resource Area and has impacts that cannot be addressed through the recommendations by the Natural Heritage Bureau, New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, and NHDES then a Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit will be required per Env-Wt 307.16 and Env-Wt 521.06(c).

This authorization is valid for one year from the date of this letter, or through August 25, 2023. This activity is assigned to Utility SPN 2022-02462.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wetlands Bureau at (603) 271-2147.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann A. Tilton

Assistant Bureau Administrator, Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management, Water Division

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