STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Squamscott River in the Towns of Stratham and Exeter

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>26,330</u> Granting License

February 5, 2020

On February 5, 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 construct and maintain electric lines over and across the Squamscott River in Exeter and Stratham. The project 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 http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/Docketbk/2019/Docketbk/2019/19-095.html

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and the license may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the Squamscott River. 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

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February 21, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 28, 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 Commission's Order shall become final and effective on March 5, 2020.