

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CR 2021-017

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

LICENSE NO. CR 2021-017

December 15, 2021

**License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Land in Lancaster**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) pursuant to RSA 371:17 to modify and maintain its D142 electric transmission line over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Lancaster.

I. BACKGROUND

On October 22, 2021, Eversource filed a petition with the NH Department of Energy (Department), pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to reconstruct and maintain a 115 kV electric transmission line (the D142 Line) in Lancaster. On October 27, 2021, the Department's Enforcement Division Staff filed a recommendation that the petition be approved and a license granted. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the Department's website (energy.nh.gov) at Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy.

II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE

A. Crossing Location and Construction

The D142 electric transmission line extends over and across a railroad bed owned by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) between new, renumbered

Structures 95 and 96 in Lancaster. Locations of the crossing structures are further specified in the docket filings. The license authorizes the replacement of two existing wood structures with steel structures; the transfer of three existing conductors to the new structures; and the transfer and replacement of two existing shield wires with optical ground wire (OPGW) cables.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Eversource is responsible for obtaining any and all other federal, state, or local permits required by authorities having jurisdiction for the construction and installation of the proposed crossing. According to the petition, Eversource will obtain a NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Standard Dredge and Fill wetland permit for the project.

C. Property Rights

Eversource stated that the amendments will not affect abutters on either side of the State land because the D142 is an existing line and the project will be accomplished within existing easements.

D. Service to the Public and Effect on Public Rights

According to the petition, the crossing was designed to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. Eversource affirmed that the proposed modifications will continue to meet that public need and will not substantially affect the public's use and enjoyment of the identified State land. The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

III. DEPARTMENT DECISION

Eversource is authorized, pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain electric lines over and across State land in Lancaster, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings, and as specified in the Enforcement Division's recommendation. Based on the factual representations set forth in the petition and the recommendation, the Department finds that the requested crossing amendments are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by RSA 371:17, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the subject land at the crossing location in Lancaster, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. Therefore, the petition is approved.

We require a copy of this license to be provided to the Town Clerk of Lancaster by first class mail no later than December 20, 2021, with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of this license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 15th day of December, 2021.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner