

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CR 2021-002

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

LICENSE NO. CR 2021-002

December 1, 2021

**License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Over and Across State Lands in Londonderry and Hudson**

This license is granted to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to modify and maintain its Z119 Line, an existing electric transmission line that extends over and across land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Londonderry and Hudson.

I. BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2021, Eversource filed a petition with the N.H. Department of Energy (Department), pursuant to RSA 371:17, requesting a license to modify, reconstruct, and maintain a 115 kV electric transmission line in Londonderry and Hudson. On September 21, 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 Locations and Construction

This license pertains to Eversource's Z119 Line, a 115 kV electric transmission line that extends over and across land parcels owned by the NH Department of

Transportation in Londonderry and Hudson. The Z119 Line crosses a State rail trail corridor between Structures 5 and 6 in Londonderry; two State land parcels that abut the east and west sides of Interstate 93 between Structures 15 and 18 in Londonderry; and one State land parcel in Hudson between Structures 115 and 117. Locations of crossing structures are further specified in the petition filings. The license authorizes the replacement of nine existing laminated wood structures with weathered steel structures, and the transfer of three existing transmission conductors, one existing shield wire, and one optical ground wire (OPGW) to the new structures.

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 crossings. According to the petition, Eversource will obtain a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) wetland Statutory Permit by Notification for temporary impacts to wetlands in both Londonderry and Hudson.

C. Property Rights

Eversource stated that abutters to the State land crossings in Londonderry and Hudson will not be affected by the proposed project, because the Z119 Line is an existing line and the crossing structures are being replaced and rebuilt within existing easements.

D. Service to the Public and the Effect on Public Rights

According to the petition, the existing crossings were constructed, operated, and maintained to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. Eversource affirmed that the proposed modifications will continue to meet that public need, and

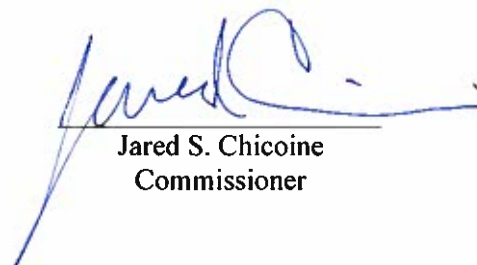
will not substantially affect the public's use and enjoyment of the State lands in Londonderry and Hudson. The line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

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 lands in Londonderry and Hudson, 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 lands at the crossing sites in Londonderry and Hudson, 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 Clerks of Londonderry and Hudson by first class mail no later than December 6, 2021, with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of the license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 1st day of December 2021.



Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner