STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 19-094

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

Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Squamscott River between the Towns of Stratham and Exeter, and Over and Across Land Owned by the State of New Hampshire in the Town of Sandown

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>26,338</u> Granting Water Crossing Licenses March 10, 2020

On March 10, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) for licenses to modify, reconstruct, and maintain an existing overhead electric transmission line over and across the public waters of the Squamscott River between Stratham and Exeter, and over and across certain land owned by the State of New Hampshire in Sandown. 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/2019/19-094.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing project is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the Squamscott River or the state-owned land at the crossing locations. The Commission approved Eversource's license requests subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossings.

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.

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All 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 March 27, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than April 3, 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 Order shall become final and effective on April 10, 2020.