STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Petition for Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the North Branch River in the Towns of Hillsborough and Antrim, and Over and Across Steels Pond and Land Owned by the State of New Hampshire in Antrim

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. <u>26,355</u> Granting Crossing Licenses

May 11, 2020

On May 11, 2020, the Commission approved a request by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) under RSA 371:17 for licenses to construct, maintain, and operate electric lines over and across the North Branch River in Hillsborough and Antrim, and over and across Steels Pond and state-owned land in Antrim. These crossings are modifications of existing crossings. 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 at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-149.html.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossings are necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the licenses may be exercised without substantially affecting the public rights in the North Branch River, Steels Pond, or State-owned land at the crossing locations. The Commission approved Eversource's request 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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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 May 28, 2020. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than June 4, 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 June 11, 2020.