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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TEMPORARY SPECIAL - USE PERMIT
(FSH 2709.11, sec. 54.6)
AUTHORITY:
ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT June 4, 1897**

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE dba Eversource Energy, hereinafter called the Holder, is hereby authorized to use, subject to the terms and conditions of this permit, White Mountain National Forest System land identified within the unit area and described as Pemigewasset Ranger District in Lincoln and Easton, New Hampshire, Grafton County, as shown on the attached Exhibit A. This authorization covers approximately 0.35 acres.

The holder is authorized to conduct the following activities on the permitted area:

Geotechnical drilling at 15 existing structures located in Lincoln and Easton, NH. The structures require geotechnical subsurface drilling investigations to collect data for structure foundation design purposes. Given the remote location of the proposed work along the X178-2 Transmission Line and lack of suitable access, Eversource will utilize portable rotary core drills which will be transported by helicopter to the drilling locations. Each drilling location requires a 30-foot by 30-foot temporary work platform to support the drilling effort. Temporary matting may also be used to support the drilling platform at wetland drilling locations. Six 20-foot by 16-foot matting locations will also be temporarily installed to support helicopter landing locations for personnel. Approval of all proposed activities is predicated on working on frozen ground to maximize seasonal avoidance of impacts to wetlands and rare species.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Use under this permit shall begin on 02/01/2025 and end on 04/30/2025. The permit shall not be extended.
- B. The fee for this use is \$82.00. It shall be paid in advance and is not refundable.
- C. The holder shall conduct the authorized activities according to the attached approved plans and specifications, Exhibits A and B.
- D. The holder shall not install any improvements not specifically identified and approved above.
- E. No soil, trees, or other vegetation may be destroyed or removed from National Forest System lands without specific prior written permission from the authorized officer.
- F. The holder shall comply with all Federal, State, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations which are applicable to the area or operations covered by this permit.
- G. The holder shall maintain the improvements and premises to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer. The holder shall fully repair and bear the expense

for all damage, other than ordinary wear and tear, to National Forest System lands, roads and trails caused by the holder's activities.

H. The holder has the responsibility of inspecting the use area and adjoining areas for dangerous trees, hanging limbs, and other evidence of hazardous conditions which would pose a risk of injury to individuals. After securing permission from the authorized officer, the holder shall remove such hazards.

I. The holder shall be liable for any damage suffered by the United States resulting from or related to use of this permit, including damages to National Forest resources and costs of fire suppression.

J. The holder shall hold harmless the United States from any liability from damage to life or property arising from the holder's occupancy or use of National Forest lands under this permit.

K. The holder agrees to permit the free and unrestricted access to and upon the premises at all times for all lawful and proper purposes not inconsistent with the intent of the permit or with the reasonable exercise and enjoyment by the holder of the privileges thereof.

L. This permit is subject to all valid existing rights and claims outstanding in third parties.

M. This permit may be revoked upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the authorized officer. Upon expiration or revocation of this permit, the holder shall immediately remove all improvements except those owned by the United States, and shall restore the site within 0 day(s), unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. If the holder fails to remove the improvements, they shall become the property of the United States, but that will not relieve the holder of liability for the cost of their removal and restoration of the site.

N. This permit is a license for the use of federally owned land. It does not grant any interest in real property. This permit is not transferable. The holder shall not enter into any agreements with third parties for occupancy of the authorized premises and improvements.

O. Appeal of any provisions of this permit or any requirements thereof shall be subject to the appeal regulations at 36 CFR 214, or revisions thereof.

P. This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set forth herein, condition(s) and Exhibits A and B attached to and made a part of this permit.

Q. The above clauses shall control if they conflict with additional clauses or provisions.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.



Kurt Nelson
Manager of Licensing and Permitting

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, dba Eversource Energy

Brooke Brown
Pemigewasset District Ranger

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