

X-178 crossing North Woodstock

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Re Public Service Company of New Hampshire

DE 87-109

Order No. 18,757

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

July 13, 1987

ORDER nisi granting license to construct, operate and maintain aerial transmission lines.

ELECTRICITY, § 7 — Authorization for transmission lines — Aerial lines — Over water. [N.H.] An electric utility was granted a license to construct, operate and maintain two aerial electric transmission lines over public waters, because aerial plant was less costly both in construction and maintenance than underground and submarine crossings, and the crossings were found to be in the public good.

By the COMMISSION: ORDER

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1987, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed with this Commission its petition under RSA 371:17 seeking license to cross public waters of the Pemigewasset River in the Town of Woodstock, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, such crossing comprises two aerial electric transmission lines, essential in serving the needs of the public; one being an existing 115kV, the other a new 34.5kV; and

WHEREAS, PSNH avers that its investigation of this crossing of the Pemigewasset River in Woodstock revealed aerial plant was less costly both in construction and maintenance than underground/submarine crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds preliminarily that such crossings appear to be in the public good; but feels the public must be given an opportunity to respond in support of, or in opposition thereto; it is

ORDERED, that all persons desiring to respond to this PSNH petition be notified that they may submit their comments in writing or file a written request for public hearing before this Commission no later than July 27, 1987; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that such notice be given via one-time publication in a newspaper having wide circulation in the affected area, such publication to be no later than July 20, 1987; and documented by affidavit to be made on a copy of this order and filed with the Commission; and it is FURTHER ORDERED NISI that PSNH be, and hereby is, granted license under RSA 371:17 et seq to construct, operate and maintain a 34.5kV transmission line and operate and maintain a 115kV transmission line identified in maps and drawings (764-341 and 7649-342) on file with this Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all construction shall meet the requirements of the National

Electrical Safety Code; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that said authority shall become effective 20 days from the date of this order unless a hearing is requested as provided herein or the Commission otherwise directs prior to that date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirteenth day of July,  
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