

June 16, 2015

Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Ms. Howland,

Please apply this letter to **Docket DG 14-380**.

This letter is an urgent request for the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission, a.k.a. PUC, to accurately assess responsibly reply to the Precedent Agreement filed by Liberty with Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC.

Liberty states that there is a need for more gas supply resources as soon as next year and a significant resource deficiency by the end of a 24-year planning period.

Studies show that any short term need for gas in New Hampshire is easily met without the NED pipeline and a 24-year plan with the expectation of continued use of current technologies is a **backward approach** to solving the global destruction brought about by existing techniques and the use of non-renewable fuels.

An expectation and request to persist existing technologies for the next 24 years is in direct conflict with your mission which states:

- “To ensure that customers of regulated utilities receive safe, adequate and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.”

Kinder Morgan representatives have told us they cannot guarantee the safety of their pipelines; that accidents will continue to occur, including those that cause injury and even death. Until they are able to guarantee the safety of their pipelines, the PUC is unable to ensure customers of regulated utilities receive safe, adequate and reliable service.

- “To foster competition where appropriate.”

Planning outdated energy technologies for the next 24 years is not fostering beneficial competition. In fact, such an ill-advised feeble request is nothing more than a plan to reap rapid profits at a huge cost to the environment and the health and well being of all living things, including me and including you. **Competition is not spurred by rapid and wasteful depletion of non-renewable resources.**

- “To provide necessary customer protection.”

As mentioned, such a deal is not charted towards protecting consumers. In fact, it induces harm on ecosystems and on the health and welfare of consumers and non-consumers alike. We need safer, cleaner, less destructive renewable energy solutions, not static, toxic technologies half a century old.

- “To provide a thorough but efficient regulatory process that is fair, open and innovative.”

I just found out about this Precedent Agreement today. Unfortunately, it is an enormous burden to expect consumers to be aware of everything, which is why we form commissions like the PUC and rely on the staff to conduct proper research and to make decisions based on scientific facts. I can only hope the PUC staff upholds their mission of being thorough, fair, open and innovative on this matter.

- “To perform our responsibilities ethically and professionally in a challenging and supportive work environment.”

Today’s global energy issues pose never-before seen challenges. I believe what is needed is for energy companies to immediately form and fund innovative teams around the globe to discover safer, cleaner methods. If we don’t start such a process now, the situation will continue to bring devastation to the planet and all living things upon it. I recently read that one million people die in China per year from air pollution. Imagine the enormity of that problem as it continues to spread over the next 24 years if the current path of pursuit of energy does not change.

The only way to do better is to stop these activities now and demand replacement methodologies. People have shown that when faced with serious problems solutions can be found. If the PUC embraces this Precedent Agreement in any form it, too, is resigning to a backward approach that is not within its mission.

There has never been a time in the history of mankind when courage and innovation are more needed in more places than today. Imagine the deteriorated conditions that will have exponentially proliferated 24 years from now if we spend a single minute and dollar more by continuing to step backward.

This decision is now in your hands. I urge you to please think it through carefully. You do not need to singly solve this problem, but you do need to take a position that clears the way for others who can.

Sincerely,

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