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Ms. Debra Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: DG 14-3 80 Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Ms. Howland:

I have been a resident in Greenville & New Ipswich for all of my 65 years and never before have I been faced with such an atrocious invasion of our quaint rural area.

The proposed NED pipeline will have a negative impact on the environment and economics of the area throughout southern NH. The current needs of New England can be realized through existing delivery systems. We should also be spending our time and efforts developing wind and solar.

This project poses safety risks and passes along costs to customers that are not in line with customer needs. The substantial excess capacity of this pipeline would not be used in the state but expected to be shipped north to be sold overseas.

The project will disturb and redirect numerous aquifers, ponds, watersheds, and lakes. Noise from compressor stations and pollutants from blow downs will disturb wildlife and the citizenry and will impact hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking etc. in the Monadnock region.

The proposed 80,000hp compressor station in New Ipswich is too near the Temple elementary school and the Greenville reservoir. Noise from this station will easily be heard in the centers of all three abutting towns as were the shotgun blasts of yesteryear when the site was a shooting range.

The plan by Spectra Energy to expand the capacity for delivery of natural gas into New Hampshire along existing Spectra pipelines is an alternative to NED. This plan builds on existing infrastructure and does not disturb undeveloped and sensitive environments.

The testimony of Melissa Whitten, the utility consultant **hired by the PUC staff**, states quite clearly the lack of need for this project. The NH Office of Consumer Advocate likewise recommended against approval.

I urge you not to approve this contract!

Respectfully,



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