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

Ms. Howland:

Just 4 years ago I intentionally invested in property in the quiet, rural area of New Ipswich, NH, where I took a "distressed foreclosure" property of the market to be my primary residence. That investment is now at risk due to the Liberty Utilities proposal.

Recently and with little notice, we continue to discover very disturbing facts regarding the proposed NED pipeline project, which lead to grave concerns about our safety, health, the air we breathe and the water we drink. Not to mention the quiet rural character of the area and endangered wildlife species, concerns which have been on the local news channel.

This project poses safety risks and passes along costs to many people, (some of which are your customers) that are not in line with customer needs.

Given that here are two other options already on the table, it seems injurious to give any credence to the Liberty Utilities project and Tennessee Gas NED pipeline proposal. Portland Gas already has a pipeline in the ground that could adequately serve any projected future needs for natural gas in the state. This pipeline would only need the addition of one or two compressor stations (in remote, sparsely populated areas) to suit it for this solution.

The other option – the large pipeline offered by Spectra - would again nullify the need for the NED pipeline and has the advantage of being located alongside an existing pipeline, thus greatly reducing the impact on the environment and residents.

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

I strongly implore you not to approve this contract.

Respectfully,

John Belliveau

