July 16, 2015

Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street – Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: DG 14-380 Liberty Precedent Agreement

Dear Ms Howland,

I am a US resident living in New Ipswich, NH and I am married to my wife Beth and have a nearly 10-year old step-son with autism and a two-and-a-half year old son.

I understand that Governor Hassan's position on the NED pipeline and the related Liberty Precedent Agreement is that the project is a piece in a larger, region-wide energy puzzle that requires a collaborative effort between all New England states.

Since the initial hearing earlier this year and per the Governor's guidance, consider the following regional and global events:

- 1. Media reports that MA Attorney General Martha Coakley calls for a study to assess the real need for natural gas in New England
- 2. WBZ reported a position from MA Governor Baker in support of hydroelectric power generation
- 3. Recent diplomatic events with Iran are rumored to drop the price per barrel of crude oil to \$50 USD

Per our Governor's guidance, please my questions:

- Will you have the courage to break precedent and consult with other states in your decision?
- Will you consider these changing variables and see (as I do) less need for natural gas infrastructure expansion?
- What if speculative, international markets dry up for natural gas due to a glut of inexpensive oil?
- How will we recoup tax revenue from a dormant pipeline?

I would hate to see a massive, disruptive infrastructure project be completed and soon after be abandoned as a victim of age-old volatility in the global energy market.

Please deny the Liberty Precedent Agreement as this is inconsistent with the Governor's directive.

Sincerely,

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